

**Dorset**  
**Vermont**

## ***Annual Report 2016***

***Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. ~ Floor Meeting***

***Tuesday, March 7, 2017 ~ 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ~ Voting***

## TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

**Joan & Bob Menson,** Most people have great affection for the Town they live in, but the love Joan and Bob have for Dorset is palpable.

While both were working in the Big Apple, Joan and Bob met and fell in love in the Empire State Building. Visits to Vermont turned into purchasing a home in Stratton. Winter sports in particular drew them to Vermont. After spending some time in the area they fell head over heels for Dorset. Soon after they retired to Vermont full time.

Since then Joan & Bob have been fixtures in our community. They have faithfully attended Planning Commission and Selectboard meetings for many years to stay abreast of Town issues and give input where helpful. Very often Bob & Joan are the only residents in attendance at some of these meetings.

Joan has been an officer for Dorset Citizens for Responsible Growth (DCRG) for many years. Due in large part to the efforts of Joan the DCRG has assisted the Town with helping to fund a groundwater study and supporting the recent purchase of the Owls Head Town Forest property. The groundwater study has provided valuable information to the Town in terms of locating, mapping, and protecting important water resources within Dorset. Joan has been active in the First Congregational Church in Manchester and the Manchester Garden Club for many years. Joan loves to paint and is quite skilled in her own right!

Bob is a retired US Army Colonel and after moving to Dorset became involved with the community. Bob was on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a number of years. Bob has also been the sexton of the Maple Hill Cemetery for many years. Under his leadership the cemetery has been maintained as a beautiful gateway to Dorset Village. Like Joan, Bob has been active at the First Congregational Church in Manchester. Bob recently turned 90 years old and celebrated at a surprise party orchestrated by Joan.

As long time residents they have seen the comings and goings of Dorset and have helped to shape the community in many positive ways. Dorset is fortunate to have such a dedicated and civic minded couple in our midst.

The Menson's will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary this fall. Thank you Joan and Bob for all your contributions to the Dorset community. We dedicate the 2016 Town Report to you!

*(top right) Joan & Bob, (lower right) Joan at Church*



### SPECIAL THANKS: BOB GIBNEY & PETER TRIFARI

Bob Gibney & Peter Trifari will be finishing their terms as Listers this spring. Since 2007, Bob & Peter have done a great service maintaining our Grand List in the Lister Department. They've served us in a professional, efficient and competent manner that has benefited the Town greatly. We thank you for your service to the community and wish you the very best in the future!

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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.  
 Board of Listers.....Monday to Friday ~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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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.....Second Monday each month at 7:30 p.m. ~ Town Office  
 Design Review Board ..... Third Monday each month at 5:30 p.m. ~ Town Office  
 School Board Meetings..... Fourth Tuesday each month at 6:00 p.m. ~ Dorset School

Emergency - Fire & Rescue		911	
Shaftsbury State Police		(802) 442-5421	<a href="http://www.dps.state.vt.us/vtsp/shaftsbury.html">www.dps.state.vt.us/vtsp/shaftsbury.html</a>
Town Office		(802) 362-4571	<a href="http://www.dorsetvt.org">www.dorsetvt.org</a>
Town Manager	Rob Gaiotti	x3	<a href="mailto:townmanager@gmail.com">townmanager@gmail.com</a>
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper	Nancy Aversano	x4	<a href="mailto:dorsetadmin@comcast.net">dorsetadmin@comcast.net</a>
Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk	Sandra Pinsonault Judy Collins	x2	<a href="mailto:dorsetclerk@gmail.com">dorsetclerk@gmail.com</a>
Zoning Administrator	Tyler Yandow	x5	<a href="mailto:dorsetza@gmail.com">dorsetza@gmail.com</a>
Board of Listers	Robert Gibney, Peter Trifari, Margot Schoffstall	x6	<a href="mailto:dorsetlister@gmail.com">dorsetlister@gmail.com</a>
Town Office Fax		(802) 362-5156	
Town Garage		(802) 362-5244	
Road Foreman	Jim Hewes	(802) 362-5559	
Animal Control Officer Vermont Game Warden	Ryan Downey Cody Jackman	(802) 375-4035 802-442-5421	
Health Officer	Dolores Marcotte	(802) 362-4571	
Town Constable/Tree Warden	Vacant		
Dorset Chamber of Commerce	<a href="mailto:chamber@dorsetvt.com">chamber@dorsetvt.com</a>	(802) 440-0455	<a href="http://www.dorsetvt.com">www.dorsetvt.com</a>
Schools	Dorset School	(802) 362-2606	<a href="http://www.dorsetschool.org">www.dorsetschool.org</a>
	Burr & Burton Academy	(802) 362-1775	<a href="http://www.burrburton.org">www.burrburton.org</a>
	Long Trail School	(802) 867-5717	<a href="http://www.longtrailschool.org">www.longtrailschool.org</a>
	Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union	(802) 362-2452	<a href="http://www.brsu.org">www.brsu.org</a>
Post Offices	Dorset	(802) 867-5501	
	East Dorset	(802) 362-3233	
Fire Warden	Doug Beebe	(802) 362-4601	
Dorset Library		(802) 867-5774	<a href="http://www.dorsetlibrary.org">www.dorsetlibrary.org</a>
Dorset Nursing		(802) 362-1200	<a href="http://www.dnavt.org/">www.dnavt.org/</a>
	Linda Joy Sullivan, State Representative	(802) 768-8668	<a href="mailto:lsullivan@leg.state.vt.us">lsullivan@leg.state.vt.us</a>
	Brian Campion, State Senator	(802) 753-7705	<a href="mailto:bcampion@leg.state.vt.us">bcampion@leg.state.vt.us</a>
	Richard Sears, State Senator	(802) 442-9139	<a href="mailto:rsears@leg.state.vt.us">rsears@leg.state.vt.us</a>

## 2016 Appointed Town Officers

Town Manager .....	Rob Gaiotti
Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper .....	Nancy Aversano
Zoning Administrator.....	Tyler Yandow, AIA
Select, Planning & Zoning Boards Secretary.....	Nancy Aversano
Health Officer .....	Dolores Marcotte
Animal Control Officer .....	Ryan Downey
Civil Defense Chair .....	Rob Gaiotti
Fence Viewers.....	Henry Chandler, Meg Thorn
Fence & Tree Warden.....	Hal Coolidge
Special Constable .....	Harold Beebe
Town Service Officer .....	Ellen Maloney
Energy Coordinator .....	Jim Hand

### **Planning Commission**

Brooks Addington, Chairman	2019	Adam Danaher	2018
Gay Squire, Vice Chairman	2019	Kit Wallace	2019
Brent Herrmann	2020	Scott Thompson	2019
Charlie Wise	2017	Richard Coss	2020
Carter Rawson	2018		

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

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

John LaVecchia, Chairman	2018	Kevin O'Toole	2017
David Wilson, Vice Chairman	2019	Ruth Stewart	2017
Vacant	2016	Ed Tanenhaus	2019
Bill Bridges	2019	Steve Jones	2018
Tuck Rawls	2017		

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

### **Conservation Commission**

Malcolm Cooper, Jr., Chairman	2017	Kevin O'Toole	2020
Alan Calfee	2017	Chip Ams	2020
Lee Romano	2019		

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

### **Design Review Board**

Kit Wallace, Chairperson	2017	Peter Palmer	2018
Arnie Gottlieb	2020	James Clubb	2018
Lindy Bowden	2017	Ruth Tanenhaus (Alternate)	2019

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

### **Bennington County Regional Commission**

John LaVecchia	2018	Nancy Faesy	2017
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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 2017
Moderator, School	Kevin O'Toole	1 Year Term	Expires 2017
Town Clerk	Sandra Pinsonault	3 Year Term	Expires 2017
School District Clerk	Sandra Pinsonault	3 Year Term	Expires 2017
Town Treasurer	Melissa Zecher	3 Year Term	Expires 2017
School District Treasurer	Melissa Zecher	3 Year Term	Expires 2017
Select Board	Henry Chandler	3 Year Term	Expires 2018
	John Stannard	3 Year Term	Expires 2019
	Tom Smith	3 Year Term	Expires 2017
	Liz Ruffa	1 Year Term	Expires 2017
	Meg Thorn	1 Year Term	Expires 2017
School Board	James Mirenda	2 Year Term	Expires 2018
	Jennifer Allen	3 Year Term	Expires 2019
	Vickie Haskins	2 Year Term	Expires 2018
	David Chandler	2 Year Term	Expires 2017
	James Salsgiver	3 Year Term	Expires 2017
Listers	Margot Schoffstall	2 Year Term	Expires 2017
	Robert Gibney	3 Year Term	Expires 2017
	Peter Trifari	1 Year Term	Expires 2017
First Constable	Ryan Matteson	1 Year Term	Expires 2017
Town Agent	Kevin O'Toole	1 Year Term	Expires 2017
Justices of the Peace	Willard (Bill) Bridges	Michael Bailey	
	Willard (Chip) Watson	Howard Coolidge	
	Katherine Beebe	Mary Barrosse-Schwartz	
	Sandra Pinsonault	Roger Squires	
	Joseph Fontana	Michael Oltedal	

2 Year Terms for all Justices Expire November 2018

## 2016 Select Board & Town Manager Report

We began 2016 with a very mild winter, this led to a mild and dry spring. As a result of this the Town budget for FY16 came in with a significant surplus. In the spring of 2016 the Road Crew showed its construction expertise while assisting with the sidewalk reconstruction in Dorset Village. Many thanks to the Dorset Marble Preservation Association for spearheading this effort and for the Dorset Library trustees for being a great partner. The end result is 300' of safe, beautiful marble sidewalk with granite curbs and expanded parking.

In 2016, major road projects included: Pavement resurfacing of 1.25 miles of Lower Hollow/ Dorset Hollow, and the installation of a new bridge deck on Lower Hollow Road. The bridge project cost around \$49,000, the Town's share of costs being \$6,000 with help from an AOT Grant. We will continue to implement our long term capital improvement plans in 2017 with paving on Cross Road and The Dorset School parking lot. In addition we will assist DMPA with sidewalks and look to get grants for culvert replacements in certain areas.

During the summer of 2017 we are planning the construction of a new Salt Shed facility on Route 30. This will allow the Town to have proper storage and make road maintenance more efficient and less costly for our residents. Many thanks to Road Foreman: Jim Hewes, and Crew Members: Bill Nichols, Duane Sherman, and Mark Towslee for their dedicated service. Residents can submit road related requests and questions via the town's website or by calling 362-5244.

In 2016, the Town approved a budget that resulted in a municipal tax rate of \$.2721 cents per \$100. This included for the first time a combine Fire Department budget through an inter-local agreement between the Town and the East Dorset and Dorset Fire Districts. In addition the Town now handles finances for the Dorset Fire District. The FY18 municipal budget will focus on expanded law enforcement coverage in Dorset through the Bennington County Sheriff's Department. The BCSD will patrol Dorset 40+ hours per week with focus on quality of life and speed control in the Villages. In total Dorset will spend an additional \$37,000 on policing. This equates to \$0.0052 per \$100 of value (or an extra \$15.00 on a home assessed at \$300,000).

The Town will be shifting over to an Assessors Office vs. elected Listers. The job has become much more complex and time consuming in recent years. Dorset will now employ an Assessing Consultant and a full time Administrator (Margot Schoffstall) in this office. The office will be open during all regular office hours instead of only two days per week.

The Gettysburg Quarry property became part of the Owls Head Town Forest in May of 2016. The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps spent 8 weeks this past summer making fantastic improvements to the property. The Conservation Commission is currently seeking donations to allow the VYCC to work in the Town Forest for many summers to come. All donations big and small are welcome! Call 365-4571 x 3 with questions. During 2017 a new Gilbert Lookout Trail traveling up over Owls Head Peak will be worked on. In addition trail signs and interpretive panels with historic information will be erected.

In October of 2016, we held a ribbon cutting with nearly 100 people in attendance, where we extended thanks to: Malcolm Cooper, Alan Calfee, Kevin O'Toole, Chip Ams, and Lee Romano. Also honored was Art Gilbert, whose vision was the reason for this project. Special thanks to the support from our neighbors living on Black Rock Lane and to Brent & Susan Herrmann. Black Rock Lane and Ken's Camp Road are both private roads, please be respectful when accessing the Town Forest.

In addition to expanding the Town Forest, the Northshire Area Trail Systems (led by Joe Miles) has begun expanding mountain biking trails into Dorset Hollow. Partnering with the USFS, new trails have been built off Grouse Lane in Dorset. This work will ultimately travel up to the Dorset ridgeline with access to Dorset Mountain, Netop, Dorset Hill, Mt. Aeolus and.....Owls Head Town Forest! Please consider supporting the NATS group at <http://www.natsvt.com/donate>

Be sure to visit [www.dorsetvt.org](http://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 twelfth year in office, I still am amazed how each day is different and the love for my job never fades. Many changes have been made since I became Town Clerk with Technology being in the forefront. This year we digitized all of our maps on file and will soon be able to print them from the land records search module without touching the map itself.

Another change this past year was the State of Vermont instituted a new Election Management System. You, the voter, can register online and access the "My Voter Page". The voter registration page is <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> and the My Voter Page login is located at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. You can access these pages to be sure you are registered or correct any misinformation on the page.

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

### **Town of Dorset Liquor Licenses: 2016**

#### **First Class License**

Barrows House .....	\$115
Chantecleer Restaurant .....	\$115
Dorset Field Club .....	\$115
Dorset Inn.....	\$115
Dorset Rising .....	\$115
HN Williams .....	\$115
Inn at West View Farm.....	\$115
Marble West Inn .....	\$115
<b>Total First Class .....</b>	<b>\$920</b>

#### **Second Class License**

Dorset Rising.....	\$70
Dorset Union Store .....	\$70
HN Williams Store .....	\$70
Hasgas General Store .....	\$70
Jiffy Mart.....	\$70
<b>Total Second Class.....</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>Total All Licenses .....</b>	<b>\$1,270</b>

### **2016 Animal License Report**

186 Spayed Female @ \$6 .....	\$1,116
133 Neutered Male @ \$6 .....	\$798
18 Males @ \$10.....	\$180
18 Females @ \$10.....	\$180
<b>340 Dogs - Total Town Revenue ....</b>	<b>\$2,274</b>

### **2016 Vitals**

	<b>Births</b>
Males	6
Female	6
	<b>Deaths</b>
Males	10
Females	11
	<b>Marriages</b>
Resident	7
Non-Resident	7



## BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

For the twelve months ending December 31, 2016, the Dorset Board of Listers processed 43 valid "arms-length", residential sales. These sales ranged from \$100,000 to over \$2,500,000, and had an average sales price of \$336,529, with a median value of \$318,000. 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 2017 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 105.94%. 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 17.55%. Anything below 20% is considered to be an acceptable COD by the State.

<b>2006-20016</b>	<b>Education Equal- ized Value</b>		<b>% Change</b>	<b>CLA</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>\$669,687,611</b>		<b>0.00%</b>	<b>105.6</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>\$722,342,055</b>		<b>7.68%</b>	<b>98.98</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>\$759,750,195</b>		<b>5.18%</b>	<b>95.52</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>\$765,831,350</b>		<b>0.80%</b>	<b>95.16</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>\$718,324,319</b>		<b>-6.20%</b>	<b>101.32</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>\$671,881,913</b>		<b>-6.40%</b>	<b>108.22</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>\$659,263,558</b>		<b>-1.88%</b>	<b>109.73</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>\$674,451,706</b>		<b>2.30%</b>	<b>106.91</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>\$680,229,852</b>		<b>0.86%</b>	<b>105.64</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>\$663,489,000</b>		<b>-2.46%</b>	<b>107.50</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>\$665,605,197</b>		<b>0.30%</b>	<b>105.94</b>

As a Board, we are concerned with the fairness of your assessed value. Every year a property owner has the right to appeal their property value. As a first step, you may contact the Board of Listers to review your property record card. This allows the property owner to see how their property value has been derived and give the Board of Listers the chance to correct any errors, if found. This should be done before the start of the Town's spring grievance period.

The Board of Listers encourages you to contact us with any questions or comments on your property assessment. Office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm or by appointment. Phone 802-362-4571 x 6, or E-Mail: [dorsetlister@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetlister@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert M. Gibney      Margot Schoffstall      Peter Trifari

The Dorset Board of Listers

## Zoning Administrator & Planning Commission

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	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Building	39	34	6	2	3	3	9	2
Demolition	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change of Use	2	2	1	1	1	0	---	---
Boundary Line Adjustment	5	2	0	0	1	0	---	---
Sign	6	4	0	1	0	0	2	1
Subdivision	0	1	0	1	0	0	---	---
<b>Totals</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>

In 2016, three board members resigned their positions, Howard Coolidge, Danny Pinsonault, and Dave Lawrence. These positions were filled by Adam Danaher, Scott Thompson, and Kit Wallace. We appreciate the service of both the outgoing and incoming members who have volunteered their time for the benefit of the Town.

After much work, the commission adopted its first *Rules and Ethics Manual* in July. At the suggestion of several residents, the board solicited ideas for town related projects from the public. The following projects emerged as priorities: Amending the Bylaw to address Formula Based Businesses, speed limits in both Dorset and East Dorset Villages, and updating map boundaries for the Commercial-Industrial zones in East Dorset as well as the Bylaw to foster a favorable environment for a new industrial park similar to the successful one on Tennis Way. The Commission also met with Mark Anders, the transportation planner at the Bennington County Regional Commission, to examine the need and potential locations for pedestrian crosswalks on Route 30 near the post office and town green. Also, included in the general discussions were potential streetscape improvements between the post office and H.N. Williams General Store. This project is currently on hold until funding for an initial study can be found. A municipal planning grant application for this work was submitted in October but was not approved by the State of Vermont. After the passage of Act 174 and in concert with the Dorset Energy Committee, the Commission began to examine what types of regulations would be appropriate in our town for the siting of renewable energy projects. In Dorset, these would be primarily projects which generate electricity via wind or solar power. The final guidelines for these regulations were provided by the Vermont Public Service Board near the end of the year. The Commission with the Energy Committee are working directly with Jim Sullivan, executive director of the Bennington County Regional Commission, to be one of the first towns in the State to adopt siting regulations for these projects. The Planning Commission is grateful to the Energy Commission for their assistance and guidance throughout this process.

Bob Escher, long time chair of the Design Review Board, resigned his position in 2016. His efforts directed at preserving the Design District's historic character over the course of many years are greatly appreciated. Bob's position has been filled by Ruth Tanenhaus while Kit Wallace has assumed the position of chair. The Design Review Board continues work on updating the Bylaw criteria which govern projects in the Design district. This has been a long a tedious task which deserves recognition.

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 and Ed Tanenhaus. 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 second Monday of the month, and hears applications for conditional use permits and variances, as well as appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

During 2016 the Board heard three applications. One variance application was granted and one Conditional Use application was granted. One appeal from an action of the Zoning Administrator was heard and the Board affirmed the action of the Zoning Administrator.

Respectfully submitted, John B. LaVecchia, Chairman

## **TREASURER**

I am currently serving the final year of my fourth three year elected term as Treasurer for the Town of Dorset and Dorset School District. As Treasurer, my duties include the review and approval of accounts payable, payroll checks and delinquent tax warrants for the Town of Dorset and the Dorset School District. In 2016, the Town worked with the East Dorset and Dorset Fire Districts to equalize the fire tax into a combined rate on the Town/School property tax bill. This effort has saved significant administrative time and money for the Fire Districts and streamlined the information process for the Town.

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

## Design Review Board

The Design Review Board met monthly throughout 2016, with several additional site meetings called as a result of some more complicated applications.

In January, Mark and Natalie Daniels of **86 Church Street** found that the building structure had substantial deficiencies causing more extensive repairs (than originally approved in 2015) to be necessary. A site meeting was held to investigate the deficiencies, and the DRB approved removal of the unsafe portions of the building with rebuilding to look the same as the original approved design.

In February, minor roof changes to the side of the **Dorset Union Store** were approved as presented. Also that month, the DRB met on-site at **108 Church Street** with Glenn Callen to review reconstruction of the front porch columns. Shingled, tapered columns had been approved by the DRB in 2015, but the construction was not in keeping with that approved design. Following the meeting, the DRB requested new drawings of the exact shingle and siding to be constructed. Throughout the spring, the contractor made various changes to the columns, only finally configuring them as originally approved in July. A site visit on July 25 confirmed that the columns were as approved, and other changes to the siding were completed by September with a final Certificate of Occupancy granted at that time.

**Arnie Gottlieb** was proposed by the DRB and approved by the Planning Commission to replace Bob Escher, who resigned. **Ruth Tanenhaus** was later added as the alternate DRB member.

At the April meeting, a stone wall was approved to replace a low fence along the front of the Howe residence at **45 Dorset Hollow Road**. Several alterations to the home owned by Beverly Buber and Leo Ledoux at **3269 Route 30** were approved, including replacing windows, a rear door, adding a fence along the side of the house, and adding a deck at the rear. Finally, Sharon Connell received approval for the addition of a retractable awning over her patio at **3259 Route 30**.

In June, a sign was approved for the new **Dorset Rising** restaurant and bakery at 3239 Route 30.

In May of 2015, the DRB had approved phases 1 and 2 of a major renovation plan by the **Dorset Field Club** (DFC). As part of that plan, approval was given for a multipurpose/paddle tennis viewing building. In July 2016, the DFC came before the board with several revisions to that building, and the DRB conducted a site visit to review the proposal. In keeping with the design review criteria, changes were approved to the roof pitch (to match the clubhouse) and also approved was the addition of decks on all 4 sides of the building (not visible from any public way). The DFC applied for plate glass windows throughout the building; the DRB approved plate glass only on the south side of the building (facing the paddle courts), and required 6 over 1 windows on the other elevations as originally designed and approved. Doors are to be true divided light, similar to those of the clubhouse. It was made clear by the DRB that any decisions made by them with regard to this building are not to be considered precedent setting for any other structures within the historic district, for the Field Club is the only property within that district whose primary purpose is recreational/sports. Certain approved design features are allowed only to facilitate those unique uses.

In September, the DRB made a site visit to **86 Church Street** to consider a request for a change in roofing materials from their original application. The DRB decided to allow standing seam roofing on the garage and on a small roof on the east elevation, but asked that the Daniels retain the slate roof on the bulk of the new second story roof since it is a large mass and very visible from the street and neighboring properties.

In October, the Callens came before the Board with a request for a sign at **108 Church Street** including the name of the house plus the words, A Vacation Rental Property and a website or phone information. The Zoning Administrator had advised the Callens that they should consider it a real estate sign at 3 square feet. There was much discussion about whether this should be considered a residential or a real estate sign, and in a divided decision, the DRB narrowly approved the sign as presented. At the subsequent Planning Commission meeting, the PC took the unusual step of not approving the DRB minutes and therefore denied the sign as presented. In December, the DRB considered a revised sign application which included the same information but on a sign which was now subdivided into two sections, the bottom (removable) one containing the information about the rental property and the top part identifying the name of the property. In another long meeting, the DRB ultimately denied the sign request, having concluded that a residential sign ONLY was allowed in this Village Residential zone of the historic district.

The DRB needs to complete a revision of the Design Review Criteria in 2017, and work with the Select Board and Planning Commission on revising the Town Sign Ordinance.

For the Design Review Board:  
Kit Wallace, Chair  
Lindy Bowden,  
Jim Clubb  
Arnie Gottlieb  
Peter Palmer  
Ruth Tanenhaus, Alternate

## DORSET ENERGY COORDINATOR AND COMMITTEE

The Dorset Energy Committee (DEC) is a Committee set up by the Dorset Select Board to help our Town and Townspeople become more energy efficient. The Committee is all volunteer – made up of Dorset residents interested in energy related issues, and with an interest in helping neighbors understand how they can improve energy efficiency – thereby saving money and energy, while better supporting our local economy. Activities of the Energy Committee in 2016 included:

Town Energy Planning: In 2016, the Vermont Legislature enacted Act 174 – “An act relating to improving the siting of energy projects” in 2016. The DEC has been working with the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC), the Select Board and the Planning Commission to develop plans that will allow Dorset to have its energy plans certified so that they can have greater weight in any regulatory proceedings before the Public Service Board. The BCRC has done a great deal of work on this topic, and has developed a very comprehensive Regional Energy Plan that is very useful in this process – [[http://www.bcrvt.org/documents/BCRC\\_EnergyPlan\\_Oct2016.pdf](http://www.bcrvt.org/documents/BCRC_EnergyPlan_Oct2016.pdf)].

Julie Campoli Presentation on the History and Possible Future of Dorset: In June, DEC assisted Dorset Town Officials in bringing a very interesting presentation on Town Planning, specific to Dorset, to a large audience at the Dorset Playhouse. The presentation was titled: Dorset: Past, Present & Future. A Manchester Journal article on the session can be found at: [[http://www.manchesterjournal.com/latestnews/ci\\_29998400/planner-and-designer-julie-campoli-provides-dorset-solutions](http://www.manchesterjournal.com/latestnews/ci_29998400/planner-and-designer-julie-campoli-provides-dorset-solutions)]. GNAT filmed the session – the video can be found on the Town website: [www.dorsetvt.org](http://www.dorsetvt.org), under Boards – Planning Commission.

Vermont Energy Education Program (VEEP): The DEC has worked with the Dorset School to bring free workshops given by VEEP to classes at The Dorset School. Vickie Haskins of the School Board, our Principal Rosanna Moran, teachers at the school and Ellen Maloney of the DEC worked to bring this program to TDS.

Continuing Real Estate Education: The DEC has been working with various groups - Realtors, Appraisers, Towns, etc. - to support a trend toward increasing the focus on energy efficiency of homes when they are bought and sold. Energy costs are one of the largest expenses of home ownership, but information on energy efficiency of homes on the market has historically been minimal. DEC took part in an April realtor education event focused on this topic, and continues to look for opportunities to increase awareness.

Community Energy Dashboard: The DEC is one of a small group of energy committees bringing this new information tool developed by Energy Action Network to their Towns. The Dashboard provides information on energy usage in a Town, provides a great way to share information on energy efficiency measures in Dorset and helps to track progress toward meeting state-wide efficiency goals – on a town-by-town basis. [[www.vtenergydashboard.org](http://www.vtenergydashboard.org)]

Energy Efficiency Education & Help for Homeowners to get Energy Audits: The DEC has been working with NeighborWorks and their HEAT Squad to educate more Dorset residents on the benefits of weatherization; and to make it easier and less expensive for residents to get Energy Audits. HEAT Squad gave a great presentation at the Dorset Library and provided a number of attendees with free Energy Audits (they also provided a much-needed Energy Audit of the Library building). DEC hopes to hold more events in the future, and to bring some of these presentations to The Dorset School – for students and adults. Hopefully, like last year, DEC will be able to help residents get signed up for Energy Audits at Town Meeting.

As noted above, The Dorset Energy Committee is an all-volunteer group of interested residents. If you are interested in joining us, or just keeping up to speed with our activities, please feel free to contact us or ask the Town Manager to let you know about the next DEC 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 and Tyler Yandow, Zoning Administrator

## DORSET CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

We are very are thankful for the continuing and enthusiastic support of the Conservation Commission from the Dorset Selectboard, the Town Manager and the residents of Dorset and we're grateful for all of their work on behalf of land conservation in the Town.

2016 was a big year for the Conservation Commission! In May, the Town of Dorset acquired land that is now the Owl's Head Town Forest. The acquisition of this 250 acre woodland parcel marks the first community-supported land conservation project in Dorset and permanently protects the land from future development while protecting the parcel's natural and cultural features. The parcel contains several uncommon forest types as well as five marble quarries and associated historic sites that date back to the mid-1800s, including the Gettysburg Quarry, the most developed quarry on the property. Additionally, the nearly 100 year old trail to Gilbert Lookout (on the side of Owl's Head peak) crosses the newly acquired property, ensuring future access to this great hiking destination.

The acquisition of the Owl's Head Town Forest property was made possible by strong support and financial contributions from the public and grants from the U.S. Forest Service, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Rec. and the Vermont Land Trust. Funds raised in excess of the purchase price allowed the Commission to start management activities shortly after the closing date. The access road from Black Rock Lane was made passable and a small parking area at the trailhead was created by the Dorset Town Road Crew. Eight weeks of hard work by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) stabilized the main trail to the Gettysburg Quarry, opened up the area around the Gettysburg Quarry and created a lookout for visitors at the top of the overburden pile to view the valley and surrounding mountains. A marble bench was created at the lookout area made from scrap stone from the quarry operation. The intrepid VYCC crews and their able supervisors camped on the property, prepared their own food while keeping the pesky bear at bay on top of hard physical labor each day working with hand tools only on the trails.

The partnership with the VYCC has been a very successful outcome of this project. It has gotten groups of young people, some from the local area, involved in good conservation work on the ground while helping the Town complete needed trail and improvement work to make the trails safer and more stable to prevent erosion and sedimentation.

In addition to the important conservation value, the Owls Head Town Forest has great educational value and has already supported local schools with important educational opportunities. In 2016, more than 175 students visited the Gettysburg Quarry and learned about Dorset's marble industry and the geology of the Taconics. Long Trail School, Dorset School, and Burr and Burton students and teachers visited this property with Dorset's resident geology and quarry expert and Commission member Arthur Gilbert.

The Commission plans to build on this strong start by continuing improvements to the trail network to Owls Head and Gilbert Lookout, during the summer of 2017, again through the partnership of the VYCC. A portion of this project will be funded by a Recreational Trails Program Grant from the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Rec. and additional support from a generous private donor. We still need to raise additional funds for the project so please contact one of the Commission members or the Town Manager if you are interested in being a part of the ongoing work on the new Town Forest. In addition to trail work, the VYCC crew will be installing interpretive signs along the trail, developed in cooperation with the Dorset Historical Society, to help visitors understand some of the historical, natural history and geological facts that make this such as special place. Stay tuned this spring as the Commission will be working on a long-term forest and recreation management plan for the Owls Head Town Forest. There will be a public meeting to learn more about the property and give input for managing the recreational, historic and natural resources of this newest Town Forest for future generations. Contact the Town Manager if you would like to participate in the process.

In the upcoming year, in addition to raising funds and planning for future trail work on the Owl's Head Town Forest, the Conservation Commission will spend some time assessing conservation needs in the town that relate to open space planning for forestry, agriculture and recreational values as outlined in the Town Plan.

Please take a hike and enjoy all of Dorset's Town Forests! Cutler Memorial Forest, The Pinnacle and Owls Head Town Forest. They are beautiful places with different features and we are lucky to have them in our Town! Maps and information are available on the Town of Dorset website.

Commission Members: Malcolm Cooper (co-chair), Alan Calfee (co-chair), Chip Ams, Lee Romano, Stephanie Breed, Art Gilbert, Kevin O'Toole

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

In 2016, 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 is responsible for responding to calls about problems with domestic animals and can be reached at 362-7322. If you have a problem with a wild animal, please call VT Game Warden Cody Jackman 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 you dog, it's required by Vermont Law. Dog licenses are due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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,

Ryan Downey



## Health Officer Report

In 2016, the Health Officer received over 18+ phone calls with regard to health questions. Two site visits were conducted: Both incidents that were reported required a site visit, regarding tenant landlord issues, and rental property conformance to the Vermont Housing Code. These inspections are done with the Health Officer and the Town Manager. The health officer responds to health & safety complaints and helps residents get in touch with the proper resources to remedy the situation.

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



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Bennington District Office  
324 Main St., Suite #2  
Bennington, VT 02501  
HealthVermont.gov

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Agency of Human Services

## Vermont Department of Health Report for Bennington

Your local health district office is in Bennington at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 and 2016 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Bennington County Regional Commission was awarded \$42,500 in order to engage in tobacco prevention activities in Shaftsbury, Bennington, Woodford and Pownal.

In 2016, the Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP) Project was expanded to include Bennington County. The goal of the Vermont RPP is to apply the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) model to reduce underage drinking, prescription drug misuse and abuse, and marijuana use among 12-25 year olds across the state of Vermont. The purpose of the grant is to strengthen the prevention infrastructure at the state, regional and community levels using Vermont Department of Health's existing health district structure as the primary mechanism to implement the RPP. The Collaborative is the Lead Agency in our area.

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

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2015 we responded to 193 cases of infectious disease in Bennington County. In 2015, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In July of 2016 we participated in a large-scale exercise in Rutland in order to practice our procedures for distributing medicine, to keep people from getting sick in case of a public health emergency. For 2016/17, \$10,000 will fund training for Bennington County's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps. In addition, \$83,695 will support emergency preparedness capabilities at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.

In 2016, with support from Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, we conducted PFOA blood draw clinics as part of the State of Vermont's response to PFOA contamination of private drinking water wells in the North Bennington and Bennington area where detections of PFOA ranged from non-detect to nearly 3,000 parts per trillion. Vermont's advisory level is 20 parts per trillion.



For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov).

<https://www.facebook.com/vdhbennington> and follow us on [www.twitter.com/healthvermont](http://www.twitter.com/healthvermont).



## DELINQUENT TAX REPORT ~ DECEMBER 31, 2016

C/O Bank of America	\$8,586.50
Connors, Patrick	\$2,260.13*
Cooper Trustee	\$4,641.88*
Casey, David	\$2,620.13*
Dill, Jeffrey	\$15,064.71
Ferrone, William	\$14,550.62
Garay, Ramiro	\$1,962.55*
Gillispie, Richard	\$30,134.09
3557 Route 7	\$3,299.18*
Markham, Grigsby	\$492.98*
Miller, Walter J	\$8,169.81
Ruffa, Julia	\$33,612.92*
Schoffstall Estate	\$11,929.38*
Schoffstall, Peter	\$5,761.19*
Shavell, Stephen	\$2,841.39
Sheldon, Shelly	\$1,394.68*
Staunton, Sidney Jr	\$1,911.01*
Stimson, Ellen	\$25,106.48
Stone, Sharon	\$3,382.94*
Weber, Kenneth	\$2,249.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$184,151.88</b>

- ***Paid or partially paid after December 31, 2016***

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Gaiotti - Town Manager  
Delinquent Tax Collector



### **Reminder to Dorset Taxpayers:**

**Property taxes are due:**

**Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mail payments to Town Manager's Office:

PO Box 715 East Dorset, VT 05253

Or in person at the Town Offices:

112 Mad Tom Rd. East Dorset, VT

**PAY TAXES ONLINE AT (fees apply):**

[www.dorsetvt.org](http://www.dorsetvt.org)

**Late Payment subject to 8% penalty & 1% interest on March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Also, if you live in VT full time you must file a homestead declaration online at: [www.state.vt.us/tax](http://www.state.vt.us/tax), by April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Call 362-4571 x 4 with questions.



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 development, transportation, healthy community design, energy, environmental conservation and protection of water quality, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops on these topics throughout the region ([www.bcrcvt.org](http://www.bcrcvt.org) for more information).

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its new comprehensive plan and has supplemented that document with a proposed new regional energy plan. The energy plan will support efforts to conserve energy and to plan for renewable energy development. Economic development planning in the region is now being coordinated through a collaboration between the BCRC and the Bennington County Industrial Corporation (BCIC). The BCRC is providing staff support to help BCIC conduct economic development planning and to support business retention, growth, and recruitment. An outgrowth of this economic development work involves cooperation within the region and with Windham County to advance the goals of the Southern Vermont Economic Development Zone. 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. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans, bylaws, and village center designations, formation of the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance to oversee implementation of the regional solid waste plan, management of several bicycle and pedestrian projects, and mapping, environmental assessments, and technical assistance to municipalities in support of water quality and flood hazard management.

Special initiatives to be undertaken in the coming year include: assistance with development of enhanced municipal energy plans, downtown redevelopment, expansion and diversification of local food systems, assistance with developing local water quality management plans, further expansion of bike-ped facilities, implementation of a new transit link between Manchester, Bennington, and the Amtrak station in Rensselaer, and a renewed effort to assess and support redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the region.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and several elected 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.bcrcvt.org](http://www.bcrcvt.org)).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Sullivan, Director



## BENNINGTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE

**Universal Recycling Law:** In December of 2015, the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance adopted a solid waste implementation plan or "SWIP" to comply with Act 148, now known as the Universal Recycling Law. The SWIP describes how the member towns will increase recycling and reduce the types and amounts of materials being sent to landfills. The Alliance members include Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glazenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford.

**Solid Waste Implementation Plan:** The SWIP outlines an extensive outreach program for residents, schools, businesses and institutions to assist them in recycling. This includes information on the Alliance website ([www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org)) and Facebook page as well as materials in local newspapers. Since January of 2016, the Alliance contacted all 25 schools as well as 300 businesses within the area and completed on-site outreach to three schools and 80 businesses to provide information on ways to increase recycling, manage food scraps, and properly dispose of hazardous materials.

**Funding and Grants:** The member towns provide most of the funding for programs. This year the Alliance applied for and received over \$28,000 in grants from the Agency of Natural Resources for business outreach and for household hazardous waste events. The Agency of Agriculture and Markets provided an additional \$4,400.00 for pesticide collection at HHW events. We also teamed up with the Windham County Solid Waste Management District and the Londonderry Group to share an Eco AmeriCorps member to help with outreach.

**Programs and Events:** The Alliance sponsors and supports many programs to assist residents, businesses, schools and institutions to properly dispose of materials. The following are some of our major programs. You can find out more by visiting the Alliance website at [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) and searching under Programs and Projects.

- **Household Hazardous Waste Events:** The Alliance held two household hazardous waste (HHW) events in the spring and fall of 2016. The spring event was sponsored by the Town of Bennington and held at the Bennington Transfer Station. The fall event was managed by the Bennington County Regional Commission and held at the Dorset School. In 2017, the Alliance will again hold two events for the 13 Alliance towns. One will be held in Bennington and a second, in the northern part of the county. Dates will be posted well in advance at [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) and in local newspapers and media.
- **Electronics Collections:** The Vermont E-Cycles program provides for free disposal of electronic devices including computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, and televisions, regardless of brand, age, or condition, for consumers, charities, school districts, and small businesses. Free collection locations in Bennington County include the Bennington, Northshire (Dorset), Pownal, and Sunderland Transfer Stations and other sites listed at <http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/product-stewardship/electronics>.
- **Fluorescent Bulbs:** Vermont ANR has also implemented a plan to accept used fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's) at various retail. These bulbs contain mercury, which is a hazardous substance. Residents can dispose of bulbs at several hardware stores and other retail establishments and at several of the transfer stations. Information on this program is available at <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/fluorescent-bulbs/>.

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- **Paint Collections:** PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit organization established to assist paint manufacturers to plan and operate paint stewardship programs in the United States, including Vermont. Both latex and oil-based paint have been collected at HHW events and at special PaintCare events, and several local hardware stores accept paint. To find a location, residents may visit <http://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations/>.
- **Battery Recycling:** Primary (alkaline) batteries and rechargeable batteries are now accepted at many retailers and at the Bennington, Northshire, Sunderland and Pownal Transfer Stations. These can be recycled rather than disposed in the trash. For more information, visit Call2Recycle at <http://www.call2recycle.org/what-can-i-recycle/>.
- **Textiles:** The Bennington, Northshire, Sunderland, Shaftsbury and Pownal transfer stations have textile boxes where residents can donate clothing and shoes. Boxes are also located throughout the Alliance area. Visit [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) for locations. Goodwill in Bennington also accepts clothing donations as well as other household items, books and used electronic devices. Visit them at <http://www.goodwill-berkshires.com/>.
- **Leaf and Yard Waste, Food Scraps and Other Organics:** All transfer stations accept both leaf and yard waste and clean wood. On July 1, 2017, all transfer stations will begin accepting food scraps. Visit <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/transfer-stations/> for information on your transfer station.
- **Construction and Demolition Debris:** All transfer stations accept construction and demolition debris from builders and do-it-yourself homeowners. The TAM Pownal facility also accepts construction and demolition debris from residents and businesses.
- **Prescription Drugs:** Prescription drugs should be properly disposed when they are no longer needed as they can make their way into water sources and can pose a hazard in the home. The Bennington Police Department, the Manchester Police Department and the Bennington County Sheriff accept prescription drugs. Go to <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/disposing-of-prescription-drug/> for more information.

**VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS 2015 OVERVIEW**  
**SERVING AND STRENGTHENING VERMONT LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).



## VERMONT STATE POLICE – SHAFTSBURY BARRACKS (01/01/2016 – 12/31/2016)

Currently the Vermont State Police has 9 Troopers and 3 Patrol Commanders assigned to the Shaftsbury Barracks. The Shaftsbury Troopers are the primary law enforcement agency for 12 towns in Bennington County.

In summary for the Town of Dorset the Shaftsbury Barracks investigated 673 Incidents in 2016. These incidents included:

- 23 Accident Investigations
- 17 Arrests
- 4 DUI's
- 9 Consents Searches
- 8 Drug Related Offenses

In addition, Shaftsbury Troopers wrote 605 written warnings, issued 305 tickets, 88 Alarms, 21 (911) Calls, 48 Property Watches, and 83 Directed Patrols in the Town of Dorset.

LT. Thomas McCoy Jr.  
Shaftsbury Station Commander



<http://vsp.vermont.gov/>  
[https://twitter.com/VTStatePolice?](https://twitter.com/VTStatePolice?ref_src=twsrc^google|twcamp^serp|twgr^author)  
<https://www.facebook.com/VermontStatePolice/>



**VERMONT STATE POLICE, C TROOP ~ SHAFTSBURY**

**(07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015)**

Consent Search ..... 9  
Suicide ..... 1  
Assault Simple, Not Aggravated..... 2  
Burglary Force/B & E— No Force ..... 1  
Larceny Purse Snatching ..... 1  
Larceny from Building..... 1  
Larceny ~ All Others ..... 5  
Theft of Motor Vehicle ..... 1  
Fraud..... 2  
Vandalism ..... 2  
Regulated Drugs ~ Possession of..... 1  
Drugs ~ Civil..... 7  
Drive/Operate Under Influence..... 4  
Family Disturbance..... 5  
Bribery ..... 1  
Impeding Police Officer ..... 1  
False Information to Police..... 1  
Escaping from Custody..... 1  
Public Nuisance or Pranks ..... 1  
Disorderly Conduct ~ Other..... 3  
Trespassing Violaton..... 1  
Fireworks..... 3  
Accident - Injury - DMV Report..... 1  
Accident - Damage - DMV Report..... 7  
Motor Vehicle, Disturbances ..... 30  
Careless Negligent Motor Vehicle ..... 1  
Attempting to Elude Police ..... 1  
DLS Criminal ..... 3  
Littering..... 1  
Canine Use (Police Dog)..... 1  
Alarm ..... 88  
Ambulance or Medical Assist..... 5  
Animal Problem..... 4  
Agency Assist..... 15  
Attempt to Locate ..... 2  
Burglary Alarm ..... 2  
Citizen Dispute..... 5  
Citizen Assist..... 42  
Criminal Mischief..... 1  
Communications Offense..... 1  
Dead Body..... 1

Directed Patrol ..... 17  
Condition of Vehicle ..... 1  
Directed Patrol ..... 83  
E911 Hangup..... 21  
False Alarm ..... 22  
Fish & Game Offense ..... 1  
Foot Patrol..... 1  
Following too Closely..... 1  
Intoxicated Person..... 2  
Juvenile Problem ..... 2  
Lost or Found Property..... 4  
Motorist Assistance ..... 2  
Mental Health Assistance ..... 4  
Missing Person ..... 1  
Not Classified ..... 3  
Noise Disturbance ..... 2  
Parking Problem..... 2  
Suspicious Person/Circumstance..... 38  
Public Speaking Engagement ..... 6

Offense Code	Total Incidents
PWAT	Property Watch ..... 48
SL2	Speeding Local 31+MPH..... 1
SRCH	Search Warrant..... 1
TCNR	Traffic Crash Non-Report ..... 15
THAZ	Traffic Hazard ..... 2
WELF	Welfare Check ..... 7

Total Incidents for Agency: ..... 528





## GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST



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 your support and interest 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.

### Rainbow Gathering

The Rainbow Family of Living Light held their Annual Gathering in the Green Mountain National Forest, on the Manchester Ranger District in 2016. The Gathering site was located on Forest Road 10 in Mount Tabor. Participants came from all walks of life and the Gathering which officially occurred from July 1 - 7, 2016 had a peak population of 10,121 on July 4.

A small group of Rainbow Family members remained on-site following the Gathering to assist with clean-up. Forest Service officials continued to monitor the area to ensure public health and safety, cultural and natural resource protection throughout the summer months.

The Forest Service extends sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the State, County, local agencies, organizations and to the local communities that assisted during the 2016 National Rainbow Family Gathering. Managing such a Gathering takes a lot of community involvement and quality partnerships to achieve a safe and successful outcome. With the assistance of our many partners, the Forest Service was able to meet that objective.

### Land Acquisition

The Forest grew by 378.84 acres through the acquisition of lands in the Towns of Stamford and Pownal. Through this acquisition an additional mile of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and Long National Recreational Trail was protected. The property is also significant to hikers because it contains a portion of Broad Brook, the water source used by those staying at an adjoining shelter called Seth Warner.

### Local Efforts:

Peru, Mount Tabor, Sunderland, Stratton and Woodford: Eight new kiosks were built by recreation staff and installed by VYCC crews.

Dorset, Wallingford, Stratton and Peru: The VYCC provided 4 crews for 16 weeks offering approximately 14,000 hours of support toward 10 different projects including construction on the new Dorset Hollow Trail, Ice Beds Trail maintenance, East Dorset Trail construction and work on three separate trail bridges.

Stamford, Woodford and Dorset: The GMC Long Trail and Volunteer Long Trail Patrol provided 4 crews for 9 weeks offering approximately 1,720 hours of support toward 5 projects including Stamford Pond puncheon replacement, Hell Hollow Bridge removal, Little Pond Trail restoration and East Dorset trail construction.

Searsburg and Readsboro: VAST worked to replace the Redfield Brook snowmobile trail bridge and accomplished other significant Corridor 9 trail maintenance.

Dorset: VMBA's Northshire Area Trails System chapter constructed one mile of new trail on the Dorset Hollow Trail.

Peru: Received 600 volunteer hours to support Hapgood Pond activities.

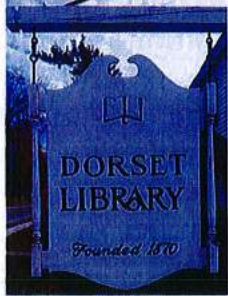
Peru: Added Hapgood Campground to the National Recreation Reservation Service.

Peru: Partnered with Burr and Burton Academy students for community service day at Hapgood Pond.

**THIS IS A SMALL EXCERPT OF THE GMNF REPORT. FULL REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT THE DORSET TOWN OFFICE**



# VOTER APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS



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



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**SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**



**EAST DORSET CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**



**Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA)**



## **Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless**

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Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless (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. BCCH is committed to providing more than just a bed. Our recently expanded 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. We have also expanded the gamut of supportive services for program participant and their families. New offerings include life skills classes, employment readiness coaching, cooking "outside the box" workshops, budgeting and credit repair programming, as well as peer to peer counseling lead by individuals who have overcome homelessness.

In September of 2016, BCCH purchased a building located at 966 Main Street in Bennington. After five months of permitting and construction we are so happy to share that on Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> the old 6 bed shelter was officially closed and the name Good Shepherd retired. On the same day, the new 16 bed facility known as 966 Main opened. The increased capacity will allow us to serve many more homeless individuals each year! We will no longer need to turn away 5-8 people each night during the winter months.

BCCH is the only homeless shelter in Bennington County and currently houses 67 people each night in our three shelter facilities: 966 Main Emergency Shelter, Thatcher House Family Shelter, and the new Unlocking Recovery long term shelter. 966 Main also operates as a drop-in center where those in need 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 and federal aid. The remainder of the budget is made up of town funding appropriations, foundation grants, and donations from our community. On behalf of BCCH, thank you for your support as we continue to facilitate new beginnings for those in need throughout Bennington County.

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless respectfully asks the voters of the Town of Dorset \$1000.00 to support our shelters. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Christopher Oldham  
Executive Director

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

Bennington Coalition for the Homeless		2017 Operating Budget					Prior Year Budget and Prior Years Actuals					
Bennington, Vermont		Good	Thatcher	McCall	General Fund	G & A	Total 2017	2016 Yr End	2015	2015	2014	2013
a/c #	G/L Account	Shepherd	House	House	Donations		Opr Budget	Projection	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual
<b>Operating Income:</b>												
35221	OEO T/A Grant						\$		\$ 60,000	\$ 66,000	\$ 11,250	\$ 10,500
35222	HOP	\$ 70,950	\$ 70,950			\$ 49,500	\$ 191,400	\$ 132,000				
35231	HUD-VSHA/COC			\$ 56,064			\$ 56,064	\$ 56,064	\$ 50,505	\$ 54,231	\$ 45,104	\$ 20,608
37201	OEO-ESGP						\$	\$	\$ 77,000	\$ 77,000	\$ 42,640	\$ 93,836
37203	ESFP formerly FEMA	\$ 18,800					\$ 18,800	\$ 4,735	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,735	\$ 9,889	\$ 3,788
38101	Town Appropriation				\$ 32,000		\$ 32,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 27,500	\$ 28,750	\$ 10,470	\$ 29,550
38212	Donations-Monetary				\$ 43,735		\$ 43,735	\$ 28,568	\$ 30,000	\$ 45,589	\$ 4,120	\$ 36,800
38207	Fundraising				\$ 33,735		\$ 33,735	\$ 12,592	\$	\$ 1,201	\$ 14,591	\$ 229
38501	Grants (BROC) Comm Svs Block Gr	\$					\$	\$ 5,716	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$	\$ 664
38209	Donations-In Kind						\$	\$	\$ 30,000	\$	\$	\$ 150
38210	Fuel Subsidy	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,719	\$ 9,318	\$ 8,967
38315	Resident Rent & Fees			\$ 6,000			\$ 6,000	\$ 6,109	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,381	\$ 10,551	\$ 76,312
38511	Foundation Grants	\$ 20,000			\$ 70,000		\$ 90,000	\$ 25,850	\$ 15,000	\$ 21,111	\$ 5,556	\$ 100
38801	Gain/Loss on sale of Asset						\$	\$	\$	\$ 700	\$ (4,343)	\$ 364
	<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 109,750	\$ 70,950	\$ 62,064	\$ 179,470	\$ 49,500	\$ 471,734	\$ 305,634	\$ 322,005	\$ 326,430	\$ 206,644	\$ 380,266
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>												
61201	Salaries-Regular	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 53,071	\$	\$ 45,774
61202	Salaries-Direct Care	\$ 144,043	\$ 49,041	\$ 44,466	\$	\$ 13,750	\$ 251,300	\$ 131,169	\$ 129,785	\$ 57,398	\$ 44,828	\$ 109,311
62122	Contracted Services	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
63101	FICA Match	\$ 8,931	\$ 3,041	\$ 2,757	\$	\$ 852	\$ 15,581	\$ 8,010	\$ 8,047	\$ 6,600	\$ 2,866	\$ 11,105
63102	MEDI Match	\$ 2,089	\$ 711	\$ 645	\$	\$ 199	\$ 3,644	\$ 1,872	\$ 1,882	\$ 1,543	\$ 670	\$ 2,597
63511	State U/E	\$ 6,050	\$ 2,060	\$ 1,868	\$	\$ 577	\$ 10,555	\$ 8,944	\$ 2,943	\$ 6,491	\$ 2,352	\$ 5,467
63521	Workers Compensation	\$ 3,731	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,152	\$	\$ 356	\$ 6,508	\$ 3,005	\$ 2,919	\$ 2,861	\$ 6,453	\$ 5,853
64101	Legal & Accounting					\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 26,612	\$ 27,000	\$ 26,145	\$ 11,734	\$ 12,044
64105	Consulting Services					\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,270
65110	Telephone/Internet	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,300			\$ 2,340	\$ 6,140	\$ 6,024	\$ 3,200	\$ 5,907	\$ 1,903	\$ 5,153
65120	Postage					\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 550	\$ 168	\$ 300	\$ 387
65415	Staff Training	\$				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 145	\$	\$
65210	Equipment Maint/Repairs	\$ 100				\$ 100	\$ 100	\$	\$ 400	\$ 570	\$ 52	\$ 328
65220	Equipment Depreciation					\$ 330	\$ 330	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 329	\$ 247	\$ 331
65230	Equipment Rental					\$	\$	\$ 806	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,142	\$ 821	\$ 1,111
65320	Computer Expenses	\$ 375				\$ 250	\$ 625	\$	\$ 1,155	\$ 2,492	\$	\$ 717
65410	Meetings/Trainings					\$ 200	\$ 200	\$	\$ 200	\$	\$ 107	\$ 335
65420	Dues/Subscriptions					\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 675	\$	\$	\$	\$ 275
65441	Insurance D&O					\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,366	\$ 1,427	\$ 1,359	\$ 680	\$
65442	Insurance General Liability		\$ 950	\$ 950		\$ 1,900	\$ 2,913	\$ 2,307	\$ 2,373	\$ 2,759	\$ 2,759	\$ 5,369
65450	Office Supplies	\$ 100				\$ 650	\$ 750	\$ 200	\$ 1,200	\$ 791	\$ 557	\$ 2,501
65456	Fundraising Expenses				\$ 2,500	\$	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 953	\$ 946	\$
65458	Public Relations/Marketing				\$ 3,000	\$	\$ 3,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
66101	Program Supplies	\$ 250				\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,440	\$ 98	\$ 1,524
66105	Client Expense	\$ 250				\$ 250	\$ 250	\$	\$	\$	\$ 400	\$ 358
66106	Program Support Services	\$ 10,000				\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
66411	Background Checks/non employees					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 570	\$	\$
66811	Printing Expense					\$	\$	\$	\$ 500	\$	\$	\$ (2,082)
67211	Staff Travel Reimbursement	\$ 300				\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300	\$	\$ 600	\$ 193	\$ 485	\$ 757
67212	Staff Mileage Reimbursement					\$	\$	\$ 1,252	\$ 600	\$ 716	\$ 603	\$ 1,409
68101	Building Rental	\$ 6,000	\$ 23,100	\$		\$ 3,300	\$ 32,400	\$ 44,400	\$ 47,100	\$ 44,400	\$ 33,300	\$ 58,467
68200	Property Taxes	\$ 3,920		\$ 4,050		\$	\$ 7,970	\$ 4,044	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,997	\$ 2,826	\$ 3,717
68310	Electricity	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,000		\$ 700	\$ 12,700	\$ 12,499	\$ 17,836	\$ 11,727	\$ 10,557	\$ 16,156
68320	Heat/Fuel	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,750		\$ 750	\$ 25,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 29,200	\$ 24,483	\$ 25,313	\$ 34,402
68331	Water/Sewer	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,000		\$	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,874	\$ 7,700	\$ 7,354	\$ 5,166	\$ 9,561
68332	Trash Removal	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,100		\$ 200	\$ 4,100	\$ 4,011	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,134	\$ 2,673	\$ 5,494
68410	Building Repairs/Maint	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 3,000		\$	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,833	\$ 3,967	\$ 33,481
68510	Building Depreciation			\$ 15,300		\$	\$ 15,300	\$ 15,267	\$ 17,340	\$ 15,267	\$ 11,381	\$ 15,175
68610	Building Insurance	\$ 3,032		\$ 1,230		\$	\$ 4,262	\$ 1,228	\$ 1,372	\$ 990	\$ 450	\$ 347
68620	Mortgage Interest	\$ 5,620		\$ 5,600		\$	\$ 11,220	\$ 5,559	\$ 6,800	\$ 5,758	\$ 5,312	\$ 5,478
	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 211,090	\$ 101,473	\$ 96,867	\$ 5,500	\$ 56,805	\$ 471,734	\$ 314,459	\$ 331,142	\$ 299,182	\$ 182,110	\$ 426,802
<b>Admin Allocation</b>												
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 211,090	\$ 101,473	\$ 96,867	\$ 5,500	\$ 56,805	\$ 471,734	\$ 314,459	\$ 331,142	\$ 299,182	\$ 182,110	\$ 426,802
	<b>Operating Net Gain/(Loss)</b>	\$ (101,340)	\$ (30,523)	\$ (34,803)	\$ 173,970	\$ (7,305)	\$ (0)	\$ (8,825)	\$ (9,137)	\$ 27,248	\$ 24,534	\$ (46,536)



**Bennington Area  
Habitat  
for Humanity®**

Bennington County Habitat for Humanity (BCHfH) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an organization aimed at eliminating sub-standard housing worldwide. Habitat has helped more than 5 million people across the world to improve their living conditions. BCHfH provides safe, decent, and affordable housing in partnership with Bennington County residents who otherwise would not be able to become homeowners. Partner homebuyers are selected based on their need for housing, their income (30-70% of the Bennington County median income), and their credit rating. Each adult partner family member must complete 200 hours of sweat equity. Homebuyers pay an interest free mortgage by 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 and service providers help build, donate materials, and provide financial support. Town appropriations purchase building supplies and materials for our local projects.

Fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016) was a very productive year for BCHfH. We completed our 19<sup>th</sup> home in Pownal on December 2015 and 20<sup>th</sup> home in Manchester on March 2016. We also rehabbed a home on North Branch St in Bennington and made it very energy efficient and was dedicated in May 2016. Two hundred sixty one volunteers worked a total of 7116 hours on these homes. In June 2016 we started a home on North Branch St in Bennington and another house on Jennifer Lane in Manchester. We also have a Resale Store in Manchester that sells new and gently used furniture, building supplies, appliances, housewares, tools, and home improvement products that have been donated to us. The store offers products at reasonable prices and keeps usable items out of the landfill. The proceeds from the store provide meaningful support for our building program.

7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016 Cash Flows			Everyone is welcome to our build sites every Wednesday and Saturday in Manchester and Thursday and Saturday in Bennington to participate in or witness the inspiring work being done in partnership with community members and families in need of affordable housing. For more information about our work, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.benningtonareahabitat.com">www.benningtonareahabitat.com</a> .
	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	
Contributions & Other Income	\$54,821	\$51,000	Four 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. We are grateful for the Town of Dorset's continued support and hope we can count on your assistance in the future. None of the projects would be possible without the support we receive from area towns, businesses, houses of worship, and individuals. Together, we do make a difference in the lives of hard-working, lower-income area residents.
Restricted Contributions	201,437	194,489	
Fundraising Events	2,775	4,000	
Resale Store Fundraising	118,334	90,000	
Interest & Other Income	11,716	0	
Mortgage/Loan Payments Received	75,167	67,618	
<b>Total Cash Flow In</b>	<b><u>\$464,250</u></b>	<b><u>\$407,107</u></b>	
Construction, Property Development & Operations	\$327,381	\$467,420	
Resale Store Operations	60,466	60,350	
Property/Equipment Purchases	137,568	142,000	
Administrative & Other	<u>127,384</u>	<u>149,463</u>	
<b>Total Cash Flow Out</b>	<b><u>\$652,799</u></b>	<b><u>\$819,233</u></b>	Respectfully submitted by Monica Knorr, President, Board of Directors
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b><u>(\$188,549)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$412,126)</u></b>	

BROC – Community Action in Southwestern Vermont would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the needs of low-income families and our agency through the balloting process over the years. BROC continues to experience a large number of people seeking our programs and services each day.

Over the past year, BROC has demonstrated strong community impact in the Town of Dorset.

- 23 individuals had their basic needs met including food, housing, heating and utility assistance (30.4% were children under 17 years of age and 21.7% were over 55 years of age) through our Community Services department
  - 2 homes consisting of 7 individuals were weatherized reducing energy costs through our Energy Conservation & Weatherization program
- 3 individuals worked with our Micro Business Development Program to start or enhance a small business or save for an asset through the Individual Development Account matched savings program

Despite the significant outcomes BROC has achieved for the residents of the Town of Dorset over the past year, there is still more work to do. Your town appropriation can provide for families who are suffering and help ease the struggle of living in poverty.

**Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$1,000.**

We value our partnership with Dorset to assist those most in need.

Thomas L. Donahue, CEO

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (figures are not yet Audited)	
<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Revenue and Support</b>	
GRANTS	\$ 3,518,088
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 103,607
COMMODITIES	\$ 54,556
RENTAL INCOME	\$ 186,338
STORE REVENUE	\$ 7,642
SERVICE PROVIDER INCOME	\$ 79,854
CONTRACTS	\$ 220,412
OTHER	\$ 406,033
<b>Total Revenue and Support</b>	<b>\$ 4,496,677</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Community Services	\$ 1,505,686
Community Development	\$ 224,853
Economic Development	\$ 272,154
Weatherization	\$ 1,886,552
Nutrition Education	\$ 418,289
Other Programs	\$ 78,016
General & Administrative	\$ 95,840
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,481,392</b>
<b>Agency Balance</b>	<b>\$ 15,285</b>



The Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) is a non-profit agency that has been providing community justice services to people of Bennington County for nearly 35 years. CRJ services are offered county-wide and are based on the principles of restorative justice, a philosophy of justice that focuses on the people and communities harmed by crime. Over 770 people received services from CRJ last year, 21 of which were Dorset residents.

Highlights from this past year include our work helping 125 individuals faced with thousands of dollars in fines for driving with suspended licenses, to get legally back on the road through CRJ's DLS Diversion Program. A total of 46 youth and 127 adults participated in CRJ's Court Diversion program and 162 young people who received underage drinking or marijuana civil violations completed CRJ's Substance Abuse Program. We helped 38 youth with truancy problems remain in and succeed in school and 76 at-risk youth were served through CRJ's many classes, prevention activities and juvenile restorative programs. Finally, 110 individuals completed CRJ's Safe Driving Program (previously known as Victim Impact Class), over 65 screenings were provided through our Pretrial Services Program and CRJ helped 20 people reentering the community from incarceration find housing and employment.

The work of CRJ could not be done without the dedication of our 38 restorative panel volunteers, 10 volunteer Board Members, nine staff members, and the voters of Dorset for their continued support. Thank you very much.

Respectfully Submitted, Leitha Cipriano, CRJ Executive Director

<b>FY 2016 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT</b>		
<b>Revenue:</b>	State Grants	409,767
	Other Grants	1,000
	School Funding	24,500
	Fees- Diversion/TASP	48,134
	Town Funding	7,740
	Contributions, Fundraising	2,817
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>493,958</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Personnel	405,332
	Facilities	35,728
	Operations	47,159
	Ins	4,963
	Volunteer training	3,214
	Prof Fees	13,027
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>509,423</b>



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

## Supporting Substance Free Youth

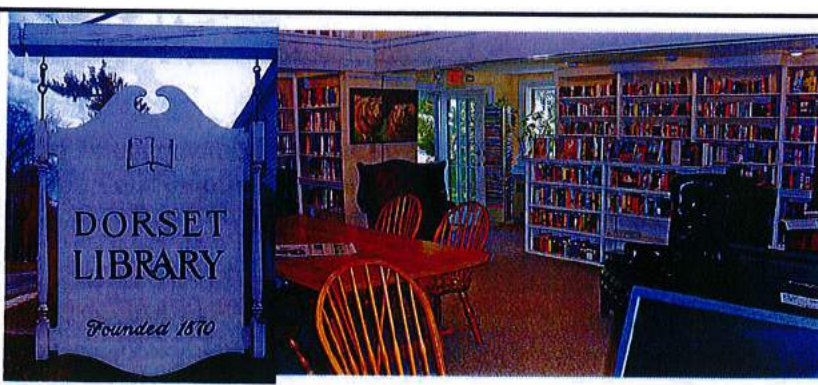
The Collaborative appreciates your vote of confidence as you vote for the 2017 budget. In 2017, The Collaborative marks nineteen years of providing quality alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention education and substance free events and programs for area youth. Since 1998, we have grown from a small 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.

In the town budget 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; 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 others ways to Get Involved!

Maryann Morris  
Executive Director

	<u>RTU 15-16</u>	<u>TOWNS 15-16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Contributed support</b>	0.00	4,750.00	4,750.00
<b>Program service fees</b>	20,730.00	0.00	20,730.00
<b>Scholarship Income</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Special events</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>20,730.00</u>	<u>4,750.00</u>	<u>25,480.00</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Salaries &amp; wages</b>	4,215.37	3,635.54	7,850.91
<b>Payroll taxes &amp; Other Fringe</b>	955.66	864.46	1,820.12
<b>Accounting fees</b>	0.00	250.00	250.00
<b>Professional fees - other</b>	14,070.00	0.00	14,070.00
<b>Books, subscriptions, reference</b>	42.50	0.00	42.50
<b>Travel &amp; meetings expenses</b>	501.35	0.00	501.35
<b>Events</b>	648.35	0.00	648.35
<b>Bank Charges</b>	296.77	0.00	296.77
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>20,730.00</u>	<u>4,750.00</u>	<u>25,480.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00



2016 has been a year of building improvements for the Dorset Library. Our new sidewalks have been completed and a new space for parking out front is an excellent addition. Also, thanks to a wonderful benefactor, the library has been able to complete some much needed fixes to the building, such as; painting, rot repair, and removal of the landscape that was causing

the damage to the building (the landscaping will be completed in spring 2017). Through the same benefactor, we were also able to install new compressor air conditioning units that will also provide a second heat source. The library will be completing an energy audit that will help direct us to what other areas may need attention to make the library the most energy efficient space it can be.

Inside, the projects continue. The catalog is constantly being assessed and updated to create easy access for our patrons and new materials are added monthly. We also had plenty of new programs for all ages like Star Wars for the youngsters and Herbalism 101 for the adults, as well as a few recurring such as Dog Days of Summer for the whole community. Thanks to a second benefactor, we look forward to updating the Young Adult room and refreshing Jessie's Room for the children. That project is in the planning stages and will be completed in 2017.



4000 Revenue	Jan-Dec 16	Budget 2017
4010 Fundraising Event	300	500
4020 Art Sale Income	2425	2500
4030 Book Sales	1125	1250
4040 Conscience Fund	782	250
4050 Donations & Annual Fund	42,000	40,000
4080 Town Appropriations & Grants	20,000	20,000
4060 Bequests/Gifts	64,000	0
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Total 4000 Revenue	129,850	64,500
6000 Expenses		
6000 Administration	23,175	25,700
6500 Personnel	101,900	104,850
6600 Library Materials	14,500	22,250
6700 Building & Grounds	56,000	35,200
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Total 6000 Expenses	195,575	188,000
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>(-62,725)</b>	<b>(-123,500)</b>

**Note: All of town appropriations are restricted to library programs and materials, which directly benefit community citizens. Budget deficit is made up by investment income, endowment transfer, and gifts/bequests.**





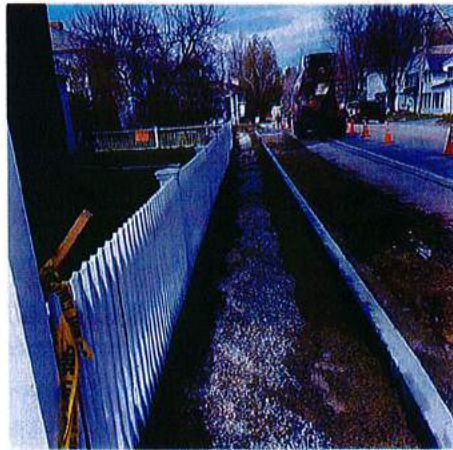
## Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA)

In the spring of 2016, the DMPA completed a project to restore the marble sidewalk from Berkshire Bank on Church Street to the post office on Route 30. This is the most heavily traveled sidewalk in the town, and it is now safe for pedestrians and easy to maintain. The Dorset Library was our financial partner in this project. The town coordinated the new curb with the sidewalk, secured permits to proceed on state right of way, prepared engineering drawings, obtained bids and committed town crews and equipment to the excavation work. This saved thousands of dollars. DMPA is very grateful to Rob Gaiotti and to the Select Board for helping this effort move forward. We also appreciate the

generous private individuals and foundations who recognize that contributions from the private sector can have a beneficial effect on Dorset's infrastructure.

As taxpayer dollars for our apportionment come from both sides of the mountain, DMPA is committed to doing the next restoration project in East Dorset. We are actively seeking a partnership in East Dorset and are confident that a project will take place there in the first half of 2017.

Roger Squire  
President  
DMPA



### Income

Contributions	\$ 1720
Foundation grants	6,000
Town appropriation	15,000
Marble sales	<u>3905</u>

Total \$26,625

Bank balance \$19,764

### Expense

Snow removal	\$ 360
Sidewalk restoration	<u>11,943</u>

Total \$12,303

## DORSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The year 2016 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 early blacksmiths and foundries in Dorset, examples of reverse painting on glass from our Jessica Bond collection, the history and photo murals of the Dorset Trail property on Owls Head Mountain which the Town acquired in 2016, and new displays of Hunt Gilbert photos of Dorset scenes from the early twentieth century. Our permanent displays include Jessica Bond's artistry and stencil collections, Fenton Pottery, and the most complete display of the continuing role played by marble in the history of Dorset.

Our community involvement in 2016 included our participation in the Memorial Day Service, hosting many students from the Dorset and Long Trail schools doing research on projects that required access to our files, our annual Ice Cream Social held in conjunction with the Dorset Library this year, and our contribution to the historical interpretation of the Owls Head Dorset Trail signage. We also hosted three Dorset quarry walks for young and old in the summer.

Our annual membership appeal this year attracted 248 families from Dorset. Visitors who signed the guest book at Bley House came from 26 states and 4 foreign countries. In 2017 you can look forward to several new exhibits at Bley House.

The Board of Directors of the Dorset Historical Society

	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Membership Income	\$27,890.00	\$24,000.00
Museum Proceeds	1,588.75	1,760.00
Special Gifts	1,150.00	1,000.00
Dorset Town Grant	<u>7,500.00</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$38,128.75</b>	<b>\$34,260.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Programs and Exhibits	\$ 3,316.18	\$ 6,100.00
Newsletters	2,741.00	3,000.00
Administration	12,590.00	13,125.00
Facilities	7,578.75	7,600.00
Utilities	<u>1,817.02</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$28,042.95</b>	<b>\$32,325.00</b>
NOTE - Dorset Town Support	\$ 7,500.00 (provided)	\$ 7,500.00 (requested)



In 2016, Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association, an office of the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Southwest Region, provided Dorset 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 carry out our mission to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

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

This past year, Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice served 59 Dorset residents with 1,305 home care visits – an average of 22 visits per patient. Agency-wide last year, VNAHSWR's dedicated staff made more than 126,780 visits to 3,281 patients. Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice and Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Southwest Region have agreed that all town funds voted for Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice will be retained for use in this area.

In closing, we wish to thank the citizens of Dorset who supported us in 2016. With your continued 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*

<b>VNA &amp; HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION, INC.</b>		
<b>Statements of Operations</b>		
<b>Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014</b>		
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Operating revenue		
Patient service revenue	\$16,658,132	\$12,118,279
Provision for bad debts	<u>(55,000)</u>	<u>(42,650)</u>
Net patient service revenue	<b>16,603,132</b>	12,075,629
Net assets released for operations	<b>8,220</b>	-
Other operating revenue	<u>1,367,192</u>	<u>1,261,718</u>
Total operating revenue	<b><u>17,978,544</u></b>	<b><u>13,337,347</u></b>
Operating expenses		
Salaries and benefits	13,613,168	10,314,106
Other operating expenses	4,498,119	3,647,714
Depreciation	200,183	186,785
Interest expense	<u>-</u>	<u>47</u>
Total operating expenses	<b><u>18,311,470</u></b>	<b><u>14,148,652</u></b>
Operating loss	<b><u>(332,926)</u></b>	<b><u>(811,306)</u></b>
Other revenue and gains (losses)		
United Way and municipal appropriations	245,341	237,714
Contributions, net	257,056	372,989
Investment income	109,513	95,888
Change in fair value of investments	<u>(112,098)</u>	<u>171,346</u>
Net other revenue and gains (losses)	<b><u>499,814</u></b>	<b><u>877,937</u></b>
Excess of revenue over expenses and increase in unrestricted net assets	<b><u>\$ 166,888</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 66,632</u></b>

# DORSET Players

The Dorset Playhouse has been a landmark in Dorset since it was built in 1929 and rebuilt in 2001. The property remains under the ownership of the Dorset Players, Inc. Since it was rebuilt, the theatre has fallen into some disrepair, despite the Players continual effort to upgrade, maintain and repair it with volunteers, donations and grants.

The Players present many events during its October through May season. The Dorset Theatre Festival is a professional equity company that rents the Playhouse from June through September.

The Playhouse benefits the Dorset Community in many ways. First of all, the parking lots are used when overflow parking is needed. Or when someone just wants to have a safe place to park to go for a walk or bike ride. In addition, the Playhouse is available for use by Dorset community schools and organizations at no or very low cost. We welcomed Dorset School's Winter Concert again this year and hosted the Dorset Chamber of Commerce meeting. We also produced Missoula Children's Theatre for the twelfth year in row - a week long theatre experience for children K-12 that benefits many of the children in Dorset and surrounding communities.

We fill our theater with dozens of local volunteers from actors and technicians to ushers and box office helpers. We entertain thousands, yes, thousands of people during our season who also make use of the Inns, Restaurants and stores in Dorset. Our mission statement says "The Dorset Players is a 501c3 non-profit community theatre, whose mission is to provide live theatre, for the purpose of enriching and entertaining our community; and to provide growth and educational opportunities to both children and adults through a variety of theatrical experiences."

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**BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 8/1/16-7/31/17**

<b>INCOME:</b>	
Production	68,952
Fundraising/Donations	14,200
Membership	8,000
Program Advertising	14,400
Rental	11,000
Other	1,550
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>118,102</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Production	26,531
Administrative	28,925
Program Advertising	7,200
Building	53,786
General Theater	1,660
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>118,102</b>

**FISCAL YEAR ENDING 7/31/16**

<b>INCOME:</b>	
Production	80,088
Fundraising/Donations	10,924
Membership	10,067
Program Advertising	19,425
Rental	11,570
Other	2,237
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>134,311</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Production	31,228
Administrative	39,459
Building	41,688
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>112,375</b>

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**GNAT Statement of Financial Activities Summary**  
 Year Ending September 30, 2016

**INCOME**

PEG Access Operating Revenue	\$415,538
PEG Access Capital Revenue	\$41,554
Program Service	\$10,465
Fundraising / Other Income	\$21,612
Interest	\$1,270
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$490,439</b>

Payroll Fees, Taxes and Salaries	\$277,310
Rent / Utilities / Insurance	\$64,753
Production/Program Supplies & Expense	\$21,921
Repairs/Maintenance	\$3,654
Equipment / Depreciation	\$50,001
Small Equipment	\$14,800
Other Operating Expense	\$37,876
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$470,315</b>
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$20,124
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$460,556
Net Assets, End of Year	\$480,680

GNAT is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization created in 1995 whose mission is to provide public access to media technologies, equipment, training, and local information for our regional community. GNAT's vision is 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.

**GNAT Service Area / Cable Channels** GNAT-TV broadcasts local community based public, education and government "PEG" programs on 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. **All local programs are also available: [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).**

**Media & Training Services**

GNAT provides opportunities for individuals and groups to produce and broadcast original, non-commercial television programs. GNAT maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment and provides technical training to all residents, community organizations and schools within the eleven towns in our viewing area.

**Government Access Services to Towns**

GNAT provides video production services, television and Internet viewing of municipal meetings and educational, civic and community events. GNAT employs local citizens to videotape the meetings. GNAT produced 289 Government Meetings totaling 492 hours across seven towns in 2016.



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Green Mountain RSVP, part of the Corporation for National and Community Service- Senior Corps, is a nationwide program for people age 55 and older who want to contribute to their communities through volunteering. Volunteers donate their skills and knowledge, and provide meaningful services to programs and nonprofits in the local area. Green Mountain RSVP believes that our senior population is our most valuable asset in keeping our communities strong.

Green Mountain RSVP helps local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet vital community needs. Our goal is to ensure that volunteers contribute their time and talents to programs that have a significant, positive impact on the quality of life in Bennington County. They address community concerns that are vital for our senior population and their neighbors they include supporting Healthy Futures and Aging in Place through food pantry support, meal delivery, and transportation. In our companionship & wellness programs we offer 13 Bone Builder classes throughout Bennington County serving over 500 seniors around Southern Vermont.

Volunteers in Dorset have served hours delivering Meals on Wheels to area residents and supporting local residents with hospice services. They also taught Bone Builders classes, benefiting many area residents, along with numerous other community priorities. Green Mountain RSVP volunteers generously donated over 100 hours in Dorset alone and 16,000 hours in Bennington County. In Bennington, Windsor, and Windham Counties, we served 2,801 isolated and at-risk people with food delivery, companionship, transportation, mentoring, tax assistance, and food pantry support. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Bennington County in the upcoming year. We always welcome new volunteers.

You are welcome to contact Lenora Volkmer in our Bennington office at (802)447-1546 or speak to me directly in the Bennington Office at (802) 772-7875. We are more than happy to attend a town meeting to discuss the changes in our program and answer any questions that you may have. Thank-you for your continued support.

Cathy Aliberti  
Green Mountain RSVP Director

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>FY17</b>
Federal Grant	174,895
State Funds	24,193
Town Funds	32,500
other	-
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>231,588</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries (below)	152,215
Fringe (below)	40,557
Lng dist travel	500
Local travel	7,766
Conf/trn/mtgs	-
Equipment	-
Supplies	3,021
Maint/Tech Supp	3,176
Accountant/Audit	750
Communication	4,123
Equip Rental	-
Postage	1,041
Printing	414
Rent	9,262
Utilities	962
Membership	63
Reporter	450
Background Checks	500
Marketing	-
Meals	250
Volunteer Ins	3,871
Volunteer Travel	-
Recognition	2,074
Other	596
	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>231,588</b>



**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 Neighbor and our dedicated volunteers have provided vital services to older and disabled residents in the Northshire. In 2016, 95 Care Recipients received visits, transportation assistance and chores. Many also participated in our free monthly luncheons and social events hosted at locations around the Northshire. Ninety local Northshire residents gave over 2,500 hours of their time helping others in need. Thirty six Dorset resi-

dents either are volunteers or receive services from Neighbor to Neighbor. And thanks to the Long Trail School and the Dorset Players, our members have been invited to several excellent theatrical performances. We are grateful to these local organizations for providing entertainment and opportunities to so many.

All the services Neighbor to Neighbor provides are offered free of charge. We are funded through the generosity of towns and through individual donations. With new Care Recipients requesting to join our program each month, there is a strong need for our services. Our Care Recipients express often how important our help is to them and how it allows them to remain independent in their own homes. For many residents who are no longer able to drive, we provide their only bridge to the wider community.

**If you know of Income**

someone in the community who could benefit from our services, please call the office at 802-367-7787. If you would like to volunteer your time as a driver, a friendly visitor or as a host at our monthly events, please call and find out how we can continue to make our community a better place for residents of all ages.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, our volunteers and most especially those we serve, Neighbor to Neighbor offers a sincere thank you for your support.

Grant applications	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
Fundraising Events	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Individual Contributions	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
Foundations/Corporation Contribu-	<b>\$18,000.00</b>
Support from Towns	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
Support from Houses of Worship	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Interest Income	<b>\$75.00</b>
In-Kind Donations:	<b>\$18,000.00</b>
(rent, property maintenance,	
In-Kind food donations for events	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$64,375.00</b>

**Expenses**

Salaries	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
Payroll Taxes and Workmen's	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Education/Conferences	<b>\$100.00</b>
Travel Local/Regional	<b>\$200.00</b>
In Kind Contributions:	<b>\$18,000.00</b>
(rent, property maintenance,	
Utilities	<b>\$1,800.00</b>
Phone and Internet	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Office Supplies	<b>\$200.00</b>
Printing/Publicity/Advertising/	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Copier maintenance and supplies	<b>\$500.00</b>
Database management	<b>\$450.00</b>
Postage	<b>\$750.00</b>
Petty cash	<b>\$50.00</b>
Fundraising Event Expenses	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Care Recipient Events	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Insurance: Liability	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Volunteer Recognition	<b>\$200.00</b>
Computer Tech Support	<b>\$200.00</b>
Contingency 3% of budget	<b>\$1,870.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$64,320.00</b>

# *Project Against Violent Encounters*

services for survivors of domestic & sexual violence

2016 marked PAVE's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing compassionate support, practical services and the pathway to healing and safety for countless victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout our communities. Over these 35 years, 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 seven Dorset residents with comprehensive services, all of whom initially contacted 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.

Fifty percent of the homeless population is due to domestic violence. Through our emergency shelter program, we provided 34 adults and 31 children with 2,518 nights of shelter services, a 34% increase over last year.

We continue to offer our education and empowerment programs - Pre-kindergarten to college anti-violence workshops and classes; Nurturing Parenting classes; Women's Support Groups; Healthy Mind, Body and Family workshops and PAVE's Financial Literacy Program. This past year we reached over 4,500 children, teachers and other adults through these programs. We have expanded our outreach efforts to include cable access television, our website ([pavebennington.org](http://pavebennington.org)) and social media including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tumblr.

We celebrate PAVE's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a renewed commitment toward the elimination of domestic and sexual violence in Bennington County and around the world.

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.

Linda Campbell, Executive Director



# Project Against Violent Encounters Profit & Loss

July 2015 through June 2016

Jul '15 - Jun 16

## Ordinary Income/Expense

### Income

4010 · Contributions	39,720.86
4060 · Client Payments	2,485.30
4100 · Grant Income	391,555.04
4200 · Contracts - State	5,865.00
4500 · Deferred Grant Income	6,796.66
4550 · Interest Income	485.78
Other Income	<u>1,207.78</u>

### Total Income

448,116.42

### Expense

60001 · Salaries	201,137.19
60002 · Employee Benefits	53,243.80
60009 · Mileage Network Related	345.79
60014 · Operations Expense	25,728.89
60015 · Program Services	94,431.15
60023 · Occupancy Expense	33,174.30
60029 · Equipment Expense	2,736.13
60061 · Staff Fundraising Expense	232.62
60062 · Board Fundraising Expense	<u>349.00</u>

### Total Expense

411,378.87

### Net Income

36,737.55



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COUNCIL ON AGING

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Dorset in 2016:

***Senior Meals:***

The Council helped provide 1,640 meals that were delivered to the homes of 12 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". In addition, 31 Dorset elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 455 meals were provided.

***Case Management Assistance:***

SVCOA case management staff helped 18 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 via the "60Plus" column appearing in the Rutland Herald; 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.

**Council on Aging for Southwest Vermont**

	<b>FY 16 Actual</b>	<b>Fy 17 Budget</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Older Americans Act	\$ 995,356	\$ 1,067,212
Other Federal Funds	\$ 1,138,300	\$ 1,086,184
State Funds	\$ 864,043	\$ 959,495
Town Funds	\$ 88,348	\$ 92,761
Other Local Funds	\$ 298,044	\$ 296,676
Grants and Contracts Match In Kind	\$ 263,600	\$ 276,780
	\$ 109,046	\$ 114,498
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,756,738</b>	<b>\$ 3,893,606</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries and Fringe	\$ 1,733,535	\$ 1,775,222
Contract Services	\$ 1,204,639	\$ 1,238,810
General Operating Expenses	\$ 417,818	\$ 488,296
Non Cash	\$ 372,646	\$ 391,278
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,728,638</b>	<b>\$ 3,893,606</b>



# Budgeted Appropriations

Launched in 1970  
First Saturday in May



## Green Up Vermont

Green Up Day ~ May 6th, 2017 ~ 47th Year!



### Dorset Fire District #1

The Dorset Fire District responded to 105 calls during 2014. Call breakdown as follows:

Accident with Injuries	5	Manchester	2
Brush Fires	0	Pawlet	0
Burnt Food	8	Rupert	2
Chimney Fires	0	Smoke Condition	1
CO2 Alarm	3	Wires down	3
CO2 problem	2	Trees on wires	1
East Dorset	16	Furnance appliance fire	5
EMS Assist	4	Structure Fire	1
Fire Alarms	38	Vehicle Fire	2
Danby	3	Electrical problem house	1
Good Intent Call	3	Water Problem	2
Hazmat	1		
Search Rescue	2		

For the year, the firemen had 638 hours of in-house training with some firemen taking an additional 394 hours of fire school training.

The Dorset Fire District serves over 1000 property owners as well as oversees the water system for Dorset with approximately 180 customers. Our annual meeting is held on the second Monday in May – **May 8, 2017.**

Respectively submitted, Ben Weiss, Prudential Committee Chairman

**Dorset Fire District FY2016****Expense**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Last Year Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>FY2017</b>
01-7100-10.00 Advertisements	\$0.00	\$744.02	\$0.00
01-7100-30.00 Insurance	\$15,000.00	\$14,269.25	\$15,000.00
01-7100-40.00 Office Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$4,594.94	\$2,000.00
01-7100-50.00 Professional Fees	\$15,080.00	\$14,020.00	\$20,000.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$32,080.00</b>	<b>\$33,628.21</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>
01-7200-10.00 Gas/Diesel Fuel Apparatus	\$4,500.00	\$1,963.14	\$4,500.00
01-7200-14.00 Maintenance - Equip FY16	\$7,000.00	\$7,655.58	\$0.00
01-7200-15.00 Maintenance-Equipment	\$18,000.00	\$23,724.10	\$25,000.00
01-7200-20.00 New Equipment	\$42,000.00	\$41,666.99	\$42,000.00
01-7200-32.00 New Truck Payment	\$36,000.00	\$73,279.30	\$36,000.00
01-7200-33.00 Truck Sinking Fund	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
<b>Total Apparatus</b>	<b>\$132,500.00</b>	<b>\$148,289.11</b>	<b>\$132,500.00</b>
01-7500-00.00 Firehouse Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$11,805.48	\$16,775.00
01-7500-21.00 Supplies - Firehouse	\$400.00	\$278.97	\$400.00
01-7500-30.00 Utilities	\$9,500.00	\$9,468.39	\$9,500.00
<b>Total Firehouse</b>	<b>\$15,900.00</b>	<b>\$21,552.84</b>	<b>\$26,675.00</b>
01-7600-20.00 FM Training/Dues/Mileage	\$9,050.00	\$6,757.36	\$9,050.00
01-7600-30.00 Firemen Education & Re- ten	\$25,000.00	\$11,580.81	\$15,000.00
01-7600-40.00 Firemen Dinner/Meals	\$3,500.00	\$2,506.79	\$3,500.00
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$37,550.00</b>	<b>\$20,844.96</b>	<b>\$27,550.00</b>
	<b>\$218,030.00</b>	<b>\$224,315.12</b>	<b>\$223,725.00</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
01-6000-00.00 Fire Tax	\$217,830.00	\$212,354.78	\$0.00
01-6000-10.00 DQ Fire Tax	\$0.00	\$700.31	\$0.00
01-6000-20.00 Interest on Tax	\$0.00	\$50.80	\$0.00
01-6000-30.00 Bank Interest	\$200.00	\$355.53	\$0.00
01-6000-40.00 Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$271.89	\$0.00
01-6000-60.00 Town Appropriation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$223,725.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$218,030.00</b>	<b>\$213,733.31</b>	<b>\$223,725.00</b>



East Dorst Firefighters responded to 114 calls in 2016:

74	Calls to Dorset
12	Calls to Danby
05	Calls to Manchester
01	Call to Manchester
22	Calls to East Dorset District
08	Vehicle Accidents
01	Trash Fire
01	Brush Fire
01	Unattended Fire
01	Pole Fire
02	Wood Rescue
02	Vehicle Fire
01	Fire Alarm
01	Trees on Wires
01	Lawn Mower Fire
02	Good Intent Calls

**EAST DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1 - FIRE DIVISION 2014/2015**

ACCT. #	EDFD #1 COMPARATIVE BUDGET 2015/2016	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET 2016/17
<b>FIREHOUSE</b>				
2000	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 11,999.59	\$ 7,500.00
2100	UTILITIES	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,666.79	\$ 7,000.00
2200	SUPPLIES	\$ 250.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 250.00
<b>APPARATUS</b>				
3000	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,361.72	\$ 10,000.00
3001	NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,313.43	\$ 15,000.00
3002	FUEL	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,633.14	\$ 5,000.00
3003	RADIOS	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 353.00	\$ 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
<b>PERSONNEL</b>				
4000	PROTECTIVE GEAR	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,774.68	\$ 7,000.00
4001	AIR BOTTLES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
4002	DUES/TRAINING	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 1,500.00
4004	MEALS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 1,500.00
4200	FEC	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,545.35	\$ 8,500.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
5000	PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,800.00
5001	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,050.75	\$ 900.00
5005	ADVERTISEMENTS	\$ 100.00	\$ 58.40	\$ 100.00
5200	INSURANCE	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 19,715.54	\$ 18,500.00
5201	ADMINISTRATION/CHIEF			\$ 5,000.00
5202	FIRE PREVENTION	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 139,067.00</b>	<b>\$ 129,189.58</b>	<b>\$ 144,067.00</b>



# Green Up Vermont

## Green Up Day ~ May 6th, 2017 ~ 47th Year!

Green Up Day marked its 46th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two 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 continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover seventeen percent the budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and the services of two employees. Sixth grader Blake Clark says "I think we should keep this tradition going forever and ever!" **Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away. Mark your calendar: May 6, 2017 Green Up Day, 47 years of tradition!**

### Statement of Financial Activities Summary Year Ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

#### INCOME

Operating Revenue	167,064.98
Fundraising In-flows	176,898.73
Interest	335.47
Total Income	177,234.20

#### EXPENSE

Green Up Day Program	40,778.92
Payroll Fees, Taxes, Salaries for 2 staff	74,789.66
Rent, Utilities, Insurance	8,584.31
Supplies, Expenses	5,620.75
Contractual Services	840.00

#### TOTAL EXPENSE

Increase in Net Asset	46,835.14
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	120,229.84
Net Assets, End of Year	167,064.98

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## Manchester Rescue Squad

P.O. Box 26

Manchester Center, VT 05255

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

Email: [manchesterrescue@myfairpoint.net](mailto:manchesterrescue@myfairpoint.net)

Manchester Rescue Squad (MRS) 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 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. MRS 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, MRS also provides education to the community in the form of CPR, AED (Automated External Defibrillation) and First Aid courses.

Call per town fiscal year 2015-2016

Arlington	23	Manchester	739
Bennington	10	Mount Tabor	18
Danby	79	Pawlet	4
Dorset	153	Peru	5
East Dorset	32	Rupert	1
Granville	1	Rutland	1
Londonderry	10	Winhall	20
Out of Area	12		
Year's total		1108	

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Casey, NRP  
Chief Operations Officer



	<b>Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/16</b>
<b><u>Manchester Rescue Squad, Inc.</u></b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Medical Receipts</b>	\$507,549
<b>Municipal Direct Support</b>	
<b>Dorset</b>	18,000
<b>Danby</b>	1,500
<b>Mt Tabor</b>	900
<b>Winhall</b>	1,500
<b>Municipal Ambulance Lease Support</b>	
<b>Danby</b>	9,615
<b>Dorset</b>	16,007
<b>Mt Tabor</b>	1,494
<b>Winhall</b>	3,000
<b>Municipal In-Kind - Manchester (rent, dispatch)</b>	105,500
<b>Annual Fund Donations</b>	131,094
<b>Subscription Program Donations</b>	19,867
<b>Subscriptions</b>	84,436
<b>Other Income</b>	
<b>CPR Classes</b>	4,148
<b>Ambulance Coverage</b>	3,325
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	6,762
<b>Investment related income</b>	10,852
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$925,549</u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Wages</b>	\$465,882
<b>Payroll Taxes &amp; Unemployment</b>	47,317
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	53,595
<b>Insurance</b>	61,651
<b>Professional Services</b>	13,362
<b>Billing Expenses</b>	55,077
<b>Occupancy</b>	62,300
<b>Dispatch</b>	62,000
<b>Medical Equipment / Supplies</b>	32,914
<b>Communications Equipment</b>	4,386
<b>Training</b>	3,788
<b>Ambulance Lease</b>	29,157
<b>Vehicles - fuel, maintenance, etc.</b>	20,137
<b>Office Equipment / Supplies</b>	4,325
<b>Fundraising</b>	7,202
<b>Depreciation &amp; Amortization</b>	40,191
<b>Other Expenses</b>	1,145
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$964,429</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	-\$38,880



**Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force**  
**Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)**  
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On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **18 years** of the program, **1015 grants** totaling **\$2.2 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

Over the past three years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. In 2014 we increased the maximum grant award amount from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per project, and made repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing rural water supply systems eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. In 2015 we began considering applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual budget of the Rural Fire Protection Program is \$190,000 per year, \$110,000 of which is awarded in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your 2018 town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received over **\$9,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

**213** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report of the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case it is required. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom Maclay, Chair  
Rural Fire Protection Task Force  
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Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person Town Appropriation business  
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program  
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Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)  
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**Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:**

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD  
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone  
George Cook, UVM Extension  
Bill Barry, Berlin VFD  
Tess Greaves, Vermont Forest Parks & Recreation  
Jeremy McMullen, VT Enhanced 9-1-1  
Jenny Nelson, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office  
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety  
Christine Kaiser, Kaiser Farm, Stowe VT

**Vermont Association of Conservation Districts  
Rural Fire Protection Program  
Financial Report - Fiscal Year 2016  
(July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016)**

**Income**

Town Appropriations	9,979
VT Dept. of Public Safety	147,500
VT Dept. Forests Parks and Recreation	31,126
Sale of Dry Hydrant Spare Parts	1,857
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>190,462</u></b>

**Expense**

Personnel	49,399
Travel	4,774
Office and Services	22,990
Dry Hydrant Spare Parts	4,906
Rural Fire Protection Grants to Towns	108,393
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>190,462</u></b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>0</u></b>





## NeighborWorks of Western Vermont

110 Marble Street, West Rutland, VT 05777  
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The mission of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and stable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services. NWWVT strengthens our communities, one home at a time.

We work to help Vermonters become educated about finances and the homebuying process, find homes to purchase, get the loans they need to buy homes, and renovate their existing homes to make them more livable and cost-efficient. We offer financial coaching; homebuyer education; home repair services to address health and safety issues; HEAT Squad energy efficiency services; and affordable loans for mortgages, home repair, energy upgrades, and down payment assistance. We believe that homeownership supports people and families in living healthy and stable lives.

2016 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks of Western Vermont.

416 low-cost, comprehensive Energy Audits were completed on buildings, showing home and business owners potential ways to save money on their utility bills; 69 Energy loans were issued to help homeowners upgrade their homes to be more energy efficient

30 Down Payment Assistance Loans were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier without costly Private Mortgage Insurance

41 Rehab Loans were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes

195 homebuyers attended a nationally-certified Homebuyer Education Course

NWWVT assisted 15 households in finding their dream home with our RealtyWorks service

NWWVT helped 39 homeowners with Foreclosure Prevention counseling

NWWVT gave financial coaching services to 229 Vermonters to help them achieve their financial goals

NWWVT loaned over \$1.9 million to Vermonters in the form of Down Payment Assistance, Energy loans, and Rehab loans

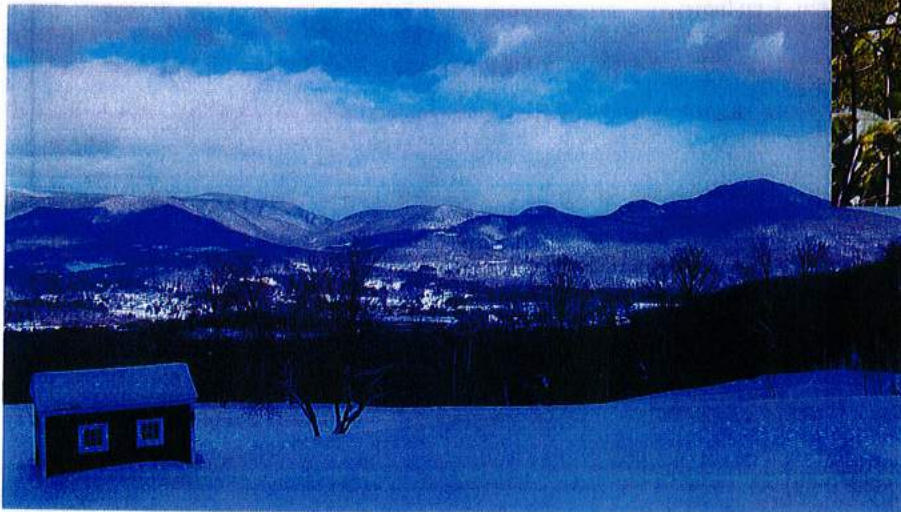
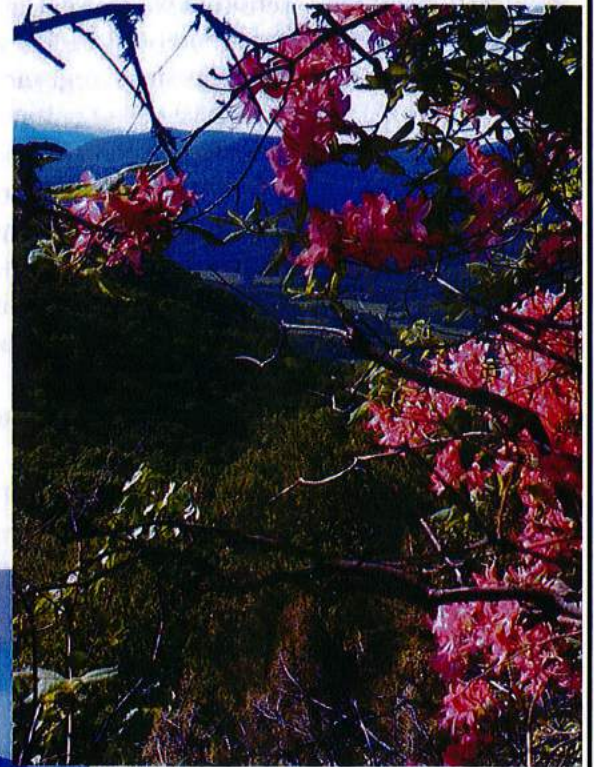
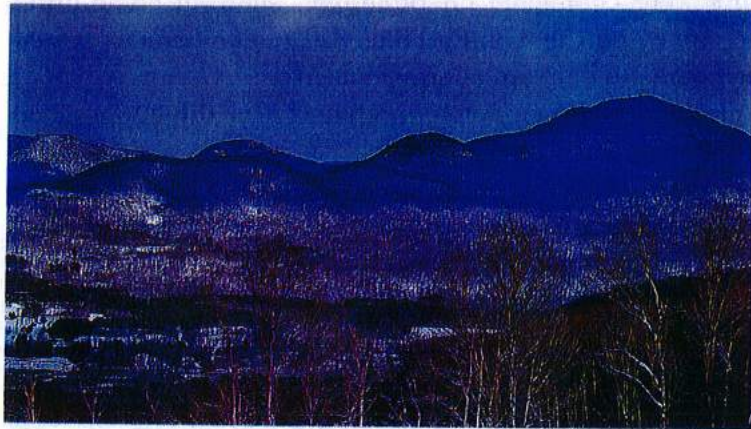
There is always a need and we hope we are always here to help. We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at (802) 438-2303 or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

Together we can build strong communities.

Ludy Biddle, Executive Director



# Town Warning & Budget





## 2017 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 6, 2017 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 7th 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, 6, & 7) will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 7th. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on March 7th.

**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:

<b>Town Moderator</b>	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Selectman</b>	<b>1 year term (Remaining of 3 year term)</b>
<b>Selectman</b>	<b>3 year term</b>
<b>Selectman</b>	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Selectman</b>	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>3 year term</b>
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	<b>3 year term</b>
<b>First Constable</b>	<b>1 year term</b>
<b>Town Agent</b>	<b>1 year term</b>

**Article 3.** Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow funds, in anticipation of taxes, necessary to pay current expenses?

**Article 4.** Shall the voters authorize the collection of property taxes in two (2) installments on September 12, 2017 and March 13, 2018. Any tax payment made on the due dates, must be sent via certified mail or hand delivered. Payments not received within four days will be subject to 1% interest on September 15, 2017 and 1% interest and 8% penalty on March 16, 2018?

**Article 5.** Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to take advantage of any State or Federal monies available, including loan funds available from the Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund to be utilized in purchasing equipment for the Highway Department?

**Article 6.** Shall the voters approve the recorded Select Board's official budget as submitted with the Town report? To be voted by Australian Ballot.

**Article 7.** Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to eliminate the office of Lister as allowed by state statute? (The Select Board will hire an Assessor/ Administrative Assistant to perform these duties). To be voted by Australian ballot.

- Article 8.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?
- Article 9.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to the Bennington County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for support of its activities?
- Article 10.** 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 11.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?
- Article 12.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?
- Article 13.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?
- Article 14.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to support Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?
- Article 15.** 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 16.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- Article 17.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the Dorset Nursing Association for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 18.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery?
- Article 19.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 20.** 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 21.** 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 22.** 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.



**Article 23.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Dorset Players Inc. to help sustain the property maintenance fund for the ongoing repairs to the Dorset Playhouse? By Petition.

**Article 24.** To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting.

**So approved on this 30th day of January, 2017. By the Dorset Select Board.**

Henry L. Chandler \_\_\_\_\_

Elizabeth Ruffa \_\_\_\_\_

John P. Stannard \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas Smith \_\_\_\_\_

Megan Thorn \_\_\_\_\_

## 2016 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, February 29, 2016 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Motion was made by Ralph Colin and seconded by Terry Tyler. With no discussion. 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	697
Selectman	3 year term	John P Stannard	384
Selectman	1 year term	Henry L Chandler	527
Selectman	1 year term	Megan Thorn	409
First Constable	1 year term	Ryan Matteson	609
Town Agent	1 year term	Kevin O'Toole	669
Auditor	1 year term		
Lister	1 year term	Peter Trifari	561

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow funds, in anticipation of taxes, necessary to pay current expenses?

Motion was made by Donald Hayward and seconded by Ruth Stewart. With no discussion, Motion carried.

Article 4. Shall the voters authorize the collection of property taxes in two (2) installments on September 13, 2016 and March 14, 2017? Any tax payment made on the due dates, must be sent via certified mail or hand delivered. Payments not received within four days will be subject to 1% interest on September 17, 2016 and 1% and 8% penalty on March 18, 2017?

Motion by Abbott Derham and seconded by Kevin Sprague, a motion was then made by Bill Bridges to amend the article to add the word interest after 1 % for the September payment. seconded by Skip Dickenson. Motion carried. The amended article then carried.

Article 5. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to take advantage of any State or Federal monies available, including loan funds available from the Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund to be utilized in purchasing equipment for the Highway Department?

Motion was made by Jim Salsgiver seconded by Rosalie Fox, there being no discussion, the motion carried

Article 6. Shall the voters approve the recorded Select Board's official budget as submitted with the Town report?

Rob Gaiotti explained paving projects completed during 2015, the Emerald Lake Pass program and the Gettysburg Quarry project. He then explained that the budget is about a 2 cent increase or a 3.6 % overall budget increase. Chris Brooks thanked Rob Gaiotti for his hard work on the Gettysburg Quarry project. He went on to explain the safety study results and the Economic Development with Manchester formerly Manchester Chamber of Commerce. He also explained that the Planning and Zoning committee is working with a planner from BCRC.

YES    638                      NO    74

Article 7. Shall the voters approve the exemption of property taxes for the Wilson House of East Dorset for a period of five (5) years, (2016-2021), tax map 20, block 21, lot 69; 378 Village Street, Building and 0.5 acres?

Clarissa Lennox asked where this came from. Kevin O'Toole explained that every five years they must request, Clarrisa Lennox asked how much money was involved. Kevin O'Toole explained that it is approximately \$8,000. Julie King executive director, explained what the Wilson house is all about, and where people can come for help and be free of a drug and alcohol lifestyle.

YES 545 NO 183

Article 8. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the programs and services of BROCC (Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council)?

Motion was made by Lee Fox seconded by Skip Dickinson. Elizabeth Eddy spoke on behalf of BROCC, and explained the money is used for the food shelf and 36 residents were serviced in Dorset. After no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 9. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to the Bennington County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for support of its activities?

Motion was made by Vickie Haskins, seconded by Karl Pfeiffer, Sunny Leporati, director, spoke about the program and the focus on healthy aging, supporting volunteers for other organizations. Over 100 hours were served in Dorset. With no further questions, motion carried.

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?

Motion was made by Jim Salsgiver, seconded by Lee Romano. Sunny Leporati spoke and stated that Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging is the sponsor of RSVP. With no discussion, motion carried.

Article 11. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?

Motion was made by Clarissa Lennox, seconded by Ellen Maloney. Ellen Maloney explained that the board listens to people who are in the court system and encourage the victims to better their living style and make better choices. Some of the programs are truancy, youth substance abuse, a DLS diversion program, juvenile program, drunk driving victims, etc. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?

Motion was made by Salley Gibney and seconded by Virginia Longacre. Chris Oldham, new director, explained that last year they helped many families find shelter. Currently turn away 9-11 people per night due to lack of room. Not just a homeless shelter but a rehabilitation program to help families seek a better life. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Article 13. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?

Motion was made by Sheila Childs and seconded by David Parsons. Lauren Wilcox spoke on behalf of PAVE, currently served over 600 residents and 8 Dorset residents this year. No further discussion, motion carried.

Article 14. Shall the voters of Dorset appropriate the sum of \$750 to support Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?

Motion by Ellen Maloney, seconded by Tracy Mathyas. Ellen Maloney spoke about the program and that it is 14 years old and started in Dorset, with no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 15. 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?

Motion by Terry Tyler, seconded by Roger Squire. John Cave spoke on behalf of DHS, stating that March 4<sup>th</sup> is the 225 year birthday of Vermont becoming a state of union, and the DHS is having a birthday cake, all are invited. No further discussion, motion carried.

Article 16. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?

Motion by Ruth Stewart and seconded by Rosalie Fox. Ruth Stewart spoke about BAHH, and the shire store is now located on Memorial Avenue in Manchester and is currently looking for donations. The 20<sup>th</sup> house will be dedicated this Sunday, which is the eighth house on Jennifer Lane in Manchester.

She explained that the biggest challenge the organization has, is finding qualified families for the houses. Rosalie Fox stated that they are looking for gently used furniture and appliances. No further discussion, motion carried.

Article 17. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the Dorset Nursing Association for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?

Motion was made by Terry Tyler, seconded by Megan Thorn. Terry Tyler spoke on their behalf, he stated they would appreciate continued support and the money raised here stays here is Dorset, Abbott DeRham stated that the numbers would show what amount of the revenues come from Medicare and Terry Tyler stated that he wasn't sure but would be sure to make it in report next year. No further discussion, motion carried.

Article 18. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery?

Motion was made by Ruth Stewart, seconded by Karl Pfeiffer. Doug Beebe thanked the town for the continued support and explained they have a very limited budget. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 19. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?

Motion was made by Al Lindsey seconded by John Cave. Al Lindsey spoke on behalf of the Library, and explained the \$20K is about 13% of budget. The Library currently has 1500 patrons. Grants are being sought. Rosalie Fox asked if the Library is willing to accept the liability for the sidewalks that will be installed. Chip Ams stated that they have been raising funds to help with the cost of the marble and wish to correct the safety of the current marble sidewalks. No further discussion, motion carried.

Article 20. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?

Motion was made by Bill Laberge, seconded by Salley Gibney. Bill explained they are a local access television program, and currently serve eleven towns and are a government access to local meetings. Terry Tyler feels that the cameras should keep rolling. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 21. 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?

Motion by Abbott DeRham, seconded by Salley Gibney, Mary Ann Morris, executive director, spoke about the refuse to use program, student empowerment meetings, and substance free events for young people in our community. With no further discussion, motion carried

Article 22. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to the Dorset Marble Preservation Association for the purpose of restoring Dorset's marble sidewalks?

Motion was made by Roger Squire, seconded by Justine Cook, Roger Squire stated that there is approx 6000 linear feet of old marble sidewalks which are part of Dorset's legacy, It is their hope to save the sidewalks. The money approved would go for repairs in East Dorset. Terry Tyler asked if the marble would be set in the ground or in concrete. Roger explained they would be in cement. Clarissa Lennox asked who owns them, plows them, etc, Roger explained that some are private, some are in the state right of way, Last year the restoration fund paid for the snow removal. Terry asked if there is a way to make sure the sidewalk is not slippery. Roger said yes. No further discussion, motion carried.

Article 23. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Dorset Players, Inc. to help defray the cost of repairing the Dorset Playhouse's East Parking Lot at 104 Cheney Road?

Motion by Elizabeth Karet, seconded by Bob Davidson, Elizabeth Karet asked that we support the project in fixing the parking lots. With no further discussion motion carried.

Article 24. Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to eliminate the office of Auditor as allowed by state statute? (Outside Audit is done each year as replacement)

Allen Sullivan asked why the position is being eliminated, and feels it should not be eliminated. Linda Sullivan stated there is a difference between an inside audit vs. a public audit. Ruth Stewart asked if this passes, can it be reversed in the future. Chris Brooks stated yes.

YES 555 NO 132

Article 25. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$6,300 to support the Northshire Economic Development effort to be implemented by The Partnership (formerly known as the Manchester & the Mountains Chamber of Commerce)?

Lee Romano made the motioned and seconded by Jim Salsgiver. Lee Romano applauded the Selectboard for taking part in this and placing it on the ballot. Justine Cook asked if the money is for a salary position. Lee stated that it is a structural plan, which will include payroll and will not happen overnight. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 26. To transact any other business to properly come before this meeting.

Abbott DeRham thanked the Selectboard for allowing each organization to speak about their cause and the opportunity to know they are in our town and encourage everyone to make a donation of their own if they can. Vermont is aging and the list of organizations deal with those aging in our community and allows citizens to remain in their homes.

Nancy Faesy of the Energy Committee, stated that energy audits are now available for \$100 vs. \$150 waste district we are a part of.

Danny Pinsonault stated that we still have no equalization with the Fire Departments and urged residents to attend the prudential committees and voice your concerns.

With no further discussion a motion was made by Jordan Dickinson and seconded by Abbott DeRham to recess the meeting until 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for Australian voting. Motion carried.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:**

**SELECTBOARD:**

5200-10.00	Salaries	6,300	5,700.00	6,300	6,300
5200-20.00	Misc. Expenses	400	924.43	400	400
5200-21.00	Legal	7,500	6,530.00	7,500	7,500
5200.20.01	Tax Sale Expense	1,500	0.00	1,500	1,200
5200.22.00	Recording Clerk	2,500	1,203.62	0	0
5200-23.00	VLCT Dues	3,150	3,148.00	3,184	3,295
	<b>Total Selectmen:</b>	<b>21,350</b>	<b>17,506.05</b>	<b>18,884</b>	<b>18,695</b>

**TOWN MANAGER:**

5300-10.00	Town Manager Salary	70,000	71,800.22	73,500	75,000
5300-10.01	Administrative Assistant	35,000	47,816.77	47,000	50,000
5300-10.02	Clerk Salary	250	127.75	250	250
5300-20.00	TM Office Expense & Sftwre Support	3,500	6,151.23	3,500	3,500
5300-20.01	Vehicle Expense Allowance	3,500	2,694.83	3,500	3,500
5300-20.02	TM Phone	0	1,100.00	1,200	1,200
5300-26.00	Training/Travel/Dues	2,500	2,272.01	2,500	2,500
5300-27.00	Tax Billing/ Postage	2,000	2,595.28	2,000	2,300
5300-29.00	Town Manager's Fund	1,800	1,423.07	1,800	1,800
	<b>Total Town Manager:</b>	<b>118,550</b>	<b>135,981.16</b>	<b>135,250</b>	<b>140,050</b>

**TOWN CLERK:**

5310-10.00	Salary	51,000	52,955.46	52,530	56,000
5310-10.01	Assistant's Salary	9,500	8,927.50	9,500	9,500
5310-20.00	Office Expense	2,000	2,063.56	2,000	2,000
5310-20.01	Record Preservation	3,000	2,350.66	3,000	3,000
5310-26.00	Postage	700	579.57	700	700
5310-26.02	Training/ Dues	1,500	2,791.95	1,500	3,000
5310-29.00	Grand List Preservation Project	10,000	9,263.54	10,000	8,500
	<b>Total Town Clerk:</b>	<b>77,700</b>	<b>76,932.24</b>	<b>79,230</b>	<b>82,700</b>

**MEETINGS & ELECTIONS:**

5320-10.00	BCA Salaries/ Workers	800	187.50	1,200	800
5320-26.00	BCA Mileage/ Expenses	100	0.00	100	100
5320-31.00	Town Meeting Expenses	500	1,435.56	1,200	600
5320-36.00	Ballot Printing	500	1,761.70	1,200	600
5320-38.00	Tabulator Programming	2,000	0.00	3,000	2,000
5320-39.00	BCA -Postage/Ballots	250	84.00	400	250
5320-40.00	BCA -Tax Abatements	250	5,338.26	250	250
	<b>Total Meetings &amp; Elections:</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>8,807.02</b>	<b>7,350</b>	<b>4,600</b>

**TOWN TREASURER:**

5335-10.00	Salary	2,700	2,700.00	2,700	3,000
5335-39.00	Postage	500	440.89	500	500
	<b>Total Town Treasurer</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,140.89</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>3,500</b>

**TOWN LISTERS:**

5340-10.00	Listers / Assessor Salaries	38,000	33,527.00	38,000	65,000
5340-20.00	Office Expense	1,500	769.01	1,500	1,500
5340-26.00	Mileage	1,000	541.37	1,000	1,000
5340-26.01	Training/Dues	1,000	235.00	1,000	1,000
5340-31.00	Tax Mapping	1,000	0.00	1,000	1,000
5340-38.00	Computer Services	3,400	3,344.12	3,400	3,500
5340-39.00	Postage	1,200	192.00	800	500
	<b>Total Town Listers:</b>	<b>47,100</b>	<b>38,628.50</b>	<b>46,700</b>	<b>73,500</b>

**PLANNING & ZONING**

5350-10.00	Planning/Zoning Administrator	22,000	23,055.00	22,000	23,000
5350-10.01	ZBA. Clerk	1,200	854.90	0	500
5350-10.02	Planning Clerk	2,200	1,287.61	0	500
5350-10.03	DRB Clerk	1,500	1,358.85	1,800	1,800
5350-20.00	Office Expense	1,500	1,140.05	2,000	2,000
5350-25.00	Planning Consultant	5,000	6,391.55	5,000	5,000
5350-26.00	Mileage	1,000	1,004.28	800	800
5350-26.01	ZA Training & Dues	800	195.00	800	800
5350-39.00	Postage	500	1,083.16	500	500
5350-41.00	Ads-Printing-Notices	1,500	2,869.90	1,500	1,800
5350-42.00	Regional Planning	3,510	3,508.00	3,573	3,667
5350-43.00	DRB Expense	0	1,200.00	0	500
5350-45.05	Muni Education Grant Expense	800	415.00	800	800
5350-45-07	Economic Development Grant Expense	2,500	2,500.00	0	0
	<b>Total Planning &amp; Zoning</b>	<b>44,010</b>	<b>46,863.30</b>	<b>38,773</b>	<b>41,667</b>

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AUDITORS:		FY16 Approved	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approved	FY18 Proposed
5360-25.00	Outside Audit	11,200	11,200.00	11,800	12,500
5360-42.00	Town Report Printing & Mailing	4,600	2,948.75	3,500	3,200
<b>Total Auditors:</b>		<b>15,800</b>	<b>14,148.75</b>	<b>15,300</b>	<b>15,700</b>
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING:		FY16 Approved	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approved	FY18 Proposed
5370-20.00	General Office Expense	3,200	3,841.42	3,200	3,200
5370-24.00	Town Offices Equipment	5,500	5,842.16	1,500	1,500
5370-30.00	Town Web-Site	250	357.89	250	250
5370-43.00	Heat	3,200	1,040.21	2,500	2,500
5370-44.00	Electric	2,000	2,083.19	2,000	2,000
5370-45.00	Phone	2,300	2,735.27	2,300	2,500
5370-46.00	Water	725	728.00	750	750
5370-47.00	Maintenance	6,500	5,329.40	6,500	8,500
5370-48.01	Town Office ADA & Renovation Review	0	0.00	5,000	2,000
<b>Total Town Office Building:</b>		<b>23,675</b>	<b>21,937.54</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>23,200</b>
PUBLIC SAFETY:		FY16 Approved	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approved	FY18 Proposed
5380-10.00	Constable Salaries	200	0.00	200	200
5380-10.01	Animal Control Officer	2,500	728.53	1,500	1,500
5380-10.03	Health Officer	1,200	1,200.00	1,200	1,200
5380-20.00	ACO/ Constable Expense	400	35.04	400	400
5380-25.01	Law Enforcement	60,000	62,773.42	68,000	102,000
5380-25.02	LED Speed Sign	0	0.00	0	3,000
5380-26.00	Constable Vehicle/Mileage	200	38.78	200	200
5380-31.00	Defibrillators	0	488.68	0	0
5380-44.00	Street Lighting	11,000	11,349.13	10,800	11,000
5380-48.00	Animal Boarding Fees	800	50.00	600	600
PUBLIC SAFETY:		FY16 Approved	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approved	FY18 Proposed
5380-49.00	East Dorset Fire District	0	0.00	144,067	144,067
5380-50.00	Dorset Fire District	0	0.00	223,725	223,725
<b>Total Public Safety:</b>		<b>76,300</b>	<b>76,639.58</b>	<b>450,692</b>	<b>487,892</b>
INSURANCE & BONDS:		FY16 Approved	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approved	FY18 Proposed
5400-49.07	Health Ins.-Present Employees	92,500	92,501.89	98,000	103,700
5400-49.08	Health Ins.-Former Employees	32,500	31,077.07	33,500	33,500
5400-49.09	Dental Insurance	6,500	6,189.01	6,700	6,800
5400-49.10	Vision Insurance	0	0.00	0	0
5400-51.00	PACIF Insurance	50,500	53,649.00	50,500	51,000
5400.51.01	Unemployment Insurance	2,000	2,000.00	0	0
<b>Total Insurance &amp; Bonds:</b>		<b>184,000</b>	<b>185,416.77</b>	<b>188,700</b>	<b>195,000</b>
GENERAL SERVICES:		FY16 Approved	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approved	FY18 Proposed
5410-12.00	Payroll Tax FICA/ MEDI	34,500	34,155.09	36,000	37,700
5410-13.00	VMERS - Fringe	19,000	19,210.60	20,000	23,200
5410-13.01	VMERS - Deduction	0	0.00	0	0
5410-25.00	Recreation	45,000	37,482.08	45,000	50,000
5410-45.00	Wilson House Donation Expense	0	0.00	0	0
5410-46.00	Green Space & Streets	3,500	3,128.69	3,500	3,500
5410-48.00	Mad Tom Garden	0	0.00	0	0
5410-49.00	Marble Sidewalks Expense	0	0.00	0	0
5410-50.00	Old Cemetary Maintenance	600	600.00	600	600
5410-51.00	Landfill/Recycle	15,000	16,010.41	22,500	24,000
5410-52.00	Interest Expense	3,000	0.00	3,000	2,500
5410-53.00	County Tax	48,000	48,674.05	48,000	49,000
5410.54.00	Employee Christmas	675	675.00	700	700
5410-55.00	Contingency	2,000	100.00	2,000	2,000
5410-57.00	Bank Service Charge	200	15.00	200	200
5410-58.00	Hazardous Waste Collection	7,500	2,387.27	0	0
5410-59.00	Town Events/Picnic	3,000	161.75	3,000	2,500
TOWN FOREST:		FY16 Approved	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approved	FY18 Proposed
5410-62.00	Town Forest Purchase/ Expense	0	630,832.13	0	0
<b>Total General Services:</b>		<b>181,975</b>	<b>793,432.05</b>	<b>184,500</b>	<b>195,900</b>
<b>Total Administrative Expenses:</b>		<b>798,060</b>	<b>1,421,433.85</b>	<b>1,192,579</b>	<b>1,282,404</b>

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<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES:</b>				
5420-98.01 East Dorset Fire Department	2,400	2,400.00	2,400	2,400
5420-98.02 Dorset Fire Department	0	0.00	0	0
5420-98.04 Memorial Day	500	0.00	1,000	500
5420-98.05 July 4Th Celebration	0	0.00	0	0
5420-98.09 Manchester Rescue Squad	34,007	34,007.00	34,007	37,500
5420-98.10 East Dorset Fire Dispatch	3,300	3,250.00	3,300	3,500
5420-98.11 Dorset Fire Dispatch	3,300	3,250.00	3,300	3,500
5420-99.02 Green Up Day	150	150.00	150	150
5420-99.03 Vermont RC&D	100	0.00	100	0
5420-99.04 Northshire Economic Development	0	0.00	6,300	2,500
5420-99.05 Vermont Association of Conservation Dist.	0	0.00	0	100
<b>Total Community Services:</b>	<b>43,757</b>	<b>43,057.00</b>	<b>50,557</b>	<b>50,150</b>

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

<b>HIGHWAY LABOR:</b>				
6000-10.00 Road Crew Wages	182,000	190,746.46	187,500	194,000
6000-10.01 Overtime Wages	20,500	9,673.27	21,500	21,500
6000-59.00 Drug/Alcohol Testing	100	0.00	100	100
<b>Total Highway Labor:</b>	<b>202,600</b>	<b>200,419.73</b>	<b>209,100</b>	<b>215,600</b>

<b>EQUIPMENT FUND:</b>				
6001-24.00 Equipment Fund	130,000	130,000.00	145,000	145,000
<b>Total Equipment Fund:</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>145,000</b>	<b>145,000</b>

<b>TOWN SHEDS:</b>				
6002-44.00 Electricity	2,000	1,776.78	2,500	2,500
6002-46.00 Water	725	728.00	725	725
6002-47.00 Maintenance	4,500	685.13	4,000	3,500
6002-48.00 Route 30 Salt Shed Expense	60,000	60,000.00	60,000	60,000
<b>Total Town Sheds:</b>	<b>67,225</b>	<b>63,189.91</b>	<b>67,225</b>	<b>66,725</b>

<b>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:</b>				
6003-00.00 Equip. Repairs, Supplies & Parts	40,000	38,867.42	40,000	40,000
6003-60.00 Fuel- Gas/Diesel/Kerosene/Lubes	52,000	26,311.40	50,000	42,000
<b>Total Equipment Maintenance:</b>	<b>92,000</b>	<b>65,178.82</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>82,000</b>

<b>HIGHWAYS AND ROADS MAINTENANCE:</b>				
6004-25.00 Trees/ Mowing (Hired)	4,000	3,200.00	4,000	4,000
6004-26.00 Safety/ Training	500	60.00	500	500
6004-27.00 Highway Phones	0	0.00	3,600	3,600
6004-61.01 Gravel Road Surfaces	28,000	32,153.78	26,000	28,000
6004-61.02 Highway Paving Reserves	115,000	115,000.00	105,000	100,000
6004-61.04 Cold Patch	100	0.00	100	100
6004-61.05 Paved Roads/Stripe/Crack	10,000	7,838.44	10,000	10,000
6004-61.06 Mud Season/ Storm Emergencies	4,000	0.00	4,000	4,000
6004-61.07 Engineering Expense	5,500	1,575.00	5,500	5,500
6004-62.00 Salt	60,000	38,241.45	70,000	70,000
6004-62.01 Winter Sand/ Winter Gravel	36,000	42,448.96	38,000	38,000
6004-62.02 Chloride	15,000	14,888.94	15,000	15,000
6004-63.00 Culverts	2,000	1,540.57	1,500	1,500
6004-64.00 Equipment Rental	800	0.00	800	800
6004-65.00 Road Signs and Guardrail	1,200	459.47	1,200	1,200
6004-66.00 Bridge Maintenance	5,000	5,000.00	2,500	2,000
6004-67.00 State General Permit - Stormwater	0	0.00	2,000	1,500
<b>Total Highway &amp; Roads Maint.:</b>	<b>287,100</b>	<b>262,406.61</b>	<b>289,700</b>	<b>285,700</b>

<b>Total Highway Department:</b>	<b>778,925</b>	<b>721,195.07</b>	<b>801,025</b>	<b>795,025</b>
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**VOTER APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS:**

7000-98.00	B.R.O.C.	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
7000-98.02	Homeless Coalition	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
7005-98.01	R.S.V.P.	1,500	1,500.00	1,500	1,500
7010-98.02	SW VT Council on Aging	1,600	1,600.00	1,600	1,600
7020-98.04	Ctr for Restorative Justice	750	750.00	750	750
7030-98.06	PAVE	500	500.00	500	500
7035-98.07	Neighbor to Neighbor	750	750.00	750	750
7040-98.08	Dorset Historical Society	7,500	7,500.00	7,500	7,500
7045-98.09	Habitat for Humanity	850	850.00	850	850
7045-98.11	School Facility Use Fee	76,000	76,000.00	76,000	76,000
7045-98.12	Community Food Cupboard	0	0.00	0	0
7045-98.13	East Dorset Cemetery	2,500	2,500.00	2,500	2,500
7045-98.16	GNAT-TV	2,000	2,000.00	2,000	2,000
7045-98.17	Dorset Library	20,000	20,000.00	20,000	20,000
7045-98.19	Dorset Nursing Association	40,000	40,000.00	40,000	40,000
7045-98.21	The Collaborative	750	750.00	750	750
7045-98.23	Dorset Marble Preservation Association (DMPA)	5,000	5,000.00	15,000	15,000
7045.98.24	The Dorset Playhouse	0	0.00	2,000	2,000
<b>Total Voter Appropriations:</b>		<b>161,700</b>	<b>161,700.00</b>	<b>173,700</b>	<b>173,700</b>

<b>Total General Fund:</b>		<b>1,782,442</b>	<b>2,347,385.92</b>	<b>2,217,861</b>	<b>2,301,279</b>
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**OTHER REVENUES**

4155-00.00	Lister's Income	200	216.50	250	250
4160-00.00	Town Clerk Fees	32,500	26,604.05	32,500	30,000
4161-00.00	Vital Records	0	0.00	0	0
4163-00.00	Penalty on Taxes	32,500	31,859.59	32,500	32,500
4164-00.00	Town Forest Donations	0	187,430.00	0	0
4164-10.00	Town Forest Grants	0	449,495.30	0	0
4165-00.00	State Aid Highways	93,500	94,374.29	95,000	95,000
4169-00.00	Liquor licenses	850	1,085.00	850	850
4170-00.00	Dog Licenses	1,800	2,197.00	1,800	1,800
4179-00.00	Animal Ordinance (fines)	0	0.00	0	0
4171-00.00	Interest (Late Taxes)	38,000	28,753.05	38,000	35,000
4172-00.00	Unanticipated income	0	97.55	0	0
4172-10.00	Mad Tom Garden Donations	0	0.00	0	0
4172-31.00	Defibrillator Donations	0	0.00	0	0
4172-32.00	Wilson House Donations	0	550.00	0	0
4172-33.00	DMPA Donation	0	0.00	0	0
4173-00.00	Zoning Income	8,500	9,055.71	8,500	9,000
4175-00.00	State Owned Properties	20,000	26,460.62	22,500	22,500
4176-00.00	Fed-Owned Entitlement	11,500	15,738.00	12,500	12,500
4177-00.00	VT. Land Use Tax	25,000	26,204.00	25,000	25,000
4178-00.00	Current Use Penalty	0	0.00	0	0
4185-00.00	Interest Revenue	3,800	2,271.84	3,800	2,500
4190-00.00	Weight Permits	400	535.00	400	400
4195-00.00	Sale of Equipment	0	1,500.00	0	0
4200-00.00	Traffic Fines	7,500	5,904.47	7,500	9,500
4200-68.00	Muni Education Grant	800	0.00	800	800
4200-71.00	Marble Sidewalks Grant	0	0.00	0	0
4210-00.10	Previous year Surplus	139,125	139,125.00	20,887	65,000
4210-00.00	Other Operating Transfers	0	0.00	0	0

<b>Total Other Revenues:</b>		<b>415,975</b>	<b>1,049,456.97</b>	<b>302,787</b>	<b>342,600</b>
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<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX:</b>		<b>1,366,467</b>	<b>1,297,928.95</b>	<b>1,915,074</b>	<b>1,958,679</b>
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Reserve Funds	Equipment	Hwy Paving	Hwy Recon.	Buildings	Reappraisal	Record Pres.	Unemployment	Conservation	250th
<b>Balance 6/30/15</b>	46,402	15,836	723	23,414	147,056	5,702	46,845	311	0
<b>Revenues</b>									
FY16 Budget	130,000	155,000	5,000	60,000	14,421	2,500	2,000	0	0
State Grant			0						
Interest	200	750	20	150	350	75	250	7	0
<b>Expenses</b>									
FY15 Budget	-155,000	-160,000	0	0	0	-4,000	0	0	0
<b>Balance 6/30/16</b>	21,602	11,586	5,743	83,564	161,827	4,277	49,095	318	0
<b>Revenues</b>									
FY17 Budget	145,000	110,000	5,000	60,000	14,487	2,500	2,000	0	0
State Loan	30,000								
State Grant		44,000	43,000						
Equip Sale	25,000		10	75	350	75	250	5	0
Interest	200	750						0	0
<b>Expenses</b>									
FY17 Budget	-188,000	-125,000	-51,637	0	0	-4,000	0	-263	0
<b>Projected Balance 6/30/17</b>	33,802	41,336	2,116	143,639	176,664	2,852	51,345	60	0
<b>Revenues</b>									
FY18 Budget	145,000	105,000	2,000	60,000	14,000	2,500	0	0	0
State Grant			0						
State Loan									
Equip Sale			10	75	350	75	250	5	0
Interest	200	750						0	0
<b>Expenses</b>									
FY18 Budget	-135,000	-95,000	0	-200,000	0	-3,200	0	0	0
<b>Projected Balance 6/30/18</b>	44,002	52,086	4,126	3,714	191,014	2,227	51,595	65	0

- a. Western Star tandem truck
- b. John Deere 624K Wheel Loader
- c. Replace Single Axle Plow Truck
- d. Paved Mad Tom & Lower Squirrel
- e. Paved Lower Hollow & Dorset Hollow partial/ Rt 30 curbing
- f. Pave Cross Road & School Drive/ Parking
- g. Lower Hollow Bridge Deck Replacement
- h. Route 30 Salt Shed Construction

- i. Record Preservation Expense
- j. Cutler Forest Expense

## 2016 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, February 29, 2016 at 9:15 P.M. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Dorset School to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

Article 1: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$16,250 for the 2016-2017 school year for those pupils who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend Burr and Burton Academy?

Motion was made by Mary Rita Manley, seconded by Terry Tyler. Mark Tashjian spoke about the tuition cost of \$16,250. He is hoping to increase the international student enrollment, increase the tuitioned students and also increase the giving of donations, which will help close the gap in tuition costs and budget increases. Jim Salsgiver stated the state average is about \$14,700 and that BBA is the lowest in private schools. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 2: Shall the voters approve payment of \$16,250 in tuition support to the Long Trail School for the 2016-2017 school year for pupils in grades 9-12 who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend the Long Trail School?

Motion was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by Henry Chandler. Steven Dear, Headmaster spoke about Long Trail School and what a great year they have had and with no further discussion, motion carried.

Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017?

Motion by Abbott DeRham and second Skip Dickenson, motion carried.

Article 4: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the Building and Grounds Reserve Fund?

Motion by Ruth Stewart and second by Clarissa Lennox. Jennifer Allen stated that this was warned separately for transparency purposes. Abbott DeRham stated that he realizes large expenditures occur and asks why 100k in one year, why not a little each year, Jim Salsgiver stated that each year the surplus is put in the building fund and since surpluses are not large the fund is underfunded for the current needs. Since this fund is in the budget, it is being asked as an advisory question only, the motion carried.

Article 5: To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 7). See notes under Article 7.

Article 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Jennifer Allen spoke about Act 46 and the study of a merger committee has been formed. The board is seeking a community member to serve on this committee. She stated that Dan French, superintendent will be retiring at the end of the school year and that Jackie Wilson is filling in as interm superintendent until a Candidate is hired.

Article 7: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$5,714,664, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,029 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.74% lower than spending for the current year.

YES    618

NO    111

Article 8: To elect School District officers and directors for the ensuing year:

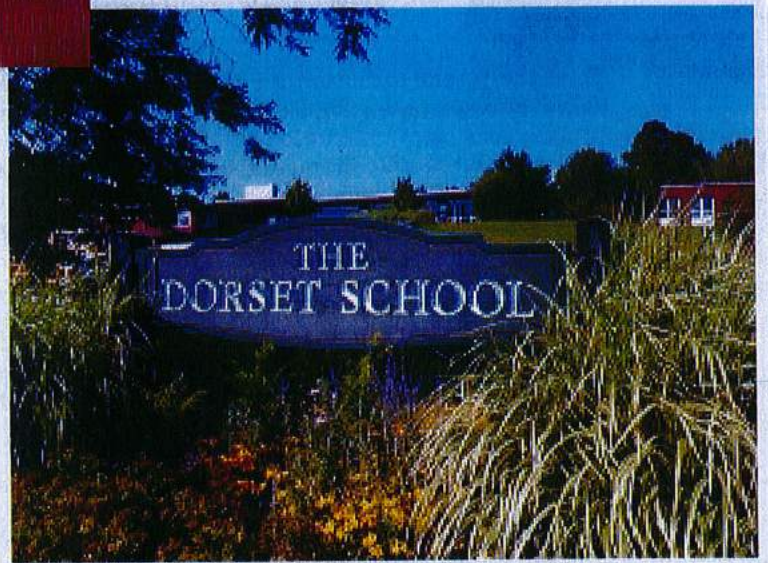
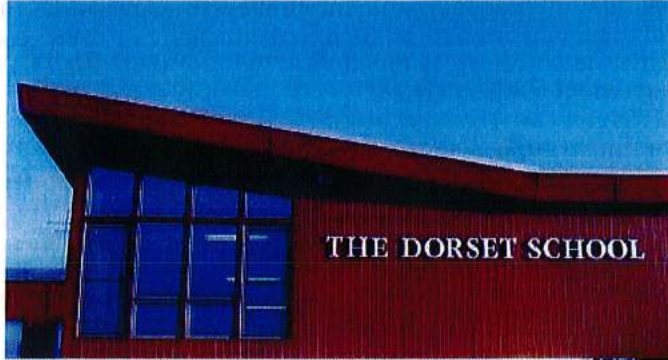
Moderator for 1 year	Kevin O'Toole	683
School Director for two (2) years	Vickie Haskins	576
School Director for three (3) years	Jennifer Allen	601

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Motion was made by Tom Smith to suspend meeting until the 7 a.m., seconded by Ruth Stewart. Motion carried.

# School Warning, Reports & Budgets



Burr and Burton Academy  
*founded in 1829*



# BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY

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We are pleased to submit our tuition for the 2017-2018 school year. We have set our tuition at \$16,700, an increase of 2.8%. This increase is in line with contracted faculty salary increases and our general rate of inflation in other expenses.

This has been an unusually busy time politically, with consolidation proposals under Act 46 coupled with proposed rules by the State Board of Education. We are deeply appreciative of the tremendous support Burr and Burton has received so that our sending communities will continue to have BBA available to all.

Your support increases our sense of responsibility to serve students, families and communities. We continue to strive to provide the highest quality educational experiences, a place where students are known and cared for, and a place where each student is able to build a meaningful future in a complex and rapidly changing world. To that end:

- We are most proud of the quality of our faculty and their dedication to students. Meaningful teacher-student relationships are one of the hallmarks of this school, and we are able to attract and retain unusually skilled teachers in no small part thanks to the support of our sending communities.
- We remain fully committed to superb programming in academics, athletics and the creative arts, ensuring that BBA students benefit from tremendous learning experiences and opportunities inside and outside the classroom.
- We continue to raise significant capital dollars to support infrastructure growth. In the past five years, thanks to private donations, we have installed a world-class turf field, launched the Mountain Campus program in environmental studies, launched the Student Success Program to support the aspirations of first-generation college bound students, and put iPads in the hands of every student and teacher. We upgraded our investment in the Target program, created a STEAM lab maker space, and, in partnership with Hildene, have launched a program in food systems and agricultural studies housed in a state-of-the-art greenhouse.

We augment our tuition with \$700,000 in endowment draw, over \$2 million in international student revenue, and \$1 million in annual fundraising. These added sources of revenue ensure that we are able to provide programs and services that far exceed what would be possible on tuition dollars alone.

BBA cherishes its relationship with our sending communities. We seek to be an important resource, a reason that people want to live in our communities, and a source of strength and pride for all. Thank you very much for your support.

Mark H. Tashjian  
Headmaster

Seth Bongartz  
Chair, Board of Trustees

**Burr and Burton Academy**

	Actual 2015-2016		Budget 2016-2017		Budget 2017-2018
<b>OPERATING REVENUES AND GAINS</b>					
Tuition and fees	\$ 13,408,106		\$ 13,548,835		\$ 13,888,000
Food service	350,561		365,000		375,000
Contributions and grants	917,266		900,525		900,000
Endowment draw	706,621		746,059		750,000
Other	75,226		75,273		75,000
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>15,457,780</b>		<b>15,635,692</b>		<b>15,988,000</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>					
Salaries and wages	8,442,476		8,521,332		8,734,000
Employee benefits	<u>3,041,826</u>		<u>3,085,664</u>		<u>3,178,000</u>
<b>Total personnel</b>	<b>11,484,302</b>		<b>11,606,996</b>		<b>11,912,000</b>
Advertising	15,585		15,000		15,000
Commissions, fees and subscriptions	291,366		281,535		300,000
Depreciation of technology equipment and vehicles & building debt service	342,567		432,061		398,000
Equipment and leases	141,816		149,652		150,000
Insurance	209,085		203,069		209,000
Interest	44,323		49,000		49,000
Professional development	93,411		100,000		100,000
Professional fees	124,426		131,100		135,000
Purchased services and service contracts	810,764		750,264		775,000
Repairs and maintenance	145,103		140,000		145,000
Room and board	223,137		208,000		265,000
Scholarships and awards	50,355		57,251		59,000
Supplies	819,413		768,469		770,000
Telephone and postage	64,795		66,700		69,000
Transportation and travel	406,560		444,827		460,000
Utilities	292,194		331,711		342,000
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>15,559,202</b>		<b>15,735,635</b>		<b>16,153,000</b>
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (101,422)</b>		<b>\$ (99,943)</b>		<b>\$ (165,000)</b>
<b>Burr and Burton Academy</b>					
<b>PO Box 498</b>					
<b>Manchester, VT 05254</b>					
<b>802-362-1775</b>					

# LONG TRAIL SCHOOL



*Exceptional Experiences*

Thousands of lives have been positively affected by Long Trail School. For more than four decades, students and their families have been enriched by this educational community. In addition to the engaging and globally aware curriculum, programs in the arts, athletics, sciences and leadership provide students from southern Vermont and nearby New York State with opportunities to self-challenge, learn and grow. Every day we connect with the world around our school in ways small and large, improving the circumstances of those we know and others we will never meet.

Long Trail boasts nearly 200 students from over 25 towns and 5 countries this year. Families seek us out for our unparalleled creative and intellectual challenges and are enchanted by our warm family atmosphere which recognizes students as individuals.

This year we are celebrating five years of our International Baccalaureate curriculum. As an 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 them well as they move beyond our campus. We strive every day to imbue students with a sense of purpose and place in community. Student organizations work with local groups and churches to assist others all year long. They have raised their voices with fervency and respect to share the message that school choice matters. Fundraising for causes supplements volunteer hours to clean roadsides, spread holiday cheer and connect with town members. Our students team with community leaders and see the difference they can make. They are becoming meaningful world citizens.

Grateful for the commitment of tuition funding from area towns, we remain committed to the children of this region who benefit greatly from the unique 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 your neighborhoods. Thank you.

Steven E. Dear, Head of School

Should you wish more information about LTS, please contact me at [sdear@longtrailsschool.org](mailto:sdear@longtrailsschool.org) or 802-867-5717.



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Long Trail School  
Statement of Operations  
Years Ended June 30

	<b>AUDITED</b> 2014-2015	<b>AUDITED</b> 2015-2016
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>		
Total Tuition and Fees	\$3,165,448	\$3,377,091
Program Support Revenue	584,179	573,309
Financial Aid	(615,460)	(656,140)
Auxiliary Programs	23,191	54,803
Contributions	356,290	527,090
Investment income for operations	140,675	150,878
Total Support & Revenue	\$3,654,323	\$4,027,031
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program Services		
Educational and Supporting programs	2,925,420	2,939,963
Auxiliary Services	25,460	12,833
Total Program Support	2,950,880	2,952,796
Supporting Services		
General Administration	912,320	917,946
Fundraising	178,769	196,678
Total Supporting Services	1,091,089	1,114,624
Total Expenses	\$4,041,969	\$4,067,420
<b>OTHER REVENUE AND GAINS</b>	\$ 464,950	\$ (113,476)
<b>NET OPERATING RESULTS</b>	\$ 77,304	\$ (153,865)



## DORSET TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Dorset Town School District, Dorset, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Dorset School on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Dorset School to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

### To be acted upon on Monday, March 6, 2017:

- Article 1: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018?
- Article 2: To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 6).
- Article 3: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$16,700 for the 2017-2018 school year for those pupils who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend Burr and Burton Academy?
- Article 4: Shall the voters approve payment of \$16,700 in tuition support to the Long Trail School for the 2017-2018 school year for pupils in grades 9-12 who are residents of the Town of Dorset and attend the Long Trail School?
- Article 5: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

### To be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017:

- Article 6: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$5,478,215, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,179 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 14.31% higher than spending for the current year.
- Article 7: To elect School District officers and directors for the ensuing year:
1. Moderator for 1 year
  2. School Director for two (2) years
  3. School Director for three (3) years
- Article 8: Shall the voters of the Dorset Town School District vote to form the Taconic and Green Regional School District ("Union School District") on the following terms:
1. The districts listed below shall all be identified as "necessary" for the formation of the Union School District:  
The Dorset Town School District  
The Manchester Town School District  
The Mountain Towns Regional Education District  
  
The districts listed below shall be identified as "advisable" for the formation of the Union School District.  
The Danby Town School District  
The Mt. Tabor Town School District  
The Sunderland Town School District  
Union School District #23 (Currier Memorial School)
  2. The Union School District will operate schools in Grades Kindergarten through Eight (K-8) and tuition students in Grades Nine through Twelve (9-12) to provide education for all students in the Union School District.
  3. The Union School District Board of Directors shall be composed of thirteen (13) directors if all advisable districts vote in favor of the merger. Directors shall be nominated from the legal voters of each forming town and shall be elected on an at-large basis by Australian Ballot vote by the voters of the Union School District. Directors shall have equal votes and shall be allocated as based on the following merger scenarios:

a. All advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

b. All advisable districts except Danby and Mt. Tabor vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>

c. All advisable districts except Sunderland vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

d. None of the advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

4. Real Estate and Personal Property

- A. No later than June 30, 2018, the forming districts will convey to the Union School District, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, all school-related real estate and personal property owned by them, including all school-related land, buildings, and contents.

- B. Disposal of Real Estate. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the forming districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the town in which it is located, except as provided below for any properties conveyed to the Union School District by either the Mountain Towns Regional School District or Union School District #23.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mountain Town Regional School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall sell such real property, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors, and return the proceeds of any such sale to the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston in amounts equal to the relative proportion of the population of these towns.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by Union School District #23 is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall first offer to sell such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the Town of Danby. If the Town of Danby does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District shall then offer to sell the property to the Town of Mt. Tabor under the same terms and conditions. If the Town of Mt. Tabor does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District may sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

The conveyance of any school properties to a town shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the Union School District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Union School District and prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Union School District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

#### 5. Transfer of Funds

- a. Capital Debt. The Union School District shall assume all capital debt of forming districts, including both principal and interest, as may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018.
- b. Operating Fund Surpluses and Deficits. The Union School District shall assume any and all general operating surpluses and deficits of the forming districts that may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the Union School District and will be applied for said purpose unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.
- c. Specified Funds. The forming districts will transfer to the Union School District any

preexisting school district specific endowments or other restricted accounts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship funds or like accounts held by school districts prior to June 30, 2018, that have specified conditions of use will be used in accordance with said provisions.

6. Australian Ballot. The Union School District voters shall vote on the budget and other public questions by Australian ballot with polling places provided in each member town. Ballots will be delivered to the Union District Clerk and commingled for counting.
7. The provisions of the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file at the offices of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, shall govern the Union School District.

Article 9: To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the Taconic and Green Regional School District:

Danby	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
Dorset	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Landgrove	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Londonderry	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
Manchester	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
Mt. Tabor	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Peru	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Sunderland	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Weston	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021

Danby	
Dorset	
Londonderry	4 Directors for one (1) year term expiring in March of 2019
Manchester	

Absentee voting will be permitted on all matters to be voted upon by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 7:00AM until 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

Dated this 4th day of January 2017.

DORSET BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
David Chandler, Chair  
Jennifer Allen, Clerk  
Vickie Haskins  
Jim Mirenda  
James Salsgiver

## **Changes in Special Education**

The Supervisory Union special education budget consolidates special education expenditures for all member districts, grades PK through 12, as required by Act 153.

Current statute requires special education payments be made to school districts. The Supervisory Union allocates all costs (offset by grants) to member districts through an assessment, and special education reimbursement associated with those costs are received at the local level.

There has been a change in statute allowing special education payments to be sent directly to the supervisory union beginning on July 1, 2017 (FY18). Due to this change the supervisory union costs are offset by both grants *and* expected special education reimbursement before being assessed to member districts. This results in significantly lower district assessments than in prior years. Each district will see both special education expenditures **and** revenues decrease as a result of this change.

Since special education is a large part of our school budgets it may be misleading to compare the total FY18 expenditures to be voted to the current year expenditures without taking the above change into consideration. Additional information is included on the budget summary page showing total expenditures less special education expenditures in order to make a uniform comparison from year to year for the remaining expenditures in the budget.

# Dorset School District

## FY18 Budget

	FY16 <u>Budget</u>	FY16 <u>Actual</u>	FY17 <u>Budget</u>	FY17 <u>Anticipated</u>	FY18 <u>Budget</u>	% Change Budgets 18 vs 17
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Early Education	\$42,000	\$69,514	\$74,208	\$64,932	\$66,885	
Regular Education K-8	1,446,537	1,440,570	1,507,594	1,602,743	1,664,363	
Regular Education 9-12	1,638,898	1,632,839	1,567,237	1,809,227	1,878,316	
Health Services	38,975	38,005	40,131	39,752	40,800	
Library/Media Services	148,029	140,795	181,740	180,979	180,325	
Board	28,030	22,959	27,830	28,381	28,706	
Office of the Superintendent	102,848	102,848	111,810	111,810	104,404	
Fiscal Services	24,415	21,252	19,162	19,162	22,632	
School Administration	255,756	255,247	265,130	265,241	272,373	
Plant and Grounds Operations	280,572	254,859	247,726	229,898	247,215	
Vehicle Operation Services	138,096	132,176	143,276	135,401	153,737	
Special Education	1,183,188	1,221,382	1,357,593	1,434,865	660,850	
Extracurricular/Enrichment	51,080	45,787	58,694	56,665	58,801	
Foodservice Program	<u>112,708</u>	<u>107,255</u>	<u>112,533</u>	<u>89,119</u>	<u>98,808</u>	
<b>Total Budget to be Voted</b>	<b>\$5,491,132</b>	<b>\$5,485,488</b>	<b>\$5,714,664</b>	<b>\$6,068,175</b>	<b>\$5,478,215</b>	-4.1%
Warned Article	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$5,521,132</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,515,488</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,814,664</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,168,175</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,478,215</u></b>	

**For Presentation Purposes Only (See Explanation of Changes in Special Education)**

<b>TOTAL BUDGET (excluding special education &amp; warned article)</b>	<b><u>\$4,357,071</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,633,310</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,817,365</u></b>	<b>10.6%</b>
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## FY18 Budget

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b><u>Local/Miscellaneous</u></b>					
1300 Tuition	\$85,400	\$116,824	\$78,600	\$156,994	\$109,900
1500 Interest	500	391	500	500	500
1900 Donations/Miscellaneous	2,000	5,168	2,000	2,000	2,000
1910 Town Rent of Building	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000
5400 Prior Year Adjustments	<u>0</u>	<u>6,405</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>485</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$163,900</u>	<u>\$204,788</u>	<u>\$157,100</u>	<u>\$235,979</u>	<u>\$188,400</u>
<b><u>State/Federal/Subgrants</u></b>					
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	\$62,608	\$62,608	\$66,580	\$63,748	\$66,766
4810 Forest Revenue	<u>4,300</u>	<u>4,004</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>\$66,908</u>	<u>\$66,612</u>	<u>\$70,580</u>	<u>\$67,748</u>	<u>\$70,766</u>
<b><u>Special Education</u></b>					
1941 Special Ed Service Fees	\$1,827	\$8,909	\$10,500	\$2,970	\$0
3201 Special Ed Block Grant	104,028	104,028	112,944	112,944	0
3202 Spec. Ed. - Reimbursement	561,127	577,951	666,142	731,729	102,129
3204 Early Education Block Grant	<u>18,560</u>	<u>18,560</u>	<u>22,407</u>	<u>22,407</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$685,542</u>	<u>\$709,448</u>	<u>\$811,993</u>	<u>\$870,050</u>	<u>\$102,129</u>
<b><u>Extracurricular/After School Program</u></b>					
1900 After School Fees/Donations	\$10,000	\$18,033	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
2700 Subgrants	<u>6,965</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>10,471</u>	<u>4,205</u>	<u>4,209</u>
	<u>\$16,965</u>	<u>\$18,074</u>	<u>\$24,471</u>	<u>\$20,205</u>	<u>\$20,209</u>
<b><u>Foodservice Program</u></b>					
<b><u>Child Nutrition Program</u></b>					
1600 Lunch/Milk Sales	\$50,400	\$57,526	\$58,000	\$48,000	\$48,000
3400 State Lunch Match	900	1,091	900	900	900
4400 Federal Lunch Reimb.	<u>30,100</u>	<u>31,452</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>32,000</u>
	<u>\$81,400</u>	<u>\$90,069</u>	<u>\$90,900</u>	<u>\$80,900</u>	<u>\$80,900</u>
<b><u>Locally Supported Program</u></b>					
1900 Miscellaneous/Donations	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total Foodservice Program	<u>\$81,400</u>	<u>\$90,069</u>	<u>\$90,900</u>	<u>\$82,900</u>	<u>\$82,900</u>
Revenue Subtotal	\$1,014,715	\$1,088,991	\$1,155,044	\$1,276,882	\$464,404
3100 Education Spending	<u>4,630,067</u>	<u>4,630,067</u>	<u>4,677,170</u>	<u>4,677,170</u>	<u>5,159,177</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS</b>	<b><u>\$5,644,782</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,719,058</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,832,214</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,954,052</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,623,581</u></b>
Surplus Used/(Deficit) Raised Above	<u>(123,650)</u>		<u>(17,550)</u>		<u>(145,366)</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$5,521,132</u></b>		<b><u>\$5,814,664</u></b>		<b><u>\$5,478,215</u></b>

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<u>FUND BALANCES</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Building &amp; Grounds Reserve</u>	<u>Donations / Classroom Supplies</u>	<u>Grants &amp; Subgrants</u>	<u>Medicaid</u>
<b>Actual Balance June 30, 2015</b>	<b>(\$134,813)</b>	<b>\$36,357</b>	<b>\$3,889</b>	<b>\$14,943</b>	<b>\$39,560</b>
Actual Revenue FY16	\$5,719,058		\$8,321	\$15,026	\$24,761
Actual Expenditures FY16	(5,485,488)	(\$23,997)	<u>(9,520)</u>	<u>(17,356)</u>	<u>0</u>
Warned Article - Approved March 2015	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>			
<b>Actual Balance June 30, 2016</b>	<b><u>\$68,757</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,360</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,690</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,613</u></b>	<b><u>\$64,321</u></b>
Anticipated Revenue FY17	\$5,954,052				
Anticipated Expenditures FY17	(6,068,175)	(\$43,340)			
Warned Article - Approved March 2016	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>100,000</u>			
<b>Anticipated Balance June 30, 2017</b>	<b><u>(\$145,366)</u></b>	<b><u>\$99,020</u></b>			
Budgeted Revenue FY18	\$5,623,581				
Budgeted Expenditures FY18	<u>(5,478,215)</u>				
<b>Budgeted Balance June 30, 2018</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$99,020</u></b>			



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			<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b>EARLY EDUCATION</b>							
1100	320	Contracted Services	<u>\$42,000</u>	<u>\$69,514</u>	<u>\$74,208</u>	<u>\$64,932</u>	<u>\$66,885</u>
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION K-8</b>							
1100	110	Salaries-Teachers	\$929,084	\$940,082	\$952,877	\$1,000,627	\$1,023,149
1100	110	Teacher Stipends	2,500	6,663	8,850	10,157	17,336
1100	115	Salaries-Paraeducators	30,119	15,260	31,033	15,674	16,048
1100	115	Salaries-Summer School	3,300	6,122	6,000	5,252	6,000
1100	120	Substitutes	15,500	17,524	17,000	17,000	17,000
1100	210	Group Medical	295,369	289,538	312,922	364,490	387,244
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	106,076	102,939	110,398	115,015	116,800
1100	331	ESL Assessment	15,489	15,489	15,314	15,314	14,123
1100	332	Shared Services	0	2,562	1,000	2,600	2,600
1100	592	Instructional Services/Geometry	2,900	29	0	0	0
1100	610	Teaching Supplies	11,000	12,314	11,000	11,000	12,500
1100	620	Instructional Materials	7,600	8,762	7,600	7,600	9,000
1100	739	Equipment	<u>2,600</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>3,771</u>	<u>2,600</u>
			<u>\$1,421,537</u>	<u>\$1,417,440</u>	<u>\$1,476,594</u>	<u>\$1,568,500</u>	<u>\$1,624,400</u>
<u>Instructional Support</u>							
2200	110	Support Stipends	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$1,500
2200	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	0	0	0	243	122
2200	331	Curriculum/Support Assessment	0	0	0	0	7,341
2200	270	Tuition/PD Contractual	22,000	20,310	28,000	28,000	28,000
2200	325	Prof Dev/District	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
			<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$23,130</u>	<u>\$31,000</u>	<u>\$34,243</u>	<u>\$39,963</u>
<b>Total Regular Education K-8</b>			<b><u>\$1,446,537</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,440,570</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,507,594</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,602,743</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,664,363</u></b>
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION 9-12</b>							
1130	330	Tutoring/Services-504	\$12,800	\$37,999	\$24,000	\$19,218	\$15,500
1130	564	Tuition - Out of State	42,750	71,485	44,175	73,865	76,000
1130	566	Tuition - Private In State	1,570,278	1,508,642	1,483,625	1,699,588	1,770,200
1130	569	Vocational Tuition	13,070	12,901	13,437	13,022	12,966
2100	330	Support Services-504	0	<u>1,812</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,534</u>	<u>3,650</u>
<b>Total Regular Education 9-12</b>			<b><u>\$1,638,898</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,632,839</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,567,237</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,809,227</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,878,316</u></b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>							
2130	110	Salaries	\$30,875	\$30,571	\$31,647	\$31,336	\$32,119
2130	120	Substitutes	750	365	750	750	750
2130	210	Group Medical	3,881	3,880	4,209	4,141	4,348
2130	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	2,969	2,786	3,025	3,025	3,083
2130	610	Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>Total Health Services</b>			<b><u>\$38,975</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,005</u></b>	<b><u>\$40,131</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,752</u></b>	<b><u>\$40,800</u></b>

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			<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES</b>							
2220	110	Salaries-Teachers	\$55,619	\$55,219	\$56,882	\$56,599	\$58,014
2220	115	Salaries-Tech Support	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
2220	115	Salary-Para/Support	19,064	16,162	18,395	18,395	18,851
2220	120	Substitutes	600	2,415	600	600	600
2220	210	Group Medical	27,987	26,724	30,307	29,860	31,353
2220	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	8,759	8,104	8,868	8,837	9,015
2220	331	Technology Assessment	0	0	30,488	30,488	26,292
2220	340	Technical Services	3,000	3,092	3,200	3,200	3,200
2220	610	Library Books & Supplies	7,000	11,357	7,000	7,000	7,000
2220	730	Technology/Computers	<u>25,000</u>	<u>16,722</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total Library/Media Services</b>			<b><u>\$148,029</u></b>	<b><u>\$140,795</u></b>	<b><u>\$181,740</u></b>	<b><u>\$180,979</u></b>	<b><u>\$180,325</u></b>
<b>BOARD</b>							
2310	111	Salaries	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
2310	111	Minutes	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
2310	220	Benefits	230	230	230	306	306
2310	330	Contracted Service/Clerical	1,500	687	1,500	750	750
2310	360	Legal Services	2,500	95	2,500	2,500	2,500
2310	520	Comprehensive Insurance	16,000	15,217	15,800	16,076	16,700
2310	540	Advertising	3,000	1,982	3,000	3,000	3,000
2310	810	Dues & Memberships	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,748</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>1,450</u>
<b>Total Board</b>			<b><u>\$28,030</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,959</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,830</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,381</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,706</u></b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>							
2321	331	Assessment	<u>\$102,848</u>	<u>\$102,848</u>	<u>\$111,810</u>	<u>\$111,810</u>	<u>\$104,404</u>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>							
2520	320	Purchased Services/Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,337	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
2520	331	BRSU Assessment	15,915	15,915	13,662	13,662	14,732
2520	370	Audit	<u>7,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6,400</u>
<b>Total Fiscal Services</b>			<b><u>\$24,415</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,252</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,162</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,162</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,632</u></b>
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>							
2410	110	Principal Salary	\$101,457	\$100,477	\$102,989	\$102,989	\$105,564
2410	115	Salaries-Staff	62,347	61,722	63,313	63,321	64,875
2410	210	Group Medical Insurance	47,235	47,234	50,966	50,386	52,904
2410	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	20,117	19,497	20,287	20,480	20,930
2410	325	Professional Development	5,000	4,153	5,000	5,000	5,000
2410	332	Shared Services	800	893	875	1,065	1,100
2410	491	Service Contract-Copier/Printers	10,400	12,609	11,500	12,600	12,600
2410	530	Telephone	2,000	2,268	3,800	2,500	2,500
2410	531	Postage	1,000	872	1,000	1,000	1,000
2410	580	Local Transportation	400	0	400	400	400
2410	610	Office Supplies	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,522</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
<b>Total School Administration</b>			<b><u>\$255,756</u></b>	<b><u>\$255,247</u></b>	<b><u>\$265,130</u></b>	<b><u>\$265,241</u></b>	<b><u>\$272,373</u></b>

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			<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>PLANT OPERATIONS/GROUNDS</b>							
2620	110	Salaries	\$71,215	\$75,320	\$73,536	\$71,023	\$68,081
2620	120	Substitutes	2,000	0	2,000	2,036	3,100
2620	210	Group Medical Insurance	26,600	32,298	34,923	36,171	38,323
2620	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	13,931	14,428	14,341	13,742	13,285
2620	325	Conference Fees	300		300	300	300
2620	420	Rubbish Removal	4,500	5,139	5,000	5,000	5,000
2620	490	Repairs & Maintenance	28,000	35,629	28,000	28,000	43,000
2620	580	PD/Travel/Memberships	1,500	586	1,500	1,500	1,500
2620	610	Custodial Supplies	19,000	14,485	18,000	16,000	16,000
2620	622	Electricity	35,500	21,205	25,000	22,500	22,500
2620	624	Fuel Oil	42,900	22,402	35,000	23,500	26,000
2620	720	Lighting Retrofit/FY16	4,426	4,794	4,426	4,426	4,426
2620	730	Equipment	27,700	27,769	2,700	2,700	2,700
2630	430	Grounds Maintenance	2,500	521	2,500	2,500	2,500
2630	610	Grounds Supplies	500	283	500	500	500
<b>Total Plant and Grounds</b>			<b><u>\$280,572</u></b>	<b><u>\$254,859</u></b>	<b><u>\$247,726</u></b>	<b><u>\$229,898</u></b>	<b><u>\$247,215</u></b>
<b>VEHICLE OPERATION SERVICES</b>							
2711	110	Salaries	\$58,429	\$57,778	\$60,027	\$56,753	\$57,395
2711	120	Substitutes	2,000	1,440	3,000	3,000	3,000
2711	210	Group Medical	16,178	17,643	19,083	17,222	17,737
2711	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	9,379	9,835	9,831	9,529	9,620
2711	390	Physicals/CDL	2,420	1,475	2,500	2,000	2,000
2711	520	Bus Insurance	1,790	1,535	1,600	1,862	1,950
2711	580	PD/Travel	500	218	500	500	500
2711	910	Bus Lease Payments	16,000	16,835	16,835	16,835	33,835
2740	430	Maintenance	15,000	15,305	15,000	15,000	15,000
2740	622	Electricity	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
2740	626	Diesel	14,500	7,463	13,000	10,000	10,000
2740	690	Other Expenses & Supplies	500	1,249	500	1,300	1,300
<b>Total Vehicle Operation Services</b>			<b><u>\$138,096</u></b>	<b><u>\$132,176</u></b>	<b><u>\$143,276</u></b>	<b><u>\$135,401</u></b>	<b><u>\$153,737</u></b>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION - PK-8</b>							
<u>PK Services</u>							
1100	320	Contracted Services/PK	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$11,665</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$19,186</u>	<u>\$0</u>
			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$11,665</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$19,186</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Instruction</u>							
1100	115	Salaries-Paraeducators	\$81,845	\$101,650	\$94,021	\$135,610	\$120,898
1100	120	Substitutes	3,500	3,015	3,500	3,500	3,500
1100	210	Medical Insurance	15,066	19,460	17,414	28,394	25,314
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	<u>12,467</u>	<u>14,464</u>	<u>14,202</u>	<u>19,801</u>	<u>17,307</u>
			<b><u>\$112,878</u></b>	<b><u>\$138,589</u></b>	<b><u>\$129,137</u></b>	<b><u>\$187,305</u></b>	<b><u>\$167,019</u></b>
<u>Student Support</u>							
2152	115	Salaries-Paraeducators	\$23,794	\$24,480	\$25,466	\$25,466	\$26,106
2152	210	Group Medical	7,533	7,533	8,128	8,036	8,438
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	<u>3,299</u>	<u>3,431</u>	<u>3,555</u>	<u>3,565</u>	<u>3,655</u>
			<b><u>\$34,626</u></b>	<b><u>\$35,444</u></b>	<b><u>\$37,149</u></b>	<b><u>\$37,067</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,199</u></b>
<b>Total Special Education PK-8</b>			<b><u>\$147,504</u></b>	<b><u>\$185,698</u></b>	<b><u>\$166,286</u></b>	<b><u>\$243,558</u></b>	<b><u>\$205,218</u></b>

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>BRSU Assessments</b>					
Early Education	\$30,535	\$30,535	\$37,086	\$37,086	\$17,599
Student Services K-8	438,367	438,367	497,520	497,520	186,103
Student Services 9-12	441,696	441,696	495,019	495,019	193,459
Support Services/Administration	<u>125,086</u>	<u>125,086</u>	<u>161,682</u>	<u>161,682</u>	<u>58,471</u>
Total BRSU Services	<u>\$1,035,684</u>	<u>\$1,035,684</u>	<u>\$1,191,307</u>	<u>\$1,191,307</u>	<u>\$455,632</u>
<b>Total Special Education PK-12</b>	<b><u>\$1,183,188</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,221,382</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,357,593</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,434,865</u></b>	<b><u>\$660,850</u></b>
<b>EXTRACURRICULAR/ENRICHMENT</b>					
<b>Sports Coordination</b>					
1400 115 Coaching/Referees	\$3,850	\$1,300	\$3,850	\$2,400	\$3,850
1400 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	359	105	359	225	361
1400 330 Referees	2,000	1,540	2,000	2,000	2,000
2720 115 Transportation	1,000	950	1,000	1,000	1,000
2720 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	<u>122</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>129</u>
	<u>\$7,331</u>	<u>\$3,949</u>	<u>\$7,331</u>	<u>\$5,753</u>	<u>\$7,340</u>
<b>School Year Programs</b>					
1400 110 Extracurricular Stipends	\$4,200	\$5,738	\$4,300	\$7,400	\$7,900
1400 390 Field Trips/Activities	10,000	5,320	10,000	10,000	10,000
1400 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	339	465	347	601	642
2720 115 Transportation	2,000	2,402	2,000	2,400	2,400
2720 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	<u>245</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>310</u>
	<u>\$16,784</u>	<u>\$14,204</u>	<u>\$16,892</u>	<u>\$20,707</u>	<u>\$21,252</u>
<b>After School Program</b>					
1400 115 Program Instructors	\$20,387	\$24,253	\$26,526	\$24,000	\$24,000
1400 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	2,333	2,875	3,700	3,077	3,080
1400 610 Supplies	2,000	101	2,000	2,000	2,000
2720 115 Transportation	2,000	361	2,000	1,000	1,000
2720 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	<u>245</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>129</u>
	<u>\$26,965</u>	<u>\$27,634</u>	<u>\$34,471</u>	<u>\$30,205</u>	<u>\$30,209</u>
<b>Total Extracurricular/Enrichment</b>	<b><u>\$51,080</u></b>	<b><u>\$45,787</u></b>	<b><u>\$58,694</u></b>	<b><u>\$56,665</u></b>	<b><u>\$58,801</u></b>
<b>FOODSERVICE PROGRAM</b>					
<b>Child Nutrition Program</b>					
3100 110 Salaries	\$37,153	\$35,944	\$38,141	\$38,842	\$39,800
3100 210 Group Medical	15,066	6,278	8,128	5,357	8,438
3100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins	4,989	4,512	5,764	5,420	5,570
3100 630 Food/Milk	<u>24,192</u>	<u>43,335</u>	<u>38,867</u>	<u>31,281</u>	<u>27,092</u>
	<u>\$81,400</u>	<u>\$90,069</u>	<u>\$90,900</u>	<u>\$80,900</u>	<u>\$80,900</u>
<b>Locally Supported Program</b>					
3100 332 Workshops/Conferences	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
3100 490 Repairs & Maintenance	2,000	2,529	2,000	2,000	2,000
3100 610 Supplies	5,000	7,621	5,000	5,000	5,000
3100 730 Equipment	0	0	0	0	5,000
3100 630 Food/Milk	<u>23,808</u>	<u>7,036</u>	<u>14,133</u>	<u>719</u>	<u>4,908</u>
	<u>\$31,308</u>	<u>\$17,186</u>	<u>\$21,633</u>	<u>\$8,219</u>	<u>\$17,908</u>
<b>Total Foodservice Program</b>	<b><u>\$112,708</u></b>	<b><u>\$107,255</u></b>	<b><u>\$112,533</u></b>	<b><u>\$89,119</u></b>	<b><u>\$98,808</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED</b>	<b><u>\$5,491,132</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,485,488</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,714,664</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,068,175</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,478,215</u></b>
Warned Article	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$5,521,132</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,515,488</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,814,664</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,168,175</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,478,215</u></b>

District: **Dorset**  
County: **Bennington**

**T059**  
**Bennington - Rutland**

Property dollar equivalent yield **10,076**  
Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income **11,875**  
Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil **1.00**

Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$5,027,283	\$5,491,132	\$5,714,664	\$5,478,215
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	\$30,000	\$100,000	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$5,027,283</b>	<b>\$5,521,132</b>	<b>\$5,814,664</b>	<b>\$5,478,215</b>
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	\$25,143	\$123,650	\$17,550	\$145,366
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$5,052,426</b>	<b>\$5,644,782</b>	<b>\$5,832,214</b>	<b>\$5,623,581</b>
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$93,695	\$102,848	\$111,810	\$104,404
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	\$25,143	\$123,650	\$17,550	\$145,366
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$824,578	\$1,014,715	\$1,155,044	\$464,404
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$824,578</b>	<b>\$1,014,715</b>	<b>\$1,155,044</b>	<b>\$464,404</b>
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$4,227,848</b>	<b>\$4,630,067</b>	<b>\$4,677,170</b>	<b>\$5,159,177</b>
15.	Equalized Pupils	284.35	299.65	311.21	300.32
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$14,868.46</b>	<b>\$15,451.58</b>	<b>\$15,028.98</b>	<b>\$17,178.93</b>
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	\$0.72	\$8.49	\$10.00	\$35.96
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	-	\$10.57	\$10.96
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$16,166	threshold = \$17,103	Allowable growth	threshold = \$17,386
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$16,166.00	\$17,103.00	\$15,656.97	\$17,386.00
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$14,868	\$15,452	\$15,029	\$17,178.93
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	160.134% based on \$9,285	163.353% based on \$9,285	154.922% based on yield \$9,701	170.494% based on yield \$10,076
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) (\$17,178.93 + (\$10,076.00 / \$1,000))	\$1.5693 based on \$0.98	\$1.6172 based on \$0.99	\$1.5492 based on \$1.00	<b>\$1.7049</b> based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Dorset equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.70)	\$1.5693	\$1.6172	\$1.5492	<b>\$1.7049</b>
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	106.91%	105.64%	107.50%	105.94%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.7049 / 105.94%)	\$1.4679 based on \$0.98	\$1.5309 based on \$0.99	\$1.4411 based on \$1.00	<b>\$1.6093</b> based on \$1.00
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) ((\$17,178.93 + \$11,875) x 2.00%)	2.88% based on 1.80%	2.94% based on 1.80%	2.77% based on 2.00%	<b>2.89%</b> based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.89%)	2.88% based on 1.80%	2.94% based on 1.80%	2.77% based on 2.00%	<b>2.89%</b> based on 0.00%
36.		-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.  
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

# Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union FY18 General Budget

	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
District Shared Positions	\$138,066	\$135,257	\$216,085	\$232,259	\$238,912
Student/Staff Support Positions	87,158	82,742	90,094	89,654	140,295
Technology Staff	0	0	224,206	193,328	214,801
Administration	783,801	773,685	799,891	711,433	836,232
Accounting	152,652	135,195	142,996	150,847	160,571
Transportation	<u>545,000</u>	<u>547,469</u>	<u>560,880</u>	<u>651,648</u>	<u>668,074</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$1,706,677</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,674,348</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,034,152</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,029,169</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,258,885</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>					
Interest	\$1,000	\$3,956	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	500	3,695	500	500	500
District Shared Teachers	138,066	135,257	216,085	232,259	238,912
Transportation Service Fees	545,000	547,469	560,880	651,648	668,074
Grant Administration	<u>12,000</u>	<u>21,201</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>28,812</u>	<u>28,000</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$696,566</u></b>	<b><u>\$711,578</u></b>	<b><u>\$802,465</u></b>	<b><u>\$914,219</u></b>	<b><u>\$936,486</u></b>
Assessments	<u>980,111</u>	<u>980,111</u>	<u>1,201,687</u>	<u>1,201,687</u>	<u>1,252,399</u>
<b>Fee/Assessments</b>	<b><u>\$980,111</u></b>	<b><u>\$980,111</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,201,687</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,201,687</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,252,399</u></b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$1,676,677</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,691,689</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,004,152</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,115,906</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,188,885</u></b>
Surplus Used/(Deficit Raised)	<u>30,000</u>		<u>30,000</u>		<u>70,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$1,706,677</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,034,152</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,258,885</u></b>

<b><u>Summary of Budget Variances</u></b>		<b><u>% Change to Assmnt</u></b>
Curriculum Director (0.2 FTE)	\$30,985	2.6%
New Support Services	17,000	1.4%
Office Expansion	26,185	2.2%
Surplus Used	(40,000)	-3.3%
Balance of Staff/Benefits, Misc.	<u>16,542</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
<b>Total Increase to Assessment</b>	<b><u>\$50,712</u></b>	<b><u>4.2%</u></b>

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	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
<b>District Positions/Shared Teachers</b>					
1100 110 Salaries	\$112,830	\$113,852	\$167,212	\$159,640	\$163,630
1100 210 Medical Insurance	7,708	8,907	24,362	43,742	45,929
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	11,028	11,624	15,511	19,877	20,353
1100 320 Professional Development	<u>6,500</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
<b>District Shared Positions Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$138,066</u></b>	<b><u>\$135,257</u></b>	<b><u>\$216,085</u></b>	<b><u>\$232,259</u></b>	<b><u>\$238,912</u></b>
<b>Student/Staff Support Positions</b>					
<b><u>ESL Position</u></b>					
2100 110 Salaries	\$57,755	\$57,230	\$58,954	\$58,661	\$60,128
2100 210 Medical Insurance	19,787	19,776	21,456	21,104	22,160
2100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	6,116	5,736	6,184	6,389	6,522
2100 320 Professional Development	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
2100 580 Travel	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
2100 610 Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<b><u>\$87,158</u></b>	<b><u>\$82,742</u></b>	<b><u>\$90,094</u></b>	<b><u>\$89,654</u></b>	<b><u>\$92,310</u></b>
<b><u>Curriculum Director</u></b>					
2212 110 Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,000
2212 210 Medical Insurance	0	0	0	0	3,317
2212 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	0	1,668
2212 320 Professional Development	0	0	0	0	5,000
2212 580 Travel	0	0	0	0	2,000
2212 610 Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,985</u></b>
<b><u>Services</u></b>					
2200 330 School Based Management Systems					<u>\$17,000</u>
<b>Student/Staff Support Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$87,158</u></b>	<b><u>\$82,742</u></b>	<b><u>\$90,094</u></b>	<b><u>\$89,654</u></b>	<b><u>\$140,295</u></b>
<b>Technology Staff</b>					
2230 110 Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$145,003	\$135,011	\$146,850
2230 210 Medical Insurance	0	0	53,375	31,599	38,690
2230 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	18,328	21,218	23,261
2230 320 Professional Development	0	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
2230 580 Travel	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>
<b>Technology Staff Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$224,206</u></b>	<b><u>\$193,328</u></b>	<b><u>\$214,801</u></b>
<b>Administration</b>					
2320 110 Superintendent	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$128,000	\$135,000
2320 110 Assistant Superintendent	67,161	66,512	68,175	0	69,000
2320 110 Curriculum Leaders	0	0	0	27,000	0
2320 115 Salaries - Staff	225,733	216,032	219,597	213,948	226,692
2320 210 Medical Insurance	109,778	107,920	118,467	87,107	108,855
2320 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	54,466	55,130	53,514	49,056	56,412
2320 320 Professional Development	19,500	19,354	19,500	14,500	19,500
2320 321 Board Development	3,000	97	3,000	3,000	3,000
2320 330 Contracted Services	1,500	8,440	1,500	1,500	1,500
2320 330 Superintendent Search	0	1,500	0	0	0
2320 330 Minutes	538	1,076	538	538	538
2320 330 Flex Plan Administration	1,000	1,059	1,000	1,200	1,200

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		<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>
		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2320 330	Alarm System Monitoring	300	329	300	400	700
2320 360	Legal	5,000	741	5,000	2,500	2,500
2320 370	Audit	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	10,000
2320 423	Custodial/Trash	3,200	3,506	3,200	3,500	6,100
2320 440	Equip Rent/Copier	2,500	3,241	2,500	2,500	3,500
2320 441	Rent	63,925	63,925	65,850	59,829	85,235
2320 520	Comprehensive Insurance	5,900	5,305	5,500	5,643	5,900
2320 530	Telephone	2,000	2,082	2,000	2,000	2,500
2320 530	Internet	8,300	7,952	8,200	8,200	8,200
2320 531	Postage	4,700	3,009	4,000	4,000	4,000
2320 540	Advertising	1,500	1,374	1,500	1,500	1,500
2320 580	Local Travel	7,000	4,510	6,000	5,000	6,000
2320 610	Supplies	10,000	10,067	10,000	10,000	10,000
2320 670	Tech Supplies/Services	1,600	2,085	2,000	3,000	3,000
2320 670	Accounting System	16,000	18,438	16,500	17,961	18,000
2320 670	Website Portal	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
2320 670	School Messaging System	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,436	2,500
2320 670	Student Management System	14,000	14,471	14,750	12,334	12,700
2320 670	Learning Management System	0	0	12,500	12,305	12,500
2320 670	Meeting Management System	4,500	5,180	4,500	4,440	4,500
2320 730	Equip Purchase	500	401	500	10,236	4,000
2320 810	Dues	6,000	6,749	6,600	6,600	7,000
<b>Administration Subtotal</b>		<b><u>\$783,801</u></b>	<b><u>\$773,685</u></b>	<b><u>\$799,891</u></b>	<b><u>\$711,433</u></b>	<b><u>\$836,232</u></b>
<b>District Accounting</b>						
2510 115	Salaries - Staff	\$101,403	\$99,054	\$102,532	\$102,542	\$105,106
2510 210	Medical Insurance	35,448	20,900	24,765	31,905	37,817
2510 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>15,801</u>	<u>15,241</u>	<u>15,699</u>	<u>16,400</u>	<u>17,648</u>
<b>Accounting Subtotal</b>		<b><u>\$152,652</u></b>	<b><u>\$135,195</u></b>	<b><u>\$142,996</u></b>	<b><u>\$150,847</u></b>	<b><u>\$160,571</u></b>
<b>Transportation</b>						
2711 115	Salaries - Staff	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$66,395	\$67,922
2711 210	Medical Insurance	0	0	0	8,009	8,409
2711 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	10,956	11,298
2711 519	Transportation Contracts	<u>545,000</u>	<u>547,469</u>	<u>560,880</u>	<u>566,288</u>	<u>580,445</u>
<b>Transportation Subtotal</b>		<b><u>\$545,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$547,469</u></b>	<b><u>\$560,880</u></b>	<b><u>\$651,648</u></b>	<b><u>\$668,074</u></b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b><u>\$1,706,677</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,674,348</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,034,152</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,029,169</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,258,885</u></b>



**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION  
GENERAL ASSESSMENT FY18**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Mtn RED	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD23	UD47	Winhall
ADM K-6/8 (Final Dec 2016)	1,105.92		169.20	318.56		282.00			86.28	84.58	165.30	
District Share		15.3%	28.8%		25.5%				7.8%	7.6%	14.9%	
<b>Student/Staff Support Positions</b>	<b>\$140,295</b>	<b>\$21,464</b>	<b>\$40,412</b>		<b>\$35,774</b>				<b>\$10,947</b>	<b>\$10,730</b>	<b>\$20,970</b>	
ADM K-6/8 (Final Dec 2016)	1,105.92		169.20	318.56		282.00			86.28	84.58	165.30	
District Share		15.3%	28.8%		25.5%				7.8%	7.6%	14.9%	
<b>Technology/District Services (80%)</b>	<b>\$171,841</b>	<b>\$26,292</b>	<b>\$49,499</b>		<b>\$43,818</b>				<b>\$13,407</b>	<b>\$13,142</b>	<b>\$25,685</b>	
ADM (Final Dec 2016)	2,300.48		301.57	627.60	11.00	473.65	116.65	37.00	160.38	100.58	203.30	163.70
District Share		4.57%	13.11%	27.28%	0.48%	20.59%	5.07%	1.61%	6.97%	4.37%	8.84%	7.12%
<b>Technology/SU (20%)</b>	<b>\$42,960</b>	<b>\$1,962</b>	<b>\$5,632</b>	<b>\$11,719</b>	<b>\$205</b>	<b>\$8,845</b>	<b>\$2,178</b>	<b>\$691</b>	<b>\$2,995</b>	<b>\$1,878</b>	<b>\$3,796</b>	<b>\$3,057</b>
ADM (Final Dec 2016)	2,300.48		301.57	627.60	11.00	473.65	116.65	37.00	160.38	100.58	203.30	163.70
Percentage		4.57%	13.11%	27.28%	0.48%	20.59%	5.07%	1.61%	6.97%	4.37%	8.84%	7.12%
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$806,732</b>	<b>\$36,839</b>	<b>\$105,754</b>	<b>\$220,087</b>	<b>\$3,857</b>	<b>\$166,099</b>	<b>\$40,907</b>	<b>\$12,975</b>	<b>\$56,242</b>	<b>\$35,271</b>	<b>\$71,293</b>	<b>\$57,406</b>
<b>District Accounting</b>	<b>\$160,571</b>	<b>\$2,834</b>	<b>\$17,159</b>	<b>\$45,652</b>	<b>\$1,888</b>	<b>\$39,514</b>	<b>\$2,834</b>	<b>\$1,888</b>	<b>\$8,815</b>	<b>\$17,631</b>	<b>\$17,631</b>	<b>\$4,725</b>
(Assessment to districts is based on accounting staff FTE)												
<b>Assessed Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,322,399</b>	<b>\$41,635</b>	<b>\$176,301</b>	<b>\$367,369</b>	<b>\$5,950</b>	<b>\$294,050</b>	<b>\$45,919</b>	<b>\$15,554</b>	<b>\$92,406</b>	<b>\$78,652</b>	<b>\$139,375</b>	<b>\$65,188</b>
Less Surplus Used (based on prior years assessment %s)												
Surplus Applied		(\$3,418)	(\$9,409)	(\$19,560)	(\$469)	(\$14,707)	(\$3,700)	(\$1,147)	(\$4,538)	(\$3,220)	(\$5,604)	(\$4,228)
<b>Total FY18 Assessment</b>	<b>\$1,252,399</b>	<b>\$38,217</b>	<b>\$166,892</b>	<b>\$347,809</b>	<b>\$5,481</b>	<b>\$279,343</b>	<b>\$42,219</b>	<b>\$14,407</b>	<b>\$87,868</b>	<b>\$75,432</b>	<b>\$133,771</b>	<b>\$60,960</b>

# Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union FY18 Special Education Budget

	<b>FY16 Budget</b>	<b>FY16 Actual</b>	<b>FY17 Budget</b>	<b>FY17 Anticipated</b>	<b>FY18 Budget</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
PK Sites	\$214,859	\$213,132	\$223,155	\$219,244	\$225,303
Early Education Instruction/Support	260,037	240,699	259,542	256,379	256,002
Direct Services	34,154	67,815	70,679	103,699	68,923
Anchor Program	136,582	130,736	148,173	262,381	271,174
Services Operating Grades - K-6/8	2,951,281	3,049,052	3,062,273	3,198,196	3,095,917
Services Non-operating Grades	4,251,296	4,306,457	4,250,479	4,344,467	4,236,596
Behavior Analyst	112,117	78,277	90,672	92,341	94,436
Psychological Services PK-12	234,692	249,537	258,978	259,320	266,556
Occupational/Physical Therapy PK-12	311,991	300,664	318,870	312,350	321,209
Administration PK-12	619,653	650,882	665,300	740,659	812,922
Transportation PK-12	<u>248,103</u>	<u>246,117</u>	<u>274,667</u>	<u>282,839</u>	<u>318,419</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,533,368</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,622,788</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,071,875</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,967,457</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>					
Service Fees	\$0	\$3,913	\$0	\$0	\$0
Direct Services	34,154	67,991	70,679	103,699	68,923
IDEA Grants	615,000	646,422	601,876	649,697	645,803
Medicaid Grant	81,203	50,595	51,584	57,384	37,666
Early Education Block Grants	0	0	0	0	149,764
Special Education Block Grants	0	0	0	0	822,228
State Reimbursement	<u>0</u>	<u>31,449</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>237,761</u>	<u>4,566,239</u>
<b>REVENUE SUBTOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$730,357</u></b>	<b><u>\$800,370</u></b>	<b><u>\$724,139</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,048,541</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,290,623</u></b>
Assessments	<u>8,644,408</u>	<u>8,644,408</u>	<u>9,133,915</u>	<u>9,133,915</u>	<u>3,676,834</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,444,778</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,858,054</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,182,456</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,967,457</u></b>
Surplus(Deficit) offset to Assessments	<u>0</u>		<u>(235,266)</u>		<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>		<b><u>\$9,622,788</u></b>		<b><u>\$9,967,457</u></b>

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	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b><u>EARLY EDUCATION</u></b>					
<b>PK Sites</b>					
1100 110 Salaries	\$117,295	\$120,764	\$123,759	\$117,491	\$120,329
1100 115 Paraeducators/Subs	16,504	13,049	15,599	17,680	18,072
1100 210 Group Medical	22,293	22,285	24,133	21,104	22,160
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	13,199	12,578	13,464	14,269	15,081
1100 610 Services/Supplies	2,000	1,583	2,000	3,000	3,000
2152 110 Salaries	37,654	37,865	38,372	38,197	39,077
2152 210 Group Medical	0	0	0	0	0
2152 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	3,414	3,627	3,328	3,503	3,584
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,381</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<b>Total PK Sites</b>	<b><u>\$214,859</u></b>	<b><u>\$213,132</u></b>	<b><u>\$223,155</u></b>	<b><u>\$219,244</u></b>	<b><u>\$225,303</u></b>
<b>Early Education Instruction</b>					
<b><u>Instruction</u></b>					
1100 110 Salary	\$86,684	\$84,757	\$85,144	\$82,283	\$84,340
1100 112 ESY	3,000	2,073	2,000	2,652	3,000
1100 210 Medical	25,445	22,973	26,293	20,907	21,952
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	9,276	8,636	8,759	8,578	8,814
1100 320 Instructional Services	10,000	1,815	7,145	9,095	1,000
1100 320 Instructional Services/IDEA	0	10,056	9,807	10,987	10,987
1100 610 Supplies	1,000	1,726	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	3,000	2,045	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200 580 Travel	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,573</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<b><u>\$141,405</u></b>	<b><u>\$136,654</u></b>	<b><u>\$146,148</u></b>	<b><u>\$139,502</u></b>	<b><u>\$135,093</u></b>
<b><u>Speech/Support</u></b>					
2100 320 Support Services	\$9,000	\$5,475	\$1,000	\$646	\$500
2152 110 Salary - Speech	71,349	63,995	70,014	74,603	76,415
2152 112 ESY	2,000	920	1,000	503	500
2152 210 Medical	19,431	22,939	24,889	24,058	25,262
2152 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	7,852	5,793	7,491	8,067	8,232
2152 610 Supplies	1,000	510	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	3,000	683	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200 580 Travel	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,730</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	<b><u>\$118,632</u></b>	<b><u>\$104,045</u></b>	<b><u>\$113,394</u></b>	<b><u>\$116,877</u></b>	<b><u>\$120,909</u></b>
<b>Total Early Ed Instruction</b>	<b><u>\$260,037</u></b>	<b><u>\$240,699</u></b>	<b><u>\$259,542</u></b>	<b><u>\$256,379</u></b>	<b><u>\$256,002</u></b>
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>					
2160 110 Salary	\$16,819	\$5,395	\$6,035	\$9,918	\$10,166
2160 210 Medical	5,337	1,900	2,172	3,269	3,432
2160 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>2,658</u>	<u>878</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>1,588</u>	<u>1,624</u>
	<b><u>\$24,814</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,173</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,160</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,775</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,222</u></b>
<b>Physical Therapy</b>					
2190 110 Salary	\$16,564	\$0	\$0	\$5,254	\$5,386
2190 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>1,374</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>457</u>
	<b><u>\$17,938</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,700</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,843</u></b>
<b>Total Occupational/Physical Therapy</b>	<b><u>\$42,752</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,173</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,160</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,475</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,065</u></b>

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<u>Early Education Administration</u>					
2420 610 Testing Supplies/Adv/Postage	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$3,890</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
<b>Total Early Education Services</b>	<b><u>\$308,789</u></b>	<b><u>\$252,762</u></b>	<b><u>\$274,702</u></b>	<b><u>\$282,854</u></b>	<b><u>\$283,067</u></b>
<b>Direct Services PK-8</b>					
1100 110 Salary/Teacher	\$23,315	\$20,314	\$23,205	\$19,721	\$20,214
1100 110 Salary/Paraeducators	0	30,494	32,280	31,864	6,642
1100 210 Medical	7,380	10,103	8,003	14,670	6,966
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	2,459	6,393	6,191	5,029	2,686
1100 320 Behavior Interventionist	0	0	0	31,415	31,415
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	<u>1,000</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>Total Special Ed Direct Services</b>	<b><u>\$34,154</u></b>	<b><u>\$67,815</u></b>	<b><u>\$70,679</u></b>	<b><u>\$103,699</u></b>	<b><u>\$68,923</u></b>
<b>Anchor Program (Formerly Cornerstone)</b>					
1100 110 Salary/Teachers & Behaviorist	\$66,684	\$69,537	\$71,306	\$123,872	\$126,969
1100 115 Salary/Paraeducators	14,791	12,007	16,834	34,685	35,554
1100 120 Substitutes	2,000	599	2,000	2,000	2,000
1100 210 Medical	34,853	28,564	29,584	50,244	52,758
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	10,754	10,420	10,949	19,799	20,893
1100 610 Program Supplies/Services	5,000	1,832	5,000	5,000	5,000
2100 320 Counseling Services	0	2,940	10,000	21,781	22,000
2200 325 Professional Development	<u>2,500</u>	<u>4,837</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>Total Anchor Program</b>	<b><u>\$136,582</u></b>	<b><u>\$130,736</u></b>	<b><u>\$148,173</u></b>	<b><u>\$262,381</u></b>	<b><u>\$271,174</u></b>
<b>Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated Within Schools in the Supervisory Union</b>					
<u>Instruction</u>					
1100 110 Salary/Teacher	\$1,033,520	\$1,014,945	\$1,034,845	\$1,009,144	\$979,499
1100 112 ESY Services	34,000	28,611	30,000	24,001	26,000
1100 120 Substitutes	14,000	12,424	14,000	12,000	12,000
1100 210 Medical	244,389	237,554	290,167	270,551	284,082
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	109,445	114,760	107,000	108,710	106,035
1100 320 Tutoring/Instructional Services	14,435	10,431	14,735	10,304	19,399
1100 320 Instructional Services/IDEA	0	4,595	4,649	21,583	21,583
1100 500 Tuition	502,747	571,617	621,098	832,160	756,147
1100 590 Special Education Services	59,000	170,085	41,500	27,449	0
1100 592 District Services/Extraordinary	210,035	187,358	182,000	148,142	152,370
1100 610 Supplies & Equipment	<u>37,500</u>	<u>25,610</u>	<u>37,500</u>	<u>37,500</u>	<u>37,500</u>
	<b><u>\$2,259,071</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,377,990</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,377,494</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,501,544</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,394,615</u></b>

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			<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b><u>Student Support</u></b>							
2100	320	Contracted Services	\$16,900	\$16,363	\$9,308	\$10,342	\$10,988
2100	112	ESY Support Services	0	3,455	5,000	3,900	5,000
2100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	392	404	316	406
2140	110	Salary/Counseling	2,100	5,278	6,300	4,200	4,200
2140	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	169	398	508	358	341
2140	320	Evaluations	15,000	4,501	15,000	7,500	7,500
2140	320	Counseling Services	20,200	13,325	17,550	20,375	13,375
2152	110	Salary/Speech Teacher	396,275	402,471	406,311	412,139	422,196
2152	112	ESY Services	6,000	8,656	8,000	10,825	12,000
2152	120	Substitutes	5,000	0	5,000	2,000	2,000
2152	210	Medical	99,291	100,753	103,847	102,565	107,697
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	42,325	42,977	42,341	44,373	45,385
2152	320	Speech/Auditory Services	450	15,956	1,210	2,470	1,470
2152	610	Speech Supplies	7,000	5,113	7,000	7,000	7,000
2711	519	Transportation Services	<u>2,500</u>	<u>3,024</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
			<b><u>\$613,210</u></b>	<b><u>\$622,662</u></b>	<b><u>\$627,779</u></b>	<b><u>\$630,363</u></b>	<b><u>\$641,558</u></b>
<b><u>Staff Support</u></b>							
2200	112	PD Support Stipends	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,055	\$3,000
2200	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	734	244
2213	325	Prof Development/Tuition	45,000	44,258	45,000	45,000	45,000
2214	325	District Prof Development	32,000	2,650	10,000	10,000	10,000
2214	580	Travel	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,492</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
			<b><u>\$79,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$48,400</u></b>	<b><u>\$57,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$66,289</u></b>	<b><u>\$59,744</u></b>
<b>Total Services/Grades in the SU</b>			<b><u>\$2,951,281</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,049,052</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,062,273</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,198,196</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,095,917</u></b>
<b>Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated Outside of the Supervisory Union</b>							
<b><u>Instruction</u></b>							
1100	110	Salary/Teacher	\$0	\$48,557	\$71,711	\$0	\$0
1100	115	Paraeducators	0	28,388	35,369	0	0
1100	112	ESY Services	6,000	17,575	15,500	15,859	4,000
2160	210	Medical	0	5,022	8,128	0	0
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	484	9,389	12,237	1,286	325
1100	320	Tutoring/Instructional Services	145,810	138,573	108,790	61,060	27,880
1100	3/500	Summer Services/Tuition	95,127	125,602	120,300	124,273	122,990
1100	500	Tuition	1,458,641	1,739,976	1,621,414	1,802,874	1,617,227
1100	590	Special Education Services	2,210,449	1,863,321	1,930,923	1,999,193	2,096,801
1100	610	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>4,240</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>500</u>
			<b><u>\$3,916,511</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,980,643</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,930,372</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,006,045</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,869,723</u></b>

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<b>Student Support</b>					
2100 3/500 Services	\$1,500	\$2,079	\$6,507	\$2,805	\$2,805
2140 320 Evaluations	15,000	2,785	15,000	7,500	7,500
2140 3/500 Counseling Services	86,100	106,630	79,250	114,423	113,398
2152 3/500 Speech Services	190,335	142,878	159,850	175,133	210,789
2160 3/500 Occupational Therapy Services	17,400	9,212	12,900	16,261	16,281
2190 3/500 Physical Therapy	1,000	6,466	1,000	500	500
2711 519 Transportation Services	<u>23,450</u>	<u>55,764</u>	<u>45,600</u>	<u>21,800</u>	<u>15,600</u>
	<b><u>\$334,785</u></b>	<b><u>\$325,814</u></b>	<b><u>\$320,107</u></b>	<b><u>\$338,422</u></b>	<b><u>\$366,873</u></b>
<b>Total Services/Grades Outside the SU</b>	<b><u>\$4,251,296</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,306,457</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,250,479</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,344,467</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,236,596</u></b>
<b>Behavior Analyst</b>					
1100 110 Salary	\$80,000	\$55,000	\$56,375	\$56,375	\$57,784
1100 210 Medical	14,808	16,358	21,419	21,175	22,233
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	7,309	6,718	5,878	7,291	7,419
1100 610 Supplies	2,000	0	500	1,000	500
2200 320 Professional Development	5,000	201	3,500	3,500	3,500
2200 580 Travel	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<b><u>\$112,117</u></b>	<b><u>\$78,277</u></b>	<b><u>\$90,672</u></b>	<b><u>\$92,341</u></b>	<b><u>\$94,436</u></b>
<b>Psychological</b>					
2100 110 Salary/Psychologists	\$177,482	\$175,767	\$182,211	\$180,161	\$184,666
2100 210 Medical	27,384	27,405	29,548	29,211	30,670
2100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	17,126	37,682	34,519	37,248	38,020
2100 611 Materials & Supplies	3,000	2,805	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200 325 Professional Development	6,000	1,756	6,000	6,000	6,000
2200 580 Travel	<u>3,700</u>	<u>4,122</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>4,200</u>
<b>Total Psychological</b>	<b><u>\$234,692</u></b>	<b><u>\$249,537</u></b>	<b><u>\$258,978</u></b>	<b><u>\$259,320</u></b>	<b><u>\$266,556</u></b>
<b>Occupational Therapy K-12</b>					
2160 110 Salary	\$132,029	\$141,476	\$145,061	\$140,360	\$143,870
2160 210 Medical	41,898	45,335	48,794	47,118	49,472
2160 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	20,870	22,580	22,416	22,620	23,128
2160 610 Supplies	2,000	1,127	2,000	2,000	2,000
2200 320 Professional Development	1,500	987	1,500	1,500	1,500
2200 580 Travel	<u>7,500</u>	<u>1,404</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<b><u>\$205,797</u></b>	<b><u>\$212,909</u></b>	<b><u>\$227,271</u></b>	<b><u>\$215,598</u></b>	<b><u>\$221,970</u></b>
<b>Physical Therapy K-12</b>					
2190 110 Salary	\$57,381	\$73,230	\$75,061	\$69,807	\$71,552
2190 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	4,761	6,352	6,078	5,920	6,072
2190 610 Supplies	300	0	300	300	300
2200 580 Travel	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
	<b><u>\$63,442</u></b>	<b><u>\$79,582</u></b>	<b><u>\$82,439</u></b>	<b><u>\$76,277</u></b>	<b><u>\$78,174</u></b>
<b>Total Occupational/Physical Therapy K-12</b>	<b><u>\$269,239</u></b>	<b><u>\$292,491</u></b>	<b><u>\$309,710</u></b>	<b><u>\$291,875</u></b>	<b><u>\$300,144</u></b>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union  
FY18 Special Education Budget**

	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b>Administration</b>					
2400 110 Director of Student Services	\$104,473	\$100,000	\$102,500	\$86,000	\$46,000
2400 110 Program Directors	257,443	251,292	257,574	327,574	410,764
2400 115 Salaries - Clerical	38,444	38,655	39,024	39,024	40,000
2400 210 Medical	89,168	94,217	101,652	111,986	125,276
2400 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	41,890	76,751	75,556	78,761	84,636
2400 325 Professional Development	15,000	17,521	15,000	18,000	20,000
2400 330 Contracted Service	4,500	8,261	6,000	7,402	8,000
2400 360 Legal	5,000	8,999	5,000	5,000	5,000
2400 531 Postage	1,600	921	1,600	1,600	1,600
2400 540 Advertising	5,000	1,082	3,000	3,000	3,000
2400 580 Travel	10,000	9,258	10,000	11,000	13,000
2400 610 Supplies/Software/Copier	7,500	8,211	7,500	8,500	8,500
2400 739 Equipment	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<b><u>\$583,018</u></b>	<b><u>\$616,864</u></b>	<b><u>\$627,406</u></b>	<b><u>\$702,847</u></b>	<b><u>\$768,776</u></b>
<b>Transportation Administration</b>					
2711 110 Coordinator	\$20,109	\$20,021	\$20,522	\$20,393	\$25,393
2711 210 Medical	6,749	6,749	7,282	7,199	7,559
2711 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>3,777</u>	<u>3,358</u>	<u>4,090</u>	<u>4,220</u>	<u>5,194</u>
	<b><u>\$30,635</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,128</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,894</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,812</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,146</u></b>
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b><u>\$613,653</u></b>	<b><u>\$646,992</u></b>	<b><u>\$659,300</u></b>	<b><u>\$734,659</u></b>	<b><u>\$806,922</u></b>
<b>Transportation</b>					
2712 115 Salary/Drivers & Assistants	\$131,410	\$149,337	\$167,775	\$173,571	\$180,922
2712 210 Medical	22,599	12,556	8,128	22,746	25,285
2712 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	22,894	30,015	26,706	27,774	32,512
2712 430 Repairs & Maintenance	12,000	13,875	16,000	16,000	16,000
2712 500 Services/Insurance	2,000	2,875	2,000	2,000	2,000
2712 540 Advertising	1,500	0	1,000	300	1,000
2712 580 Prof Dev/Travel	0	0	500	500	500
2712 592 Services/Districts	0	3,039	10,000	3,000	3,000
2712 610 Supplies	1,200	1,860	1,200	2,000	1,200
2712 620 Fuel	36,000	22,694	32,000	25,000	25,000
2712 910 Bus Lease Payments	<u>18,500</u>	<u>9,866</u>	<u>9,358</u>	<u>9,948</u>	<u>31,000</u>
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b><u>\$248,103</u></b>	<b><u>\$246,117</u></b>	<b><u>\$274,667</u></b>	<b><u>\$282,839</u></b>	<b><u>\$318,419</u></b>
<b>Total Special Education/Early Education</b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,533,368</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,622,788</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,071,875</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,967,457</u></b>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS - FY18**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Mtn Towns	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD23	UD47	Winhall
<u>PK Sites - Less Medicaid covered costs</u>												
Students at Site										12.00	29.00	
Site Based Early Education	<u>\$225,303</u>									<u>\$107,332</u>	<u>\$117,971</u>	
<u>Early Education - Instruction - Less IDEA covered costs if applicable</u>												
ADM (less site)	166.51		21.17	63.89		44.35			14.10	4.00	9.00	10.00
Percentage Allocation			<u>12.7%</u>	<u>38.4%</u>		<u>26.6%</u>			<u>8.5%</u>	<u>2.4%</u>	<u>5.4%</u>	<u>6.0%</u>
Early Education Instruction	<u>\$124,106</u>		<u>\$15,779</u>	<u>\$47,619</u>		<u>\$33,056</u>			<u>\$10,509</u>	<u>\$2,981</u>	<u>\$6,708</u>	<u>\$7,454</u>
<u>Early Education - Speech - Less IDEA covered costs if applicable</u>												
ADM (less site for ud47)	178.51		21.17	63.89		44.35			14.10	16.00	9.00	10.00
Percentage Allocation			<u>11.9%</u>	<u>35.8%</u>		<u>24.8%</u>			<u>7.9%</u>	<u>9.0%</u>	<u>5.0%</u>	<u>5.6%</u>
Early Education Speech	<u>\$120,909</u>		<u>\$14,339</u>	<u>\$43,274</u>		<u>\$30,040</u>			<u>\$9,550</u>	<u>\$10,837</u>	<u>\$6,096</u>	<u>\$6,773</u>
<u>Early Ed Instructional/Support Services &amp; Admin - Less IDEA covered costs if applicable</u>												
ADM	207.51		21.17	63.89		44.35			14.10	16.00	38.00	10.00
Percentage Allocation			<u>10.2%</u>	<u>30.8%</u>		<u>21.4%</u>			<u>6.8%</u>	<u>7.7%</u>	<u>18.3%</u>	<u>4.8%</u>
Early Ed Instr. Support Services/Admin	<u>\$27,065</u>		<u>\$2,761</u>	<u>\$8,334</u>		<u>\$5,784</u>			<u>\$1,839</u>	<u>\$2,087</u>	<u>\$4,956</u>	<u>\$1,304</u>
<u>Early Ed Block Grant Allocation</u>												
ADM	207.51		21.17	63.89		44.35			14.10	16.00	38.00	10.00
Percentage Allocation			<u>10.2%</u>	<u>30.8%</u>		<u>21.4%</u>			<u>6.8%</u>	<u>7.7%</u>	<u>18.3%</u>	<u>4.8%</u>
Early Ed Block Grant Allocation	<u>(\$149,764)</u>		<u>(\$15,280)</u>	<u>(\$46,111)</u>		<u>(\$32,008)</u>			<u>(\$10,176)</u>	<u>(\$11,547)</u>	<u>(\$27,425)</u>	<u>(\$7,217)</u>
<u>Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated Within Schools in the Supervisory Union - Includes Anchor Program - Less applicable reimbursement and IDEA covered costs</u>												
Projected FY18 Enrollment	1,128.78	14.06	158.20	306.06	1.00	286.00	0.00	0.00	101.28	81.58	162.70	17.90
Percentage Allocation		<u>1.2%</u>	<u>14.0%</u>	<u>27.1%</u>	<u>0.1%</u>	<u>25.3%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>9.0%</u>	<u>7.2%</u>	<u>14.4%</u>	<u>1.6%</u>
Services to be Assessed	<u>\$1,327,872</u>	<u>\$16,540</u>	<u>\$186,103</u>	<u>\$360,042</u>	<u>\$1,176</u>	<u>\$336,444</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$119,144</u>	<u>\$95,969</u>	<u>\$191,397</u>	<u>\$21,057</u>
<u>Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated Outside of the Supervisory Union - Less applicable reimbursement</u>												
Projected FY18 Enrollment	881.54	82.99	109.20	217.65	11.00	134.65	111.65	35.60	50.00			128.80
Percentage Allocation		<u>9.4%</u>	<u>12.4%</u>	<u>24.7%</u>	<u>1.2%</u>	<u>15.3%</u>	<u>12.7%</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	<u>5.7%</u>			<u>14.6%</u>
Services to be Assessed	<u>\$1,561,744</u>	<u>\$147,026</u>	<u>\$193,459</u>	<u>\$385,590</u>	<u>\$19,487</u>	<u>\$238,547</u>	<u>\$197,800</u>	<u>\$63,069</u>	<u>\$88,583</u>			<u>\$228,183</u>
<u>Behavior Analyst/Psychological/OT/PT/Administration/Transportation - Less applicable reimbursement and IDEA and Medicaid covered costs</u>												
Projected FY18 Enrollment	2,010.32	97.05	267.40	523.71	12.00	420.65	111.65	35.60	151.28	81.58	162.70	146.70
Percentage Allocation		<u>4.8%</u>	<u>13.3%</u>	<u>26.1%</u>	<u>0.6%</u>	<u>20.9%</u>	<u>5.6%</u>	<u>1.8%</u>	<u>7.5%</u>	<u>4.1%</u>	<u>8.1%</u>	<u>7.3%</u>
Psych/OT/PT/Adm/Transp to be Assessed	<u>\$439,599</u>	<u>\$21,224</u>	<u>\$58,471</u>	<u>\$114,520</u>	<u>\$2,624</u>	<u>\$91,986</u>	<u>\$24,415</u>	<u>\$7,785</u>	<u>\$33,080</u>	<u>\$17,839</u>	<u>\$35,577</u>	<u>\$32,078</u>
TOTAL FY18 ASSESSMENT	<u>\$3,676,834</u>	<u>\$184,790</u>	<u>\$455,632</u>	<u>\$913,268</u>	<u>\$23,287</u>	<u>\$703,849</u>	<u>\$222,215</u>	<u>\$70,854</u>	<u>\$252,529</u>	<u>\$225,498</u>	<u>\$335,280</u>	<u>\$289,632</u>



**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union engaged RHR Smith & Company, C.P.A.'s of Buxton, Maine to conduct an audit of its FY16 financial statements. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection by calling the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, 362-2452.

**Summary of Fund Balances**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Equipment / Software Reserves</u>	<u>Special Education</u>
<b>Balance June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$71,432</b>	<b>\$6,352</b>	<b>\$27,681</b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Actual Revenues FY16	1,691,689	0	\$9,444,778
Actual Expenditures FY16	<u>(1,674,348)</u>	<u>(979)</u>	<u>(9,533,368)</u>
<b>Actual Fund Balance June 30, 2016</b>	<b><u>\$85,773</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,373</u></b>	<b><u>(\$60,909)</u></b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Anticipated Revenues FY17	2,115,906	0	\$10,182,456
Anticipated Expenditures FY17	<u>(2,029,169)</u>	<u>(11,373)</u>	<u>(10,071,875)</u>
<b>Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2017</b>	<b><u>\$169,510</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$49,672</u></b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$15,000)	\$15,000	
Budgeted Revenues FY18	2,188,885	0	\$9,967,457
Budgeted Expenditures FY18	<u>(2,258,885)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(9,967,457)</u>
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance June 30, 2018</b>	<b><u>\$84,510</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$49,672</u></b>

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools  
Jacquelyne Wilson  
January 2017**

On July 1, 2016, the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union said farewell to Superintendent Dan French. Dan served as BRSU Superintendent for nine years and during those nine years he led many change initiatives that will have a lasting impact. During Dan's tenure, special education and business services were centralized, a single teacher Master Agreement was negotiated, technology became an integral teaching and learning tool, and most importantly he moved the BRSU towards embracing and implementing a personalized approach to learning for all students. Under Dan's leadership the BRSU became a cohesive and focused organization; we will reap the benefits from his leadership for years to come. We thank him for all that he gave to the BRSU, he was an exemplary leader.

Two of our schools, Sunderland Elementary and Manchester Elementary Middle School, have new school leadership. Skyler LaBombard, a first year principal, is the Principal of SES. Skyler was a very successful sixth grade teacher at the Pownal Elementary School and we are fortunate to have such a strong instructional leader at the helm. Irene and Marty Nadler were hired as a team to fill the principal vacancy at MEMS. Both Irene and Marty have extensive principal experience and they came out of retirement to accept this interim position. They have done an outstanding job and will be staying on in this role for at least one more year.

This year, Act 46 has been the major area of focus for the Superintendent's Office. This landmark legislation requires that districts of like enrollment to merge. In response to this law, nine of our towns voted to form the Northshire Merger Study Committee and investigate the formation of a Regional Education District. This means that these nine separate school districts would become a single district. The Northshire Merger Committee began meeting in May of 2016 and on December 20, 2016 they submitted their study to the State Board of Education for approval. The Committee came to the conclusion that merging was advisable and their report was readily accepted by the State Board. On March 7, voters from all of the nine towns (Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland and Weston) will vote on the merger and also elect new school board directors.

The towns of Rupert and Pawlet will be launching a merger study in March of 2017 and that merger would merge three school districts: Pawlet, Rupert, and UD#47. Winhall, our sole non-operating district is currently engaged in preliminary conversations with a couple of other regional non-operating districts and we hope to start their merger work this spring. We are also in conversation with Arlington, who has expressed an interest in being reassigned to the BRSU.

The next year will certainly be a year of governance change. I commend our school boards and our communities for viewing Act 46 as an opportunity that could benefit our children. We will continue to struggle with the changes that will occur as a result of the potential mergers, but I'm confident that we will find a path forward that honors the commitment and involvement of all our communities and remains inclusive.

I'm honored to serve the BRSU educational communities and I thank you sincerely for all of the support you have given to our children. We have an excellent educational system and that is largely due to you.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT  
DORSET TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 1, 2016**

**The Dorset School**

Enrollment	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Resident	-	14	7	14	18	23	21	23	22	25	-	-	-	-	167
Non-Resident	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	4	5	-	-	-	-	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>179</b>

**Dorset Enrollment**

School	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Dorset	-	14	7	14	18	23	21	23	22	25	-	-	-	-	167
Burr & Burton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	27	24	25	99
Other	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5	3	2	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>300</b>

**DORSET SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT**

The Dorset Board of School Directors engaged RHR Smith and Company, C.P.A.'s of Buxton, Maine to conduct an audit of its FY16 accounts. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools (362-2452).

**Dorset School Board of Directors  
2017 Town Report**

Education is alive and well in the Town of Dorset, and it is serving our children well. Our K-8 school continues to innovate helping our students to maximize their learning academically, socially, and emotionally. Our teachers and administration are always seeking new ways to provide the best learning environment that a small community with a global outlook can offer. Our high school students continue to have great opportunities for their high-school education at both Burr-Burton Academy and The Long Trail School. When our students move on after secondary school, seeking to pursue careers or higher education, we find that they are very well prepared for the future. They earn a wide range of opportunities from their hard work as well as their experience in the classroom. As a result, our town continues to attract new residents who have school-age children. Education is alive and well in the Town of Dorset, and not only is it serving our children well, it is serving our entire community well because families with school-age children continue to move into our town. These are all signs of a vital and growing community.

Even though 2016 has been a very good year for education in the Town of Dorset, we have faced challenges. And we are facing challenges now. Listed below are updates on those topics we believe require your thought and understanding. Please review them, we hope that we are answering most of your questions. If not, please feel free to contact me or any other Board Member about these topics or any other topics that affect our education system.

**Budget for FY18**

The FY18 budget cycle has been difficult. In FY17 (last year), we were able to reduce per pupil spending and the tax rate (from \$1.531 to \$1.441). But this year, significant changes in the makeup of our student population are driving per pupil spending higher, and pushing our tax rate higher (to \$1.609).

Dorset has had several years of relatively stable total student numbers – until this year. In the current school year (FY17) we were surprised by a major inflow of secondary students to an extent we have not seen before. At the same time, our elementary/middle school student numbers declined. Both changes put significant pressure on the School Budget.

High School Students: In FY17 we anticipated 94 high school students. But, a large number of move-ins led to Dorset having 110 high school students (17% above budget). We are extremely pleased to see families with school age children coming to Dorset. However, the added high school students increased secondary tuition costs by about \$245,000 over our budget for FY17. We expect to make up some of this overage with some fortunate savings in other areas. Currently, we are projecting to finish FY17 with a total budget deficit of \$145,000.

That \$145,000 overage from FY17 needs to be covered in our FY18 budget, which started our FY18 budgeting process with us financially in the hole. And, with a large graduating class from The Dorset School this year, we anticipate an even larger group of high school students for FY18 (an estimated total of 111 students). This continued high number of high school students is producing an increase in Secondary tuition in the new FY18 Budget of more than

\$315,000 - versus last year's FY17 Budget. These two factors alone account for 96% of the increase in budgeted education spending for FY18. The Board, the Principal and the SU continue to work hard to contain costs while maintaining the quality of education; but we have been unable to make reasonable cuts in our K-8 school to offset these increases in high school spending.

Elementary / Middle School Students: While our secondary-student count saw a large unexpected increase, our student count at The Dorset School declined this year. And current projections suggest it will decline even further next year. For the past four years, PK-8 student numbers have generally been rising. But, in the current year we saw a reduction of about 10 students (roughly 5%). Based on our most recent information, we expect a larger decline that could be as great as 15 students in FY18. These projections are our most conservative. They are based on the graduation of a large 8<sup>th</sup> grade, a small incoming Kindergarten class, and do not assume any additional incoming students.

In total, we expect the reduction in primary students to be larger than our increase in secondary students, which will lead to an overall decline in Dorset students. That puts additional pressure on the tax rate, as the tax rate is based on *per pupil* spending, and the student number used for taxes shows our total student population dropping by 11 to a total of 300 Pre-K through 12 students.

#### **Act 46**

Act 46 is a law enacted in 2015 designed to consolidate our school governance structure. The intent is to provide better educational access for all students throughout the state, and to create more efficient governance structures. A 17-member Merger Study Committee (MSC) was formed that included members from Manchester, Dorset, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Landgrove, Danby, Mt. Tabor and Sunderland. Dorset was represented by 2 residents and 1 Board member. After much careful examination and deliberation the MSC developed a merger recommendation that was unanimously approved by all representatives from all of the Towns. This recommendation was subsequently approved by the State Board of Education. Their report has been included as part of the Town Annual Meeting Package, and you will be voting on this merger plan on March 7. The MSC has also set up meetings and briefings so that Dorset residents have enough information to decide the best way to vote on this resolution. If you still have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact with representatives of the MSC or Dorset School Board members.

#### **Rule 2200**

In July, the Vermont Agency of Education was asked by the State Board of Education (SBE) to draft updated rules related to Independent Schools in the State of Vermont. They were given a very short time frame within which to respond. The SBE then released these new proposed rules with minimal review or consultation with other interested groups. The rules, as drafted, would have had a significant impact on Vermont's Independent Schools. Involvement from local legislators ensured that the proposed changes were brought to the attention of communities like ours that would be affected. This incited outrage in several parts of the state where independent schools provide an essential service to their local communities. A dialogue has

since developed and Rule 2200 is being re-worked. A new law has not yet been finalized, but the topic is being reviewed.

### **The Future of Your School Board**

In March the Town will be voting on whether to approve the recommendation of the Merger Study Committee to create the new Taconic and Green Regional School District. The ballot in March will also provide citizens of Dorset with the opportunity to vote in members of 2 different school boards. If the MSC merger with the other area school districts is approved by all of the required Towns, the new Taconic and Green Regional School District will replace the Dorset School District in 2018. This means two Boards will be in place in the coming school year. One will be the old and outgoing Dorset School District Board. The other will be the incoming Taconic and Green Board. It is important that Dorset be ably represented on both Boards.

Therefore, we would like to urge Dorset residents to learn more about the possible new governance structure for our schools, and consider becoming involved as a Board member.

In closing, all of us who have served on the Dorset School Board wish to express our gratitude for the honor of serving you. We are always striving to represent our entire community to the benefit of our children and of our entire community. If you have interest in participating in the governance aspect of our education system, please let us know. This is a time when there are many opportunities to become involved, and the potential to influence the educational future of the Dorset community is great.

Thanks again,

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of the Entire Dorset School Board,  
David A. Chandler, Chair

**Dorset School  
Principal's Report  
January 2017**

The Dorset School has approximately 183 students for this school year. Many families who tuition their children, or who move to Dorset tell me that it is based on the reputation of the school. That reputation is due to the skill and dedication of our teachers and staff as well as the support and involvement of our parents and community.

**School Climate**

The Dorset School adopted Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) this past September. PBIS is strongly encouraged and supported by the Vermont Agency of Education as a method of ensuring a positive school climate. Teachers began researching and studying the program last spring, and voted to implement at the end of last school year. In a PBIS school, expectations for behavior are clearly posted and explicitly taught to students. Students are acknowledged when they follow the expectations. The goal is to put the emphasis on positive interactions and proactive teaching, before assigning consequences for misbehavior. Students earn RamBucks for positive behavior, and we celebrate when students, classes and the school succeed. If you would like more information, please see the Parent Fliers in the school's main lobby, or speak to Mrs. Moran.

**Professional Development**

Much of our Professional Development is now being offered in-house through the BRSU. This has the dual advantages of cost efficiency, and (more importantly) supporting a culture of collaboration and a shared language and skill set amongst our teachers. Throughout the school year and across the summer, teachers participate in workshops where they develop curriculum and/or refine their instructional strategies. Our Math and Literacy coaches reinforce this professional development with 'in the classroom' support and training for our teachers. They spend one trimester each in each of the six schools in the SU.

At the school level, teachers meet weekly to plan and analyze data. This allows them time to collaborate, to discuss concerns and to share the methods of instruction that are working for our students. This is in addition to our regular faculty meetings and JISP professional development time. Each year more and more of our professional development is initiated and facilitated by our own teachers!

**Curriculum**

Teachers in grades K-8 utilize the Guided Reading and Readers' Workshop models based on Fountas and Pinnell. Our Writers' Workshop is based on the work of the Lucy Calkins Writing Program. The workshop models in Language Arts allow each student to work at their own pace, and to pursue their own interests, while learning the core skills necessary to be a good reader and writer. In Math, we are working with the Engage NY curriculum, which is open source and closely aligns with the Common Core State Standards. Many of our teachers have studied the Guided Math approach, which, similar to the Language Arts program, allows for a great deal of differentiated instruction and guidance from the teacher.

**Personal Learning Plans and Report Cards**

We have continued our commitment to Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs), and students are now required to document progress toward mastery in an ePortfolio, which will follow them from year to year. Our Student Council has implemented a 'Tech Help' program where middle school students assist primary and intermediate classes and teachers with the uploading of documents into students' ePortfolios.

We are moving toward a method of reporting out to parents that will reflect students' progress along

that continuum of mastery in each strand of each subject. So, for example, rather than an overall grade of B+ in Math, parents will see that their child has mastered the standards pertaining to Numbers and Operations, but still struggles with Geometry, or that child is exceeding the expectation in creative writing, but is not quite there in the informational writing required for a history essay. As students become more proficient at working with their teachers to identify specific goals in academics, dispositions toward learning and civic ethics, the emphasis turns to reflecting on the ways in which they mastered their goals, as well as the struggles they may have had along the way. Many of our student led conferences now implement the use of technology by the students as they demonstrate to their parents which goals they have mastered, and for which they are currently working toward mastery. We continue with our 1:1 Chromebook initiative in grades 5-8, and provide carts of Chromebooks to grades 3 and 4. Each primary classroom has computer stations as well as iPads and Chromebooks.

The Measures of Academic Progress (MAPs) created by the NorthWest Evaluation Association (NWEA) gives us specific information regarding the strengths and challenges of each student, and allows us to set instructional goals as well as individual student goals in an effort to further personalize their learning.

### **Integrated Studies**

Our middle school teachers have implemented Integrated, Multi-Age units several times per year. The first was based on the Bridge Building Challenge sponsored by Vermont Tech. Sixth through Eighth grade students worked together in small groups to build a bridge using popsicle sticks, toothpicks, dental floss and glue. Their bridges had to be within a certain height and length and withstand a certain load. In addition to the engineering aspect, students studied the vocabulary and history of bridges, as well as figurative bridges. The second was a unit entitled Dorset Rocks! where students studied the history of the marble and slate quarries as well as the historic buildings in Dorset.

### **Outreach for Students**

Our teachers are encouraging our students to stretch beyond the walls of The Dorset School. This year seven of our students were accepted into the Green Mountain Music District V Festival! All of our students participate in the Southern Vermont Arts Center Art Show each year as well as Art Show here at The Dorset School. Fifth graders spend a night in the Boston Museum of Science, as well as camping at Merck Forest and sixth through eighth graders attended a team building program at Camp Chingachgook this past fall. Our fifth and seventh grade participate in outdoor environmental learning experiences at Merck Forest and Farmland, and students in the primary and intermediate grades travel to see performances and to learn about historic places in Vermont.

We are grateful to all of the community members who support our school in many ways. The Adopt a Classroom program, where community members and businesses sponsor a classroom or program, allows staff to purchase supplies and/or programs that would not be possible within the budget. Parent Volunteers are an integral part of The Dorset School through the Dorset Parent Volunteers (DPV) and the Four Winds Science Program as well as the Trout in the Classroom project.

In the interest of community relations, we are always looking for ways to expand the use of the building for the community. The Boy Scouts from Newtown, CT have used the gym for Bromley Scouting weekend for the fifth year in a row. Students from BBA as well as TDS utilize the school for Open Gym and Yoga classes are held for the community weekly. We are extremely grateful to the Town of Dorset for their generous contributions in terms of maintenance and weather related issues. Thank you, it is a pleasure to work with you for the good of our children!

I would like to thank the School Board and the town for continued support!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rosanna Moran, Principal



**Annual AHERA Notification  
Dorset Town Report  
March 2017**

TO: Parents, Teachers, Employees, other personnel or their guardians.  
FROM: Jacquelyne Wilson, Superintendent of Schools

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (40 CFR 763.93 [g][4]) requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management Plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public in our office and at the administrative office of each facility listed below.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE
Dorset School	130 School Drive Dorset, VT 05251	802-362-2606
Flood Brook School	91 VT Route 11 Londonderry, VT 05148	802-824-6811
Manchester Elementary Middle School	80 Memorial Ave. Manchester Ctr., VT 05255	802-362-1597
Sunderland Elementary School	98 Bear Ridge Rd. Sunderland, VT 05250	802-375-6100
Currier Memorial School (UD#23)	234 North Main St. Danby, VT 05739	802-293-5191
Mettawee Community School (UD#47)	5788 VT Route 153 West Pawlet, VT 05775	802-645-9009
Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union	6378 VT Route 7A Sunderland, VT 05250	802-362-2452

## NORTHSHIRE MERGER STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Voters,

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, you will be presented with a ballot question asking whether or not your school district should merge into the *Taconic and Green Regional School District* with five other neighboring districts. At first glance this question may seem like a simple and one-dimensional one, but there are many merger-related issues I encourage you to become informed with before you head to the polls. The Northshire Merger Study Committee, which I am honored to chair, has worked diligently since last May to create a thoughtful merger report and now it is working to inform the public of what the proposal entails. While I do not have the space in this letter to give you a detailed summary of the proposed merger, I do want to take this opportunity to answer some basic questions and to explain how you can become more informed before Town Meeting time.

### ***Why are we looking at merging school districts to begin with?***

The primary reason we are exploring a merger is Act 46. This is not to say that a merger would be unwise without the existence of this school governance reform legislation. Before Act 46, in 2012, the Landgrove, Peru, Weston, and Londonderry school districts voluntarily merged into the Mountain Towns RED (Regional Education District).

### ***What is Act 46?***

Act 46 is an education law passed by the state legislature in 2015 that uses tax incentives to encourage "school districts to merge into larger units...in an effort to better serve students and better manage costs" (Tiffany Danitz Pache from VT Digger). As Act 46 is currently written, it is very likely that a school district will be forced to merge if it does not do so on its own volition.

### ***What is a merger study committee and why do we have one?***

Under Vermont law, districts are required to form a study committee with representatives from the member districts. The committee is required to study the benefits and implications of merging. After studying the possible merger, the committee writes a report that recommends if merger is advisable or not. Our committee unanimously agreed merger is advisable.

### ***Which school districts are involved in the proposed merger?***

The districts of Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mountain Towns RED (Londonderry, Landgrove, Peru, and Weston comprise this unified district), Mt. Tabor and Sunderland.

### ***What will be the status of school choice in the proposed district?***

If the merger is approved, all 9-12 grade students will have school choice.

### ***What would happen to our existing school boards if the merger was approved?***

If this merger is approved in all the voting electorates, then your current school board would be dissolved, effective July 1, 2018 and replaced by the new 13-member school board representing the Taconic and Green Regional School District.

**How do I learn more about the implications and benefits of merging?**

To get the detailed run-down of the proposed merger, I recommend reading our merger report which was approved by the State Board of Education. You can read this document, along with many more, at our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/northshiremergerstudy/> . I also recommend you follow us Facebook (@northshiremergerstudy) and that you attend one of the following forums:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intended Audience Forum is Designed For</b>
January 31	Currier School in Danby	6:30pm	Danby and Mt. Tabor residents
February 4	Currier School in Danby	3:00pm	Danby and Mt. Tabor residents
February 9 (snow date March 3)	Flood Brook School	6:30pm	Intended for all districts
February 28 (snow date March 1)	Sunderland Elementary	6:30pm	Sunderland Residents
March 2 (snow date March 3)	Manchester Community Library	6:30pm	Intended for all districts

The following document is a sample ballot that voters in the towns of Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, and Weston will vote on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Polls are open in all towns from 7am to 7pm. We are required by law to include all the language that you see on the ballot.

Following the ballot is a Notice to Voters information sheet as well as information on the New Board Nomination and Election Process for the board members for the proposed Taconic and Green Regional Education District.

Please feel free to contact me if you have more questions.

Sincerely,  
Jon Wilson  
Chair of the Northshire Merger Study Committee  
[jon.wilson@brsu.org](mailto:jon.wilson@brsu.org)  
802-379-8472

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
TOWN OF \_\_\_\_\_  
MARCH 7, 2017

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**

To vote, fill in the oval to the left of your choice(s), like this: ● Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval. If you wrongly mark, tear or deface the ballot, return it and obtain another. You can vote for candidates from all towns in Article \_\_\_.

Article \_\_: Shall the voters of the \_\_\_\_\_ Town School District vote to form the Taconic and Green Regional School District ("Union School District") on the following terms:

1. The districts listed below shall all be identified as "necessary" for the formation of the Union School District:

The Dorset Town School District  
The Manchester Town School District  
The Mountain Towns Regional Education District

The districts listed below shall be identified as "advisable" for the formation of the Union School District.

The Danby Town School District  
The Mt. Tabor Town School District  
The Sunderland Town School District  
Union School District #23 (Currier Memorial School)

2. The Union School District will operate schools in Grades Kindergarten through Eight (K-8) and tuition students in Grades Nine through Twelve (9-12) to provide education for all students in the Union School District.
3. The Union School District Board of Directors shall be composed of thirteen (13) directors if all advisable districts vote in favor of the merger. Directors shall be nominated from the legal voters of each forming town and shall be elected on an at-large basis by Australian Ballot vote by the voters of the Union School District. Directors shall have equal votes and shall be allocated as based on the following merger scenarios:

- a. All advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

b. All advisable districts except Danby and Mt. Tabor vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>

c. All advisable districts except Sunderland vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

d. None of the advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

4. Real Estate and Personal Property

A. No later than June 30, 2018, the forming districts will convey to the Union School District, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, all school-related real estate and personal property owned by them, including all school-related land, buildings, and contents.

B. Disposal of Real Estate. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the forming districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the town in which it is located, except as provided below for any properties conveyed to the Union School District by either the Mountain Towns Regional School District or Union School District #23.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mountain Town Regional School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall sell such real property, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors, and return the proceeds of any such sale to the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston in amounts equal to the relative proportion of the population of these towns.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by Union School District #23 is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall first offer to sell such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the Town of Danby. If the Town of Danby does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District shall then offer to sell the property to the Town of Mt. Tabor under the same terms and conditions. If the Town of Mt. Tabor does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District may sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

The conveyance of any school properties to a town shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the Union School District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Union School District and prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Union School District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

#### 5. Transfer of Funds

- a. Capital Debt. The Union School District shall assume all capital debt of forming districts, including both principal and interest, as may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018.
- b. Operating Fund Surpluses and Deficits. The Union School District shall assume any and all general operating surpluses and deficits of the forming districts that may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the Union School District and will be applied for said purpose unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.
- c. Specified Funds. The forming districts will transfer to the Union School District any preexisting school district specific endowments or other restricted accounts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship funds or like accounts held by school districts prior to June 30, 2018, that have specified conditions of use will be used in accordance with said provisions.

6. Australian Ballot. The Union School District voters shall vote on the budget and other public questions by Australian ballot with polling places provided in each member town. Ballots will be delivered to the Union District Clerk and commingled for counting.
7. The provisions of the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file at the offices of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, shall govern the Union School District.

YES

NO

Article \_\_: To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the Taconic and Green Regional School District:

- A. Danby – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021**  
(vote for not more than ONE)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)
- B. Dorset – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020**  
(vote for not more than ONE)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)
- C. Landgrove – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020**  
(vote for not more than ONE)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)
- D. Londonderry – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021**  
(vote for not more than ONE)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)
- E. Manchester – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021**  
(vote for not more than ONE)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)
- F. Mt. Tabor – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020**  
(vote for not more than ONE)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)
- G. Peru – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020**  
(vote for not more than ONE)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)
- H. Sunderland – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020**  
(vote for not more than ONE)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)
- I. Weston – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021**  
(vote for not more than ONE)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)
- J. AT-LARGE DIRECTORS – 4 Directors for a one (1) year term**  
(vote for not more than FOUR)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

# Notice to Voters

## Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor and Sunderland School Districts and Towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru and Weston

In accordance with the Report and Articles of Agreement prepared by the Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Mountain Towns Red and Sunderland Act 46 Study Committee, an election will be held on March 7, 2017 to elect an initial board of school directors for the Taconic and Green Regional School District, if its formation is approved by the voters.

The following 13 directors will be elected from the identified school districts/towns:

Danby	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Dorset	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Landgrove	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Londonderry	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Manchester	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Mt. Tabor	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Peru	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Sunderland	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Weston	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Danby, Dorset Londonderry, Manchester	4 Directors *	One year term expiring in March 2019

*\* At-Large Directors - Four (4) directors are to be elected from the four (4) largest districts/towns (Danby, Dorset, Londonderry, Manchester). All nominees from the four districts/towns will be listed on the ballot that is submitted to voters in all districts/towns. The four (4) nominees receiving the most votes will be elected. The seats will be 3 year terms in March 2019.*

*\*\* All seats expiring in 2020 will become 3 year terms in 2020.*

If you are interested in running for one of the non-"at large" director positions, you must file a nomination petition signed by at least 30 voters in that district or one percent of the legal voters in the town, whichever is less, with the respective town clerk on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017.

If you are registered voter in Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester, and are interested in running for one of the "at large" director positions, you must file a nomination petition signed by at least 60 voters in the districts of Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester with a town clerk of one of these four districts on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017. Petitions may be obtained from your town clerk. If you have any questions, please contact the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union at 802-362-2452.



## Taconic and Green School District

### New Board Nomination and Election Process

- The electorate will vote on the proposed merger on March 7, 2017. Also with that vote, they will be electing the board members for the proposed district should the merger be approved.
- The board election is an at large Australian Ballot format, where the electorate of the entire proposed district will vote for each board member. This means that the ballot in every town in the proposed new district will have thirteen seats for each legal voter to vote on. Terms will be staggered after this initial election.
- Each of the nine towns in the district - Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Mt. Tabor, Manchester, Peru, Sunderland and Weston - will have one "Town Seat" on the new board.
- The four largest towns in the proposed district - Danby, Dorset, Londonderry and Manchester - will have the opportunity to nominate residents from their towns to four "At Large Seats" to complete the board total of 13 seats.
- In the towns nominating candidates for both Town Seats and At Large Seats, the candidates must designate which seat they are running for.
- The terms of office for the School Directors shall be one, two or three years respectively plus the additional months between the date of the Organizational Meeting of the Union School District, when the initial school directors will begin their terms of office, and the date of the Union School District's annual meeting in the spring of 2018. The seats designated for one, two or three year terms are explained under Article 8 of the Articles of Agreement being proposed by the Northshire Merger Study Committee.
- Should towns that are designated "Advisable", under the Articles of Agreement being proposed by the Northshire Merger Study Committee, vote not to approve the merger those/those towns' votes will not count towards the at large voting for candidates of the new board. Also, should advisable towns vote not to approve the merger, the board structure will vary (all towns in the new district will have one Town Seat no matter the outcome of the advisable towns' vote on the merger). These variations are described under Article 8 of the proposed Articles of Agreement.
- Nominations for a Town seat are to be made by filing with the clerk of that town, a statement of nomination signed by 30 voters in that town or one percent of the voters in that town, whichever is less and accepted in writing by the nominee. A statement shall be filed not less than 30 nor more than 40 days prior to the date of the vote. For the purposes of this vote, a statement must be filed between January 26, 2017 and February 6, 2017.
- Nominations for any of the At Large Seats may come from a resident of the four largest towns in the proposed new district, Danby, Dorset, Londonderry and Manchester. Candidates must file a statement of nomination signed by at least 60 voters in the districts of Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester with a town clerk of one of such districts on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017. For the purposes of this vote, a statement must be filed between January 26, 2017 and February 6, 2017.
- The vote shall be warned in each proposed member school district by the school board of that district, and the vote shall be by Australian ballot.
- The vote shall be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

# Act 46 School District Merger Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Related Financial Information

Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Mountain Towns RED, and Sunderland

## 1. What is Act 46 of 2015?

Act 46 of 2015 was passed to encourage school districts to consider merging into larger school districts. The law does not require districts to merge, but it does require them to have the conversation about merging. Act 46 includes financial incentives for merging school districts, and financial disincentives for not merging. Under the law, not merging leaves open the potential for the state to determine the future governance configuration of districts.

## 2. What is the rationale for Act 46?

Lawmakers determined Vermont's education spending rate for K-12 education to be unsustainable. Vermont has the highest per pupil K-12 costs in the country, and over the last 10 years or so the number of students has declined significantly while the number of school employees has effectively remained the same. The rationale behind Act 46 was to incentivize the creation of larger school districts so that locally-elected school officials can have better control over larger, regional education spending patterns involving multiple schools instead of control over smaller, single districts which in many cases include only one school. Larger governance structures will enable the sharing of organizational resources such as personnel, and ensure greater equity in terms of student access to high quality learning opportunities.

## 3. Why is Act 46 essentially involuntary?

Act 46 is the latest in a series of initiatives around school district governance reform. Earlier initiatives such as Act 153 (2010) and Act 156 (2012) were more voluntary but largely ineffective since few districts decided to engage in voluntary mergers.

## 4. How did our districts move forward under Act 46?

The districts of Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Mountain Towns RED, and Sunderland formed a formal merger study committee and determined it was advisable to merge. The Merger Committee presented its merger plan to the State Board of Education in December 2016. The State Board of Education subsequently approved the Committee's merger plan which means it now goes before the voters in each of these districts for consideration. The merger plan, if approved by the voters, would eliminate the current districts and create a new school district called the Taconic and Green Regional School District.

## 5. How does the merger vote work?

Districts under the merger plan fall into two categories: necessary and advisable. The Merger Committee determined how to group the districts into these two categories. Necessary districts (Dorset, Manchester, and the Mountain Towns RED) must all vote in favor of the merger to form the merger. The merger vote fails if one any one of these districts votes against the merger. These districts were determined to be "necessary" to qualify for financial incentives under the law. The remaining districts (Danby, Mt. Tabor, and Sunderland) were categorized as

advisable districts to the merger. It is not necessary for all or any of these districts to approve the merger. These districts were determined to be "advisable" to the merger since they would be giving up school choice in grades 7 and 8, potentially a challenging political conversation for these communities.

**6. What happens if the merger vote fails?**

If the merger vote fails, none of these districts would be eligible for the merger tax incentives under Act 46 since these incentives expire on July 1, 2017. These districts would also lose access to other financial incentives provided under Act 46 such as continued use of the per pupil "hold harmless" provision which has protected several of our districts from tax increases. Each district that does not merge will be required to submit a plan to the Secretary of Education by November 2017 outlining its plans to meet the policy objectives of Act 46. The Secretary will review these plans and then create a statewide master plan for school district governance that will ultimately be finalized by the State Board of Education in 2019. Basically, districts that fail to merge on their own will likely be reorganized by the State Board of Education in 2019 and not receive any financial incentives as part of the process.

**7. What would be the size of the new school board?**

If all districts (necessary and advisable) vote in favor of the merger, the new school board would be comprised of 13 school board members. There would be one school board member from each of the nine towns in the merger, and four additional school board members elected from the four largest towns in the merger: Danby, Dorset, Londonderry, and Manchester. All school board members would be elected through "at-large" voting which means all school board members would be elected by a vote of all voters in the district regardless of town of residence.

**8. How does the merger affect the supervisory union?**

The merger would not dissolve the current supervisory union, the BRSU. The new district would be a part of the BRSU but it is likely the configuration of the BRSU would change because of the merger. Since the new district would comprise over 50% of the pupils in the BRSU, the Merger Committee obtained preliminary approval from the State Board of Education to support a reconfiguration of the supervisory union board so its composition would be representative of the size of the member districts. This merger would probably precipitate the dissolution of the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union which currently includes the Arlington and Sandgate school districts. These districts would likely be assigned to the BRSU along with the Pawlet and Rupert school districts.

**9. How would the merger affect school choice?**

School choice in grades 9-12 would be preserved for all districts through the merger. Danby, Mt. Tabor, and Sunderland students would lose school choice in grades 7 and 8 and be required to attend one of the schools operated by the new school district (Dorset, Flood Brook or MEMS) for grades 7 and 8. The merger includes a grandfather provision to allow students from Danby, Mt. Tabor and Sunderland to continue to attend schools outside of the new district during a transition period. The new school board would determine which of the district-operated schools students would attend in the future, and potentially would create a system where

students may choose their school of attendance from among the schools operated by the new district.

**10. How would this merger affect the closing of schools?**

Act 46 includes protections for small schools: no school can be closed within four years of the merger without the direct support of the community in which the school is located. The Merger Committee inserted additional protections for small schools into its merger plan. These protections include a requirement of a supermajority vote of the new school board to close a school, and the requirement to hold a non-binding referendum and hearing in the community where the school would be closed.

**11. What are the financial implications of the merger?**

This merger is unlikely to produce significant savings in the near term since many operational functions of these districts have already been consolidated through the BRSU. The merger will maximize the use of financial incentives available under Act 46 including a four-year reduction in the tax rate and the preservation of important revenues such as the Small Schools Grant which would otherwise be eliminated and have a significant negative impact on the tax rates in Danby, Mt. Tabor and Sunderland of about 4 to 5 cents. The merger ensures the continued utilization of the "hold-harmless" provision for counting students which has protected several of our districts from significant increases to their tax rates due to a decline in the number of students. The merger will also immediately remove some districts from the penalty aspect of Act 68. Long-term financial implications of the merger are likely to be positive since the new school board will have control over a larger number of schools and be better able to adjust staffing patterns as student needs and program requirements change. More information on the tax implications of the merger can be found in the next section of this document.

**12. How does the merger affect the assets and liabilities of the current districts?**

The merger, if approved by the voters, will become effective on July 1, 2017 but the new school board will not assume operational control of the schools until July 1, 2018. This creates a year of transition for the current districts to transfer assets and liabilities to the new district. It is likely all liabilities (debt) will be assumed by the new district on July 1, 2018. The transfer of assets, however, including reserve fund balances and real property, will be the subject of discussion among local school boards and their districts. Local districts might choose to divert assets such as non-school property to other entities such as to their towns, or seek to support the creation of reserve funds for the new district that support the same purposes of the existing reserve funds (e.g. a Building Improvement Reserve Fund for the new district that was restricted for improvements to the Flood Brook School). All assets that are not diverted prior to June 30, 2018 will be transferred to the new district on July 1, 2018. All school-related property will be transferred to the new district as described by the merger plan.

**Projected Tax Rate and Comparison Information**

The newly merged district will have one budget producing one tax rate that is passed on to each town that is a member of the merged district. Assuming a flat 2.8% increase (the current New England

Economic Compact consumer price index) over FY18 budgets, local revenues, and the current proposed property yield, the projected equalized tax rate would be \$1.6231 for the first year of operation of the merged district (FY19). While this is not a true tax rate estimate as there are too many unknowns to make a prediction this far in advance, it is used to show how the incentives and stabilization may work.

Tax rate incentives are available to the towns in the merged district for a four-year period in the form of a tax rate reduction and tax rate stabilization. The reductions applied are 8 cents in the first year of merger, 6 cents in the second, 4 cents in the third, and 2 cents in the fourth.

Projected FY19 Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.6231
Year 1 Merger Incentive	<u>\$0.0800</u>
Projected Equalized Tax Rate - Adjusted	<u>\$1.5431</u>

In addition to the tax rate reduction, each town is limited to no more than a 5% increase or decrease in their tax rate from one year to the next for the four-year period or until such time that the district falls within a 5% variance.

The chart below shows the current FY18 estimated tax rates for each town voting on the merger, compares that to the projected FY19 equalized tax rate noted above, and presents the final FY19 Projected tax rate for each town.

MERGED DISTRICTS				
Town	FY18 Tax Rate	FY19 Tax Rate	Tax Rate Variance	FY19 Tax Rate w/5% Limitation (if applicable)
Danby	\$1.5060	\$1.5431	+2.5%	\$1.5431
Dorset	\$1.7050	\$1.5431	-9.5%	\$1.6198
Landgrove	\$1.4190	\$1.5431	+8.7%	\$1.4900
Londonderry	\$1.4190	\$1.5431	+8.7%	\$1.4900
Manchester	\$1.6780	\$1.5431	-8.0%	\$1.5941
Mt. Tabor	\$1.3400	\$1.5431	+15.2%	\$1.4070
Peru	\$1.4190	\$1.5431	+8.7%	\$1.4900
Sunderland	\$1.0000	\$1.5431	+54.3%	\$1.0500
Weston	\$1.4190	\$1.5431	+8.7%	\$1.4900

The two district components that go into the tax rate calculation are the amount needed from the education fund to balance the budget (education spending) and equalized pupils. These components

are used to calculate education spending per equalized pupil. Additionally, if education spending per pupil exceeds the state average (with certain factors applied), a penalty is applied prior to the final tax rate calculation.

- Many factors impact education spending other than the voted budget, such as available local revenues, prior year deficits, prior year surpluses, and the use of available reserves.
- Equalized pupils is a two-year average figure based on district enrollment and other factors per statute.

It should be noted that the FY18 equalized tax rates shown below are low relative to prior year tax rates in most towns because all districts with funds available have chosen to apply reserves and/or surpluses. The use of these funds serves to both benefit the taxpayers of that town prior to merging with other districts as well as reducing the tax rate, allowing the town(s) to take advantage of future incentives should the merger pass.

Many districts are experiencing declining enrollment. As enrollment declines, equalized pupils will decline. Without a proportional decline in education spending, education spending per equalized pupil will rise increasing the tax rate. The larger the district, the less of an impact declining enrollment has on education spending per pupil, keeping the district out of penalty, and slowing the growth of the tax rate.

Equalized Town Tax Rates FY13 - FY18						
District	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18**
Danby	\$1.391	\$1.440	\$1.565	\$1.667	\$1.704	\$1.506
Dorset	\$1.416	\$1.494	\$1.569	\$1.617	\$1.549	\$1.705
Landgrove*	\$1.411	\$1.604	\$1.607	\$1.676	\$1.600	\$1.419
Londonderry*	\$1.381	\$1.604	\$1.607	\$1.676	\$1.600	\$1.419
Manchester	\$1.420	\$1.489	\$1.528	\$1.523	\$1.632	\$1.678
Mt. Tabor	\$1.132	\$1.166	\$1.253	\$1.179	\$1.379	\$1.340
Peru*	\$1.508	\$1.604	\$1.607	\$1.676	\$1.600	\$1.419
Sunderland	\$1.326	\$1.315	\$1.468	\$1.411	\$1.422	\$1.000
Weston*	\$1.323	\$1.604	\$1.607	\$1.676	\$1.600	\$1.419

\* MTR town tax rates from FY14 - FY17 exclude incentives from their merger for comparison purposes

\*\* Estimated rates based on current state figures pending final legislative approval

Note: The tax rate presentations exclude the application of the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).

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## Rabies Kills

animals and people!



Vermont

25-50 animals/year  
positive for rabies

Around the world



Rabies kills 1 person  
every 10 minutes

### RECOGNIZE RABIES

VT rabies cases since 2011:



### PREVENT RABIES



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