



Dorset Town Report 2019

DEDICATION:

Henry D. Chandler: Known affectionately around town as Harry, Henry D.

Chandler was born in Brooklyn, NY on December 12, 1919. He attended Adelphi Academy and in 1941 earned a business degree from Lehigh University. After college he enlisted in the Air Force and served in WWII as a B-17 pilot based in England. In March of 1945 his plane was shot down over Germany and he survived as a POW until the end of the war.

After the war he returned to Connecticut and had a career in the field of human resources and management. He was married to his first wife Alice for 25 years and had four sons. He was remarried to long time friend Jane and raised a step daughter.

The Chandler family first took up roots in Dorset in 1947, and Harry always loved visiting. In 1999 he retired to Dorset to be closer to family.

He has enjoyed being part of the community. Harry has had a big hand in supporting working families in the Northshire. He has served on the Habitat for Humanity Bennington County Board and supported the organization for over 20 years, seeing over 30 homes built during that time. Harry has long been a supporter of the United Church of Dorset & East Rupert, as well as the Dorset Field Club.

Harry is still active and enjoys being outside, and driving anywhere he needs to go. This past December Harry turned 100 years old!



Remembering.....

Bonnie Burke: Bonnie Burke gave so much to so many. From co-founding the Wilson House of East Dorset, to working with area non-profits she never tired of giving to our community. Bonnie always had a kind word for her friends and neighbors.

People like Bonnie make up the fabric of a small town. Through her positive attitude and commitment to others for over 30 years, simply made East Dorset Village a better place.



John “Jack” Stannard:

Jack Stannard could spin a yarn. The location didn't matter, from the coffee crowd at Rumney's (HN Williams Store) to the Post Office or even a during a municipal meeting, Jack had stories to tell.

Few people were more dedicated to preserving the outdoor landscapes of Dorset. From years spent fishing, hunting, and trapping his knowledge of the Dorset flora and fauna was vast. Jack was a local business owner, served on both the Dorset Selectboard and Schoolboard, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board, and Vermont Sportsmen's Club Board.

Always with a wry humor, very often it seemed that Jack would take up the opposite side of an argument just to see what interesting places it would lead the conversation. He was truly a unique character and we will miss seeing him warming the chair near the register at Rumney's.



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TOWN OFFICE CALENDAR & MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

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

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

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|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Bennington County Sheriff | Sgt Jesse Bravata | (802) 442-4900 | www.benningtonsheriff.org |
| Town Office | | (802) 362-4571 | www.dorsetvt.org |
| Town Manager | Rob Gaiotti | x3 | townmanager@gmail.com |
| Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper | Nancy Aversano | x4 | dorsetadmin@comcast.net |
| Town Clerk Assistant Town Clerk | Sandra Pinsonault Judy Collins | x2 | dorsetclerk@gmail.com |
| Zoning Administrator | Tyler Yandow | x5 | dorsetza@gmail.com |
| Assessors | Margot Schoffstall | x6 | dorsetlister@gmail.com |
| Town Office Fax | | (802) 362-5156 | |
| Town Garage | | (802) 362-5244 | |
| Town Road Foreman | Jim Hewes | (802) 362-5244 | |
| Animal Control Officer Vermont Game Warden | Town Manager Justin Turner | (802) 362-4571 (802) 442-5421 | |
| Health Officer | Dolores Marcotte | (802) 362-4571 | |
| Town Constable | Ryan Matteson | (802) 430-8407 | |
| Dorset Chamber of Commerce | dorsetvtchamber@gmail.com | (802) 440-0455 | www.dorsetvt.com |
| Schools | Dorset School | (802) 362-2606 | sites.google.com/brsu.org/ thedorsetschool/home |
| | Burr & Burton Academy | (802) 362-1775 | www.burrburton.org |
| | Long Trail School | (802) 867-5717 | www.longtrailschool.org |
| Taconic & Green Regional School District Board | | (802) 362-2452 | sites.google.com/brsu/home |
| Post Offices | Dorset | (802) 867-5501 | |
| | East Dorset | (802) 362-3233 | |
| East Dorset Fire Warden Dorset Fire Warden | Doug Beebe Shawn Hazelton | (802) 362-4601 (802)-867-5311 | www.dorsetfiredistrict.org/ |
| Dorset Library | | (802) 867-5774 | dorsetvillagelibrary.org |
| VNA & Hospice | Ron Cioffi, Executive Director | (802) 362-1200 | (802) 362-2126 |
| State Representative | Linda Joy Sullivan | (802) 768-8668 | lsullivan@leg.state.vt.us |
| State Senator | Brian Champion | (802) 753-7705 | bcampion@leg.state.vt.us |
| State Senator | Richard Sears | (802) 442-9139 | rsears@leg.state.vt.us |

2019 Appointed Town Officers

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

Planning Commission

| | | | |
|----------------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Brooks Addington, Chairman | 2023 | Natalie Quigley | 2022 |
| Gay Squire, Vice Chairman | 2023 | Kit Wallace | 2023 |
| Scott Durgin | 2020 | Scott Thompson | 2023 |
| Charlie Wise | 2021 | Richard Coss | 2020 |
| Carter Rawson | 2022 | | |

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------|------|
| John LaVecchia, Chairman | 2021 | Kevin O'Toole | 2020 |
| David Wilson, Vice Chairman | 2022 | Ruth Stewart | 2020 |
| Martha Merwin | 2022 | Ed Tanenhaus | 2022 |
| Bill Bridges | 2022 | Steve Jones | 2021 |
| Tuck Rawls | 2020 | | |

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

Conservation Commission

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|---------------|------|
| Malcolm Cooper, Jr., Chairman | 2021 | Kevin O'Toole | 2020 |
| Alan Calfee | 2021 | Chip Ams | 2020 |
| Lee Romano | 2023 | | |

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

Design Review Board

| | | | |
|--------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
| Kit Wallace, Chairperson | 2020 | Michele Pagan | 2021 |
| Arnie Gottlieb | 2020 | James Clubb | 2021 |
| Lindy Bowden | 2020 | Ruth Tanenhaus (Alternate) | 2022 |

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

Bennington County Regional Commission

| | | | |
|----------------|------|-------------|------|
| John LaVecchia | 2020 | Nancy Faesy | 2021 |
|----------------|------|-------------|------|

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 2020 |
| Moderator, School | Kevin O'Toole | 1 Year Term | Expires 2020 |
| Town Clerk | Sandra Pinsonault | 3 Year Term | Expires 2020 |
| Town Treasurer | Melissa Zecher | 3 Year Term | Expires 2020 |
| Select Board | Henry Chandler | 3 Year Term | Expires 2021 |
| | James Salsgiver | 3 Year Term | Expires 2022 |
| | Tom Smith | 3 Year Term | Expires 2020 |
| | Liz Ruffa | 1 Year Term | Expires 2020 |
| | Megan Thörn | 1 Year Term | Expires 2020 |
| First Constable | Ryan Matteson | 1 Year Term | Expires 2020 |
| Town Agent | Kevin O'Toole | 1 Year Term | Expires 2020 |
| Justices of the Peace | Brian Kelly | | Michele Pagan |
| | Willard (Chip) Watson | | Howard Coolidge |
| | Bo Thörn | | Sandra Pinsonault |
| | Roger Squires | | Joseph Fontana |
| | Mary Barrosse-Schwartz | | Elizabeth Paxson |

2 Year Terms for all Justices Expire November 2020

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



Select Board & Town Manager Report

Well, 2019 has been quite the year in Dorset. The community has many great things being worked on by a great group of volunteers and Town Staff. We'll attempt to summarize and give thanks to the many residents who make Dorset a great place to live.

The spring started off with some challenges as we were impacted by a significant storm event on April 15th. The work of the Road Crew was nothing short of amazing during and after this storm. We estimate that over 2.5 miles of town roads were severely damaged by the storm. Over the course of a week our crew worked tirelessly to restore access to homes. Our good friends in Danby helped us out by supplying trucks for hauling material to re-build our roads. The storm damage totaled a little over \$100,000 and we expect FEMA to reimburse us around 80%. Many thanks to Jim Hewes, Duane Sherman, Bill Nichols, and Mark Towslee for their commitment to providing us the best service possible. On a similar note the Selectboard worked hard to assist residents and business owners in East Dorset. Everyone knows about the flooding problems near the Chantecleer Restaurant. We partnered with folks in the area to install an overflow culvert this fall. In addition, the Town has received a \$65,000 FEMA grant to perform a hydraulic & hydrogeologic study of this area. We will use this data to bring forth long term solutions that will help those impacted by the frequent floods.

We were also fortunate enough to participate in the Vermont Council on Rural Development's "Dorset Tomorrow" program. This brought residents together to identify and tackle some issues that will keep Dorset well positioned as a great place to live and work. A big thank you to all the volunteers that continue to meet to find solutions to issues like: housing, energy, transportation and community unity.

In 2019 we welcomed a new staff member, Rachel Batz. She joined the team as our Outdoor Recreation Director. A Forester by trade, she has set right out to help us better maintain our outdoor trail spaces and plan for ways to expand upon the ways we can encourage residents to get outside and enjoy rural living.

The Dorset Planning Commission continues to work hard for Dorset. In 2019 they tackled a re-drafting of the Town Plan that includes a great positive vision of the future for Dorset. We can't thank our volunteer board members enough; Dorset has such talented people living in the hills and valleys.

The stage has been set for some improvements to infrastructure in 2020. The Selectboard has commissioned plans for pedestrian improvements in East Dorset Village that will make our trips to the Store much safer. Route 30 will be repaved (finally!) and we'll see some additional improvements for pedestrian safety in Dorset Village. We hope this is the beginning of a series of projects that will make village life in Dorset second to none.

We're also very excited about the good works being done by the Raptor Lane Committee and look forward to their report about some of the options for projects on Raptor Lane. We embarked on an environmental review of the property to better understand the best ways it can be used into the future. A survey about Raptor Lane is available on the Town website: www.dorsetvt.org please share your thoughts with us, it's important.

The Dorset Chamber and Town have completed a new business and lifestyle website that will be a resource for visitors with the great stories about what life is like in our community. www.dorsetvt.com

We thank all the staff at the Town Office for running things smoothly and we look forward to a great year in 2020.

Respectfully Submitted, Rob 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 fifteenth year in office, I still am amazed at how each day is different and the love for my job never fades. Our office continues to maintain and preserve the land and vital records for our town. This past year, I was fortunate enough to do a study abroad program with the International Institute for Municipal Clerks, where I serve as the Region 1 Director. We traveled England, studying Parliament and Shakespeare. I also serve on the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, where I find protecting local government and municipalities my focal point.

2020 will be a big election year. March 3rd will be annual town elections along with the Presidential Primary. August 11th will be the Statewide Primary Election and November 3rd will be General Election Day.

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

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

Sandra "Sandy" Pinsonault, MMC/CVC

Town of Dorset Liquor Licenses: 2019

| <u>First Class License</u> | <u>Second Class License</u> |
|---|--|
| Barrows House..... \$115 | Dorset Rising\$70 |
| Chanteclair Restaurant..... \$115 | Dorset Union Store \$70 |
| Dorset Field Club \$115 | Global Montello Group.....\$70 |
| Dorset Inn \$115 | HN Williams Store..... \$70 |
| Dorset Playhouse \$115 | Hasgas General Store..... \$70 |
| Dorset Rising..... \$115 | Jiffy Mart \$70 |
| Inn at West View Farm \$115 | Total Second Class..... \$420 |
| Marble West Inn..... \$115 | |
| Total First Class \$920 | Total All Licenses..... \$1,340 |
| <hr/> | |
| <u>2019 Animal License Report</u> | <u>2019 Vitals</u> |
| 159 Spayed Female @ \$6..... \$954 | Births |
| 133 Neutered Male @ \$6..... \$798 | Males 9 |
| 19 Males @ \$10..... \$190 | Female 2 |
| 11 Females @ \$10 \$110 | Deaths |
| | Males 12 |
| | Females 6 |
| | Marriages |
| | Resident 6 |
| | Non-Resident 21 |
| 322 Dogs - Total Town Revenue \$2,052 | |

Treasurers Report

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa W. Zecher

Animal Control Officer Report

In 2019 the Animal Control Officer received 20+ calls about animal related issues. Common issues were dogs running at large, unlicensed dogs. The Animal Control Officer position is currently vacant, anyone interested in filling to position should contact the Town Manager's Office. For Animal Control calls contact the Town Manager at 417-7814.

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted, Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager

Health Officer Report

In 2019 the Health Officer received around 15+ phone calls with regard to health questions. One site inspection was required. The health officer responds to health & safety complaints and helps residents get in touch with the proper resources to remedy the situation. Residential rental properties in Vermont are regulated by the Vermont Rental Code Handbook. This regulation is drafted by the Vermont Department of Health and is available online.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Dolores K. Marcotte

Assessor's Department Report

For the twelve months ending December 31, 2019, the Assessor's Office processed 63 valid "arms-length" sales. These sales ranged from \$135,000 to \$1,500,000 for residential property, \$40,000 to \$125,000 for land, and \$207,000 to \$250,000 for commercial property. In addition, there was other routine maintenance done on the working Grand List such as property transfers into trusts, transfers between family members, or abutters sales and foreclosures.

Dorset's new 2019 CLA (common level of appraisal) – a three year average of total town sales divided by the total assessment, is now established by the State at 108.49%. 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 17.01%.

| 2006-2019 | Education Equalized Value | | % Change | CLA |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| 2006 | \$669,687,611 | | 0.00% | 105.6 |
| 2007 | \$722,342,055 | | 7.68% | 98.98 |
| 2008 | \$759,750,195 | | 5.18% | 95.52 |
| 2009 | \$765,831,350 | | 0.80% | 95.16 |
| 2010 | \$718,324,319 | | -6.20% | 101.32 |
| 2011 | \$671,881,913 | | -6.40% | 108.22 |
| 2012 | \$659,263,558 | | -1.88% | 109.73 |
| 2013 | \$674,451,706 | | 2.30% | 106.91 |
| 2014 | \$680,229,852 | | 0.86% | 105.64 |
| 2015 | \$663,489,000 | | -2.46% | 107.50 |
| 2016 | \$665,605,197 | | 0.30% | 105.94 |
| 2017 | \$651,285,470 | | -2.2% | 108.00 |
| 2018 | \$645,580,592 | | -1.8% | 108.18 |
| 2019 | \$640,220,999 | | -0.80% | 108.49 |

We are concerned with the fairness of your assessed value. In this effort, we continue with our reappraisal process. We anticipate a 2021 completion. Every year a property owner has the right to appeal their property value. This should be done before the start of the Town's spring grievance period. We encourage you to contact us with any questions or comments on your property assessment. Office hours Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Phone 802-362-4571 x 6 or E-Mail: dorsetlister@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted
Margot Schoffstall, Assessor

Delinquent Tax Report ~ December 31, 2019

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Casey, David..... | \$7,183.02* |
| Casey, Evelyn | \$94.56* |
| H&H Homes..... | \$2,645.84* |
| 3557 Route | \$8,242.93* |
| McPhee, Kate | \$16,664.84* |
| McGinnis, Linda | \$9,994.27* |
| Mical, Dennis..... | \$3,399.37* |
| Read, Walter | \$2,088.00 |
| Shavell, Stephen | \$860.30 |
| Sheldon, Shelly..... | \$3,055.88* |
| Staunton, Sidney Jr..... | \$3,535.85* |
| Stimson, Ellen | \$14,406.12* |
| Stone, Sharon..... | \$1,422.06 |
| Talcott, Andrew..... | \$378.94 |
| Wszolek, Heinz..... | \$6,306.97 |
| Total..... | \$80,278.95 |

****Paid or partially paid after December 31, 2019***

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

Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, and Design Review Board Report

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

| Permit Type | # of Applications | | Referred to Planning Commission | | Referred to Zoning Board of Adjustment | | Referred to Design Review Board | | Referred to Selectboard | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------|--|----------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Building | 55 | 59 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 4 | --- | --- |
| Demolition | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | --- | --- |
| Change of Use | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | --- | --- | --- |
| Boundary Line Adjustment | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sign | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Subdivision | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Driveway Access | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | --- | --- | 0 | --- | 3 | 5 |
| Totals | 71 | 73 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 |

Planning Commission:

- Finished reviewing Town Plan with BCRC for re-adoption as required by statute. Recommended amendments discussed at public hearing before this board. Sent Plan to Selectboard for second public hearing.
- Continued work on Dorset Village Walking & Bicycling Improvement Study and worked with BCRC and MSK Engineering to develop scope of work and design solutions. Coordinated this work with Town Manager and solicited support from legislators for compliance with “Complete Streets” legislation by the Agency of Transportation and VTRANS. This resulted in some project work being done and paid for by the State of Vermont, reducing Town expense for this project.
- Discussed zoning non-conformance analysis in village areas provided by BCRC.
- Finished review of restructured Sign Ordinance and sent same to Selectboard for approval.
- Two new members, Scott Durgin and Natalie Quigley, joined the board.

**Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, and Design Review Board Report
(continued)**

Design Review Board

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

Zoning Administrator

- Attended final presentation by University of Vermont College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences Capstone Design Team of the Brookside Drive Flooding Remediation Project. Work by this team resulted in a multi-agency meeting at the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Some progress has already been made to reduce the likelihood of future flooding. The Town is seeking FEMA grant funding for additional work.
- Attended spring and fall Planning and Zoning Forums sponsored by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

For the Dorset Planning Commission & Design Review Board

Tyler W. Yandow A.I.A.

Zoning 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, Ruth Stewart, Kevin O'Toole, Ed Tanenhaus and Martha Merwin. The Chair wishes to thank everyone for their continued commitment to volunteer their time and talents during the past year.

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

During 2019, the Board heard three applications. In the first, the Board approved an amendment to a previously granted permit and allowed H. N. Williams to install an outside ATM machine. A Conditional Use permit was granted allowing improvements to the park area adjacent to the Dorset Quarry and a Conditional Use permit was granted to allow the Dorset Field Club to lower the height of the practice range enclosure and install new netting.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. LaVecchia, Chairman

Dorset Energy Committee Report

The Dorset Energy Committee (DEC) was launched by the Dorset Select Board to help the Town and its residents work toward a viable energy future. We are an all-volunteer committee under the leadership of Jim Hand, the Town Energy Coordinator. Our activities in 2019 included:

ENHANCED ENERGY PLAN / TOWN PLAN: DEC spent a large amount of our time working on an "Enhanced Energy Plan." Vermont towns that want a greater say in the citing of renewable (wind, solar, hydro) energy projects in their town are required by Act 174 to have a compliant "enhanced energy plan". Dorset's energy plan provides a lot of great information about our Town, and was certified by the BCRC as Act 174 compliant. It has been incorporated into the new proposed Town Plan, which was approved and adopted by the Planning Commission in 2019, and is now before the Select Board for Consideration and adoption. As required by Act 174, the new plan identifies specific areas that Dorset wishes to protect, as well as those suitable for alternative energy development. In areas identified as preferred for development, landowners were given the choice to agree to such designation, or not.

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

MODEL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM: The Energy Committee worked with the Town Manager to apply for the Vermont Council on Rural Development ("VCRD") Model Communities Program. Dorset was chosen as one of two Vermont Towns to be part of this year long program. With the assistance of Paul Costello, Executive Director of VCRD, and Jon Copans, Director of the Model Communities Program, we held several well-attended community-wide meetings to identify four areas where community members could make a positive difference for Dorset. Task Forces were set up - to develop Action Plans and set specific goals to make a difference for our Town, in four areas: (1) Increase Affordable Housing and Attract New Residents; (2) Build Community Unity; (3) Transform Dorset's Energy Usage; and (4) Improve Dorset's Transportation Options. If you are interested in joining one of these efforts, let us know.

The Dorset Energy Committee is also always looking for community members interested in joining DEC's effort to help our neighbors and Town. Feel free to contact any one of us to find out about our next meeting.

Respectfully,
Jim Hand, Town Energy Coordinator

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

Design Review Board

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

During 2019 the DRB considered the following matters (approximately chronologically):

- Approval, after several months of evolving proposals, of reduction in height of poles surrounding the driving range at the Dorset Field Club to 50' plus new, less noticeable, netting. This decision is similar to the agreement which was reached between the DFC and Kaye Manley, who opposed the original proposal.
- Approval of removal of severely deteriorated, structurally unsound Michl guest house, 3424 Route 30.
- Approval to change paint colors of shutters (to Essex Green) and door (to red) at 3500 Route 30.
- Approval of replacement windows on sides and back of building at 3155 Rt 30 - none of which are visible from Route 30.
- Approval of replacing overgrown hedge with fence (similar to existing behind house) at 412 Church St.
- Approval of new porch roofing (standing seam) at Dorset Inn.
- Approval of extension of small rear roof over back porch at Childs residence (8 Church St).
- Approval of flush mounted sign at old Berkshire Bank building (23 Church St).
- Proposal to replace windows and make other improvements at 40 Cheney Rd (extended to January 2020).

In addition, there were two special presentations about matters relevant to DRB work:

- Mark Anders of the BCRC presented the results of the Municipal Planning Grant: Village Pedestrian and Bicycling Improvements. Major proposals include extending the east end of the Dorset Green in order to decrease both the turning radius onto Route 30 and the crossing distance across Route 30; installing a crosswalk at the Post Office (and possibly at two other locations) and fixing the old marble sidewalk on the east side; installing a bike lane on the west side at least to Meadow Lane. In addition, the Dorset Hollow Road intersection is way too wide and open, so they propose to plant grass to decrease the turning radius. All proposals were generally enthusiastically received. Concerns were expressed about crosswalk signage (must they be neon-like lime green?) and the height of sidewalk curbs (lower is less obtrusive). The DRB liked the idea of pedestrian/bike ways all the way to HN Williams but prefer widening of road to allow for this rather than an actual constructed sidewalk.
- Roger Squire gave a tour of the marble sidewalks in Dorset Village and described the history and plans for additional sidewalks there and in East Dorset.

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

Jim Clubb, Lindy Bowden, Arnie Gottlieb, Michelle Pagan, and Ruth Tanenhaus

Kit Wallace, Chairman

Conservation Commission Report



Members: Malcolm Cooper (Chair), Alan Calfee, Kevin O'Toole, Chip Ams, Lee Romano, Art Gilbert

We want to thank the community and the Dorset Selectboard for their continued support of Dorset's phenomenal Town Forests. We continue to see increasing use of the properties by locals and visitors alike and are getting a lot of great feedback from folks who really enjoy being able to easily access these properties for various types of recreation.

It was another exciting year for the Commission and Dorset's Town Forests. Much of the activity throughout the year focused on the Owls Head Town Forest. The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) was back on the property this last summer working on trails. Most of their work focused on adding some additional trails that make it so visitors can access some of the smaller quarries on the property and improvement of trail connections to create additional hiking loops for visitors.

Another important milestone accomplished through the good work of our Town Manager Rob Gaiotti, was the hiring by the Town of Dorset of a Recreation Director. The Recreation Director will help steward our Town Forests and work to create educational and outreach projects to involve the local community in these valuable woodland properties. We are very fortunate to have been able to hire Rachel Batz for the position. Rachel has a great background in forestry and arboriculture as well as experience with different aspects of educational and outreach programs. You will likely see Rachel out on the properties if you venture out. If you have questions or feedback, you can reach her by email at hikedorset@gmail.com.

One of Rachel's first projects was to replace the puncheon bridges on the trails at Cutler Memorial Forest off of Peace Street. The annual Thanksgiving Day work party returned in 2019 and a group of hearty volunteers showed up to help move materials for the puncheon bridge work back in to the woods to assist Rachel complete that important work.

Several members of the Commission were also appointed to the Raptor Lane committee to engage with the Selectboard and others on planning for future use of the newly added Raptor Lane parcel.

Please visit the "Hike" page on the beautiful new Dorset website to see lots of great information on how to get out and enjoy the Town's Forests as well as other great recreational opportunities in the region.

MAPLE HILL CEMETERY

Maple Hill Cemetery, located along Route 30 just south of Dorset Village, has been serving the local community for nearly 250 years and is still active. In that time, the Sexton's Ledger has recorded nearly 3000 burials, about 1000 in the "Old Grounds" along the highway and the rest in numbered Plots filling out its 6.6 acres, with a new 1.1 acre South Annex expansion currently being developed. All recorded burials can be found online at www.dorsetvthistory.org/cemetery/ listing the location & other information including a map like this:

The Maple Hill Cemetery Association is a not-for-profit organization run by an all-volunteer Board and Sexton. During our 2019 season from May through October, we sold 4 burial Lots and recorded 14 burials, most in family or pre-purchased plots. Besides regular mowing and seasonal clean-ups, several special projects were also accomplished:



- Paving a couple short sections of our roadway which regularly wash out,
- Removing shrubs and several large pines blocking access to the new south annex,
- Removing numerous overgrown bushes obscuring old headstones, and
- Getting commercial arborists to fertilize, thin, reinforce or remove sickly trees.

Over the years, the cemetery boards have invested portions of each Lot sale into a substantial endowment that can meet most costs for general maintenance, but we still rely on Lot sales, fees for Burial services, and volunteer Gifts to fund special improvements. The Maple Hill Cemetery Association's Annual Meeting, held in early June, is open to the public and we invite community participation.

At this time we neither receive nor request any contributions from the Town's taxes, but want to raise awareness of our activities in the Dorset community through this report.

Respectfully submitted -- Andy Longacre, Sexton (802)867-0297

For the Board: Bill Bridges (Chair), Walt Gilbert (Treasurer), Malcolm Cooper, Jr. (Assistant Sexton), Pam & Art Gilbert and Wendy & Dave Parsons



Bennington County Regional Commission

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

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

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

Some of the key projects to be undertaken by the BCRC in the coming year include: continued work on the Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, energy plan implementation activities, workforce and business development initiatives, cooperative programs with the Lightning Jar entrepreneurial center, water quality management plans and projects, assessment of brownfield sites throughout the region, building redevelopment and reuse strategies, regional food systems planning, expanded education and outreach to support waste reduction and recycling goals, completion of municipal hazard mitigation plans, and management of intersection improvement and multi-use pathway projects.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sullivan, Director



Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

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

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

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

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

This past year the Alliance provided technical assistance to over 40 businesses and three schools, as well as several major event organizers, held two household hazardous waste events, supported an E-Waste collection at the Dorset School and sold compost bins to residents. In 2020, we plan to hold two household hazardous waste events for residents and small businesses of all thirteen towns. The spring event will be held at the Bennington Transfer Station and the fall event at the Dorset School. Check the website above for updates and details. The Alliance receives most of its funding from the 13 towns, but this past year received grants from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture and Markets.

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

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

Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure for generations to come. Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM.

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

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

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenMountainFingerLakesNF/>

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| David Francomb District Ranger, South Half - Manchester Ranger District 802-362-2307 | Christopher Mattrick District Ranger, North Half - Rochester & Middlebury Ranger Districts 802-767-4261 |
| JOHN A. SINCLAIR Forest Supervisor Rutland -- Supervisor's Office 802-747-6700 | |



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ - and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed. The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

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

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Becky Rhoads".

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.

Southern Vermont Communications Union District (CUD)

On the upcoming Town Meeting ballot there will be an item seeking permission for the Town of Dorset to join a Communications Union District (CUD) for southern Vermont. This effort is being spear-headed by a Broad Band Task Force composed of representatives from many towns in Bennington County. The taskforce seeks to promote formation of a CUD according to Vermont Statute as laid out in 30 V.S.A. Ch 82. The aim is to include towns in Bennington County and perhaps neighboring towns in Rutland and Windham Counties. The CUD purpose is to study the feasibility of building and operating a new broadband internet system to provide service to member towns, particularly in areas that are now underserved. This can work through joining the purchasing power of many underserved areas banded together to build a critical mass of customers. Successful, operating CUDs already exist (such as the East Central Vermont CUD), and many others across the state are being organized.

Here is how it all works:

1. A town votes to join a CUD.
2. Each member town selects two representatives to the Board of Directors of the CUD. This generally includes a member of the select board and another member of the community.
3. The CUD Board of Directors applies for grant(s) to support a feasibility study for providing broadband throughout the area of the member towns. Grants are available from several Vermont and federal agencies, and the Vermont Legislature passed specific legislation in 2019 to support this sort of effort. The Legislature also funded & filled a new position to support these efforts.
4. With feasibility reports in hand the Board may request proposals from both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations to build and operate a system providing broad band internet, with a goal of serving all residents and businesses in member towns. There are multiple providers interested in contracting to provide necessary services.
5. Costs not covered by grants are funded by bonds. Financing is now being made available to viable operations at favorable rates to support these efforts. At no time are any costs or risks borne by town taxpayers. Only the CUD is responsible. By Statute, the CUD can't accept town funds (with the exception of normal subscriber fees, if the town is a customer).
6. Once the CUD system is ready to go citizens can subscribe to the service as they do for other available internet services. Rates are expected to be competitive.
7. Financial obligations of the CUD are paid by the subscriber fees.

If the Town of Dorset joins the CUD, it will be in on the ground floor to influence CUD policy. It takes only two towns to form a CUD; other towns can join later by action of select boards. It should be noted that at least 9 towns in the county already plan votes on joining. For comments or questions email: jsalsgiver@gmail.com, who has volunteered to be Dorset's initial representative to the Broadband Task Force.

Southern Vermont Communication Union District (SoVTCUD) - Background Information

“Shall the Town of Dorset enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as Southern Vermont Communication Union District, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch 82.?”

Summary

High-speed internet is no longer a luxury, but a necessity. In Dorset, like in most Vermont communities, a large percentage of residents & businesses have reasonable access to internet service. Yet, that leaves many areas where adequate internet is still not available. In very rural locations, internet companies are not willing to invest in infrastructure to serve a limited number of addresses. And, it has become clear that no solution will be forthcoming from the Federal or State government. But, progress has been achieved in some areas of Vermont with a regional solution, where towns have joined together to take on the need. The Legislature created a process to help support regional solutions with Act 79 (2019).

How? And... What is a CUD?

The first step is for interested Towns in our region to form a *Communications Union District (CUD)*. In our area, this CUD will be known as “Southern Vermont Communication Union District”, or SoVTCUD.

A CUD is a municipal corporation formed by two or more towns for the purpose of planning, building & managing infrastructure to provide high speed internet.

What do we gain by joining the Southern Vermont Communication District?

The Town gets a seat at the table in the effort to plan, design and build critical regional infrastructure.

What is the cost, and the risk, to the taxpayer and town?

There are no costs to the taxpayer or the town, though participating towns may be required to make available, for lease, one or more sites for a communications plant required to operate the network. Membership in a CUD poses no financial risk to the town or individual taxpayers. By state statute, the CUD “shall not accept funds generated by a member’s taxing or assessment power”. In other words, member Towns are not allowed to financially support the CUD. The only exception is that the Town can be a customer of the CUD for broadband services, on the same terms as any other customer.

Will it work? And, How long will it take?

Whether it will work is what we hope to find out through the feasibility study. It has worked in some areas of Vermont. ECFiber was Vermont’s first CUD formed in 2015, and it now delivers up to 700 mbps service to 3,500 customers in 22 rural towns and is profitable. But, whether this approach can be successful in Dorset and other area towns will not be known without significant analysis and study. And, if it is determined to be feasible to build a new system, it may be necessary to do so in stages. Forming a CUD is just the first step in a multi-year process.

How can we join the district?

By voting yes on the CUD Article at Town Meeting, you’re voicing your support for your town’s membership in the CUD. All towns that approve this ballot measure will become members of a CUD.

What’s next?

Each town joining the CUD appoints a resident and an alternate to serve on the CUD board. That board will work to obtain grant funds to commission a feasibility plan. If the plan is deemed feasible and moves forward, no one would be required to sign up for the new service. But, Dorset residents could a new and potentially attractive option for broadband availability.

Questions?

Feel free to contact Jim Salsgiver (jsalsgiver@gmail.com), who has volunteered to be Dorset’s initial representative to the SoVTCUD Task Force. To read the full text of the state statute, visit: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/30/082>



Bennington County Sheriff's Office

Attached is a report outlining our enforcement efforts from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

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

This year was the 11th annual New Year's Eve Safe ride program where members of the department gave 125 residents a safe and sober ride home. We recently expanded this service to include Super bowl Sunday to help reduce instances of intoxicated driving.

This year was also our third annual Santa's Helpers event where the Deputies donated their money along with local businesses who sponsored this event. We adopted families throughout the county and deliver Christmas gifts to children in need.

2019 Department Updates:

- Added a second K-9 Deputy to our every-expanding Agency
- Began the Project Lifesaver Program ~ a countywide emergency response locator service capable of finding individuals diagnosed with cognitive impairments which may cause them to wander and become lost. Please contact our office if you have a loved one that could benefit from tis program.

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

Sincerely,
Chad D. Schmidt,
Sheriff

Traffic Tickets

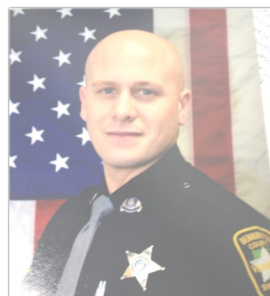
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| Operate w/o proof financial resp. 1 | Operating w/o Liability Insurance | 9 |
| Illuminations Required | Condition of Vehicle | 4 |
| Using portable electronic device.. 3 | Misuse of number plates | 1 |
| Following too Closely | Passing School Bus | 1 |
| Failure Display rear/front plate.. 2 | Inspection | 1 |
| No rear plate..... 1 | Vehicle not inspected | 15 |
| Failure to drive to the right..... 2 | Open container (marijuana) | 1 |
| Following too closely..... 2 | Open container (alcohol)..... | 1 |
| Operating with no insurance | No registration | 13 |
| 1-10 MPH over speed limit..... 10 | Operating without license/learner..... | 13 |
| 11-20 MPH over speed limit..... 130 | Operate after Suspension/Revoke | 5 |
| 21-30 MPH over speed limit..... 13 | Marijuana~Open Container/Operation | 5 |
| 31 or more MPH over limit..... 2 | Limitations on passing | 2 |
| Obstructing Windshields | Texting while Operating Motor Vehicle | 2 |
| Restricted License..... 2 | Persons Required to Register..... | 9 |

Traffic Warnings

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Using portable electronic device 2 | Condition of Vehicle | 23 |
| Driving on road laned for traffic 5 | Vehicle Emerging Driveway | 1 |
| Failure display front regist plate 17 | Failed to drive to the right | 4 |
| Following too closely 11 | Failure yield Emergency Vehicle | 1 |
| Stop sign violation 4 | Operating w/o Liability Insurance | 1 |
| Speeding 1-10 MPH over limit. 55 | 11-20 MPH over limit | 160 |
| Failure Move Emergency Vehicle 1 | Person Required to Register | 1 |
| Signals required 3 | Vehicle not inspected | 104 |
| Using portable electronic device 1 | Condition of Vehicle | 19 |
| Driving on road laned for traffic 3 | Failed to display front plate | 5 |
| Failed display front & rear plate 2 | Failed to drive to the right | 2 |
| Following too closely 4 | No validation sticker on plate | 1 |
| Stop sign violation 6 | Speeding 1-10 MPH over limit | 36 |
| Speeding 11-20 MPH over limit 74 | Railroad crossing violation | 2 |
| Signals required 1 | Vehicle not inspected | 37 |

Incidents / Arrests

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| 911 Hang up 2 | Welfare Check | 8 |
| Accident- Injury 1 | Accident- Property Damage | 13 |
| Alarm 25 | Animal Problem | 11 |
| Assist Agency 26 | Assist Motorist | 12 |
| Assist other 1 | Assist Public | 31 |
| Cruelty to a child 1 | Directed Patrol | 25 |
| Domestic Disturbance 2 | Disturbance | 5 |
| Eluding Police 1 | Driving under the Influence | 6 |
| Embezzlement 1 | Foot Patrol | 3 |
| Fraud 1 | Mental Health Issue | 2 |
| Minor Possession Alcohol 1 | Juvenile Problem | 5 |
| Petit Larceny 2 | Property Watch | 4 |
| Motor vehicle complaint 19 | Parking | 5 |
| Retail Theft 2 | Subpoena Service | 2 |
| Suspicious Event 31 | Traffic Stops | 676 |
| Threats/Harassment 5 | Trespass | 9 |
| Untimely Death 1 | Unsecure premises | 1 |
| VIN verifications 3 | Arrest on Warrant | 1 |
| Assault~Simple 1 | Domestic Assault | 3 |
| Assault Law Enforcement Officer 1 | | |



Sergeant Jesse Bravata

VOTER APPROVED APPROPRIATIONS



Neighbor to Neighbor
An Interfaith Community Project



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



Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA)



SOUTHWESTERN
VERMONT
COUNCIL ON AGING

DORSET **Players**



Bennington Area
Habitat
for Humanity®

BROC COMMUNITY ACTION
In Southwestern Vermont



East Dorset Cemetery



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

East Dorset Cemetery Association

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

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

October 2018—September 2019

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| Beginning Balance..... | \$2,318.17 |
| Income | |
| Lot Sale..... | \$0.00 |
| Town Allotment..... | \$2,500.00 |
| Total Income | \$2,500.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Mowing..... | \$100.00 |
| Field Mowing..... | \$3,125.00 |
| Shed Repair | \$1,565.35 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>\$29.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$3,254.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$1,564.17 |

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Beebe

BROC COMMUNITY ACTION

In Southwestern Vermont

To the Citizens of the Town of Dorset,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low income or living in poverty that we serve; we want to personally thank you for supporting us through the town ballot.

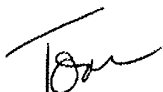
Over the past year, BROC Community Action assisted 11 Dorset families / residents who had their needs met including:

- Food assistance in the BROC Community Food Shelf
- Forms assistance for food assistance program benefits such as 3SqVT
- Budget counseling through our Community Services department
- Small business start-up through our Micro Business Development Program
- Free Home Weatherization in 2 homes that reduced energy costs and increased comfort year -round through our Weatherization program (Average job cost \$10,000).

BROC Community Action is pleased to have achieved these positive results for residents of the Town of Dorset over the past year. There is still more work to do. Your appropriation helps ease their struggle as we meet the basic needs of these families and provide a path forward.

The foundation of a community is only as strong as how we treat our most vulnerable. We truly value our partnership with Dorset to assist those in the most need in your community.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Donahue, CEO
tdonahue@broc.org

45 Union Street, Rutland, VT 05701 Phone: 802-775-0878
broc.org #BROCTALK

BROC - COMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 AND 2017**

ASSETS

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 76,409 | \$ 497,894 |
| Investments | 1,696 | 1,696 |
| Grants receivable | 679,142 | 796,651 |
| Prepaid expenses | 26,849 | 28,990 |
| Inventory | <u>197,388</u> | <u>109,473</u> |
| Total current assets | 981,484 | 1,434,704 |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, net | <u>2,679,008</u> | <u>1,511,178</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$ 3,660,492</u> | <u>\$ 2,945,882</u> |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Current portion of long term debt | \$ 124,710 | \$ 49,689 |
| Demand note payable | 60,000 | 51,800 |
| Accounts payable | 300,928 | 389,734 |
| Accrued payroll and related liabilities | 116,425 | 102,850 |
| Accrued vacation and sick time | 87,439 | 75,514 |
| Refundable advances | <u>459,502</u> | <u>758,450</u> |
| Total current liabilities | 1,149,004 | 1,428,037 |
| LONG TERM DEBT, less current portion | <u>1,826,992</u> | <u>757,794</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>2,975,996</u> | <u>2,185,831</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Unrestricted | | |
| Net investment in non-expendable property | 686,100 | 674,966 |
| Undesignated | <u>(86,227)</u> | <u>(17,941)</u> |
| Total unrestricted | <u>599,873</u> | <u>657,025</u> |
| Temporarily restricted | | |
| Net investment in non-expendable property | 21,458 | 28,729 |
| Contributions and program income | <u>63,165</u> | <u>74,297</u> |
| Total temporarily restricted | <u>84,623</u> | <u>103,026</u> |
| Total net assets | <u>684,496</u> | <u>760,051</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | <u>\$ 3,660,492</u> | <u>\$ 2,945,882</u> |

See Notes to Financial Statements



Serving all of Bennington County using restorative justice principles as our guide, the Center for Restorative Justice (CRJ) is a true community agency helping both young people as well as adults to take an active role to repair the harm they caused, give back to their community and learn new ways to be a positive, contributing community member. With your town's support, this past year, 45 community members volunteered their time and talents sitting on one of eight monthly restorative justice panels and CRJ's governing Board, over \$6,500 in donations was collected from clients and

these funds were distributed to various charities and non-profit groups throughout Bennington County, over \$10,000 in restitution was collected and given back to victims of crime, and over 1,400 individuals went through one of CRJ's many programs. Visit www.bcrj.org to learn more about CRJ's many programs and services.

CRJ was able to bring on several new programs this past year including an expansion of our afterschool program to 4 days per week, a new week-long summer program for at-risk youth, Mediation Services assisting to resolve civil disputes, and Expungement Petition Assistance helping people file petitions with the court to have their records expunged.

Town support is greatly appreciated and is invaluable in helping CRJ continue to expand its programming and to reach as many people as possible. Your continued support has helped individuals to get their lives on the right track, helped empower victims to have a voice in the justice process, and helped restore and strengthen our communities.

Leitha Cipriano, Executive Director
Center for Restorative Justice

| <i>FY 2019 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT</i> | | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|
| Revenue: | State Grants | 462,038 |
| | Other Grants | 7,000 |
| | School Funding | 24,500 |
| | Fees- Diversion/TASP | 57,400 |
| | Town Funding | 7,680 |
| | Contributions, Fundraising | 16,125 |
| Total Revenue | | 574,743 |
| Expenses | Personnel | 438,479 |
| | Facilities | 36,067 |
| | Operations | 29,308 |
| | Ins | 7,119 |
| | Training & Travel | 15,893 |
| | Prof Fees | 13,097 |
| Total Expenses | | 539,963 |



Rutland Office: 802-786-5990
 Bennington Office: 802-442-5436
 Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Dorset in 2019:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 855 meals that were delivered to the homes of 12 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 14 Dorset elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 283 meals were provided.

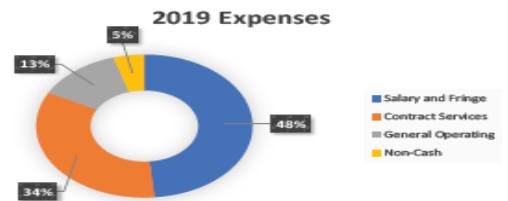
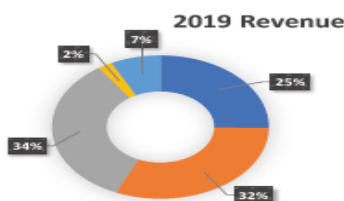
Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 28 elders in your community for a total of 126 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

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

2019 IN REVIEW



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

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) is committed to providing compassionate support, practical services and the pathway to healing and safety for countless victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout Bennington County. Our organization has grown from a crisis 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 for victims accessing our services and our volunteers remain the backbone of the support we offer. In the past year, we provided 22 Dorset/East Dorset residents with comprehensive services; this number has more than tripled since last year. A few of those residents made initial contact with us through the emergency hotline. These residents received advocacy services including emotional support, safety planning, court advocacy, case management and housing services. In addition, 3 families with 4 children received supervised visitation services through our Family Time Program.

Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. Our emergency shelter program provides families with short-term housing and case management services with the goal of obtaining safe, permanent housing. In the past year, we provided 89 adults and 58 children with 3,745 nights of shelter services.

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

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

Respectfully,

Nadia Lucchin
Executive Director



Dorset Marble Preservation Association, Inc. (DMPA)

Dorset Marble Preservation Association

In August of 2019, our contractor restored the marble sidewalk on the south side of Church Street. It was necessary to provide replacement material for about thirty feet of sidewalk, and we gratefully received gifts of old marble from other properties in the neighborhood. We have now exhausted the known supply of original marble.

We received a gift of an uncut block of marble from Richard McDonough. The block was shipped to a stone cutting firm in Rutland, and we are waiting to see what slabs can be cut from it. We naturally prefer to use “historic” marble as we work our way through sidewalk restoration projects. We hope our Dorset neighbors will accept “new” marble slabs cut from a block quarried in Dorset about a century ago.

The appropriations we receive are granted by tax payers on both sides of the mountain, and we are motivated to execute projects that will benefit residents of both parts of town. Accordingly, our plan for 2020 includes restoration of a portion of the sidewalk on Mad Tom Road and Village Street owned by the East Dorset Congregational Church.

We are grateful to the voters and private donors who help fund our ongoing effort to restore the town’s iconic marble sidewalks.

Roger Squire
President, Dorset Marble Preservation Association

2019 Financial Report

Revenue

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning balance 1/1/2019 | \$18,896 |
| Town appropriation | 15,000 |
| Grants and contributions | 7,700 |
| Property owner reimbursements | <u>5,636</u> |
| Total | \$47,232 |

Expenses

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Sidewalk restoration | \$17,290 |
| Marble purchase | 400 |
| Maintenance & repair | <u>1,005</u> |
| Total | \$18,695 |
| Bank balance 12/31/19 | \$28,537 |



The Dorset Library

The Dorset Library continued to cement itself as a center of the community in 2019. We have new members joining on a regular basis, and as in previous years, our attendance at our programs and events continues to rise! Our ongoing programs such as knitting night, millennials' activities nights, and for the youngsters, Pokemon and Lego Club are all going strong. Our summer-time community event, Dog Days of July, allows friends and neighbors to come together to enjoy good food and company. Halloween always draws community members from far and wide. 2019 was our 5th year and despite the weather, we had an enormous turn out! Volunteers from all around come

together to help make the scares happen. Monthly artists and the receptions, dance parties, and poetry salons are also great ways to get together as a community to look at art, dance, or read poetry.

A very big part of our mission to become a place for the community to congregate was the opening and refurbishing of the original fireplace. Gas logs were installed, a new seating area was created, new shelving was created to offer displays and selections of books as well as our periodicals...all at an arm's length. Thank you to a generous benefactor for making this a possibility!

The Library participated in the 2nd Vermont Fairy Tale Festival in Killington, Vermont, along with 13 other libraries from around the state. The staff presented Alice in Wonderland and provided tea cookies, games, and crafts to over 600 children and their families. 2019 was also the inaugural year of the Pooh Bear Poetry Party! We invited everyone to come read their favorite Pooh quotes, we played Pooh Sticks and ate honey and crafted.

Of course our growing collections of books, movies, audios and other educational resources always remains our primary goal. New items are ordered and prepared for the public on a monthly basis. We are also very happy to take suggestions and requests, as well as inter-library loans. Another matter of importance is the upkeep of our beautiful building. In 2019 we repaired rot on the building and touched up the paint and refurbished the decking on the ramp and porch.

The Library continues to provide valuable resources to the Dorset community and we thank you for your support.

| Revenue | Jan-Dec 18 | Budget 2019 |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Art Sale Income | \$ 1,693.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Book Sales | \$ 415.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Conscience Fund | \$ 289.00 | \$ 250.00 |
| Donations & Annual Fund | \$ 26,534.00 | \$ 21,000.00 |
| Town Appropriations & Grants | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Bequests/Gifts | \$ 50,100.00 | \$ 35,000.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 99,031.00 | \$ 78,750.00 |
| Expenses | | |
| Administration | \$ 25,572.00 | \$ 23,750.00 |
| Personnel | \$ 108,739.00 | \$ 102,500.00 |
| Library Materials | \$ 21,972.00 | \$ 23,750.00 |
| Building & Grounds | \$ 44,105.00 | \$ 38,350.00 |
| | \$ 200,388.00 | \$ 188,350.00 |
| Surplus/Deficit | \$ (101,357.00) | \$ (109,600.00) |

Note:

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



The Dorset Players is a non-profit community theatre organization founded by a group of local citizens in 1927. The Players built the Dorset Playhouse in 1929 and periodically have improved and expanded the structure to accommodate a growing audience of seasonal visitors and local patrons. In 1999, the Dorset Players and the Dorset Theatre Festival (which rents the Playhouse during the summer months) undertook a three-million-dollar restoration of the historic Playhouse. The restored Playhouse opened in June 2001 and since has been in constant use by the Players, the Festival, the Chamber, schools and other local groups. Nearly two decades of heavy use has now resulted in a growing need for external and internal upgrades and repairs. The Players have sought to maintain the structure through special grants, fundraisers and private donations. The Playhouse roof was recently replaced with partial funding from the Dorset community. Current pressing concerns are the installation of roof gutters to carry the roof's rain and ice run-off away from the building where it has caused significant siding damage, repair of this damage, weatherization and energy loss issues, plumbing improvements, repair of water damage to a ceiling, exterior decay of rehearsal hall window casements, parking lot re-grading, and other repair and refurbishing issues. These structural matters continue to outpace Players' resources, even as the organization has improved its base of support from diverse benefactors.

DORSET PLAYERS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 8/1/2019 TO 7/31/2020

| INCOME | | EXPENSES | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Production | \$ 81,903.00 | Production | \$ 36,140.00 |
| Fundraising Donations | \$ 77,990.00 | Administrative | \$ 48,041.00 |
| Membership | \$ 10,075.00 | Building & Grounds | \$ 110,724.00 |
| Playbill Advertising | \$ 19,125.00 | General Theater | \$ 1,528.00 |
| Theater Rental | \$ 12,534.00 | Playbill | \$ 7,681.00 |
| Other | \$ 679.00 | | |
| Total Income | \$ 202,306.00 | Total Expenses | \$ 204,114.00 |

DORSET PLAYERS INCOME & EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 8/1/2018 TO 7/31/2019

| Income | | Expenses | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Production | \$ 95,179.00 | Production | \$ 38,656.00 |
| Fundraising Donations | \$ 64,382.00 | Administrative | \$ 39,427.00 |
| Membership | \$ 10,075.00 | Building & Grounds | \$ 56,422.00 |
| Playbill Advertising | \$ 15,075.00 | General Theater | \$ 1,716.00 |
| Theater Rental | \$ 12,534.00 | Playbill | \$ 7,681.00 |
| Other | \$ 1,729.00 | Depreciation | \$ 7,744.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 198,974.00 | Total Expenses | \$ 151,645.00 |



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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 group of volunteers has provided vital services to older and disabled residents of the Northshire. In 2019, 87 care recipients received friendly visits, transportation to appointments, and help with chores around the house and yard. In addition, we held monthly social events that

allow care recipients to enjoy a delicious lunch and some form of entertainment.

Thirty (30) Dorset residents are either volunteers or Neighbor to Neighbor care recipients. At our monthly events this year, care recipients enjoyed things like a visit to Rogerland Gardens in Arlington, a special fall foliage bus trip with lunch at the Mount Anthony Country Club in Bennington, musical bingo, Jeopardy with Burr and Burton Academy students, a travelogue of Australia, and a concert with the Arlington High School chorus.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Galguera, Executive Director

Revenue

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Grants | \$7,500.00 |
| Foundations and Corporations | \$10,000.00 |
| Fundraising Events | \$9,000.00 |
| Individual Contributions | \$14,000.00 |
| Support from Towns | \$3,000.00 |
| Support from Houses of Worship | \$1,200.00 |
| Interest Income | \$100.00 |
| In-Kind Donations | \$18,700.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$63,500.00 |

Expenses

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Total Payroll Expenses | \$27,384.00 |
| Worker's Comp | \$822.00 |
| Education/Conferences | \$150.00 |
| In-Kind Contributions (rent, property maintenance, bookkeeping) | \$17,500.00 |
| Utilities | \$2,000.00 |
| Phone/Internet | \$1,400.00 |
| Office Supplies | \$2,000.00 |
| Printing/Publicity/Advertising/Newsletter | \$1,500.00 |
| Postage | \$750.00 |
| Petty Cash | \$100.00 |
| Fundraising Event Expenses | \$2,000.00 |
| Care Recipient Events | \$2,500.00 |
| Insurance: Liability | \$1,600.00 |
| Volunteer Recognition | \$100.00 |
| Computer Tech Support | \$150.00 |
| Mileage Reimbursement | \$3,600.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$63,556.00 |



Your Community Media & Training Center

www.gnat-tv.org

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

Thank you for your past support of GNAT-TV. Your financial support enables us to provide video coverage of your local government meetings. GNAT-TV is a 501c3 Not for Profit Organization created by community members in 1995. GNAT-TV employs local citizens to videotape the meetings and makes these meetings (and other educational, civic and community events) available to all citizens on our cable channels, on YouTube and our website: www.gnat-tv.org. In 2020 we will launch distribution on Apple TV and Roku.

In addition to our meeting coverage, GNAT-TV offers free and low-cost media services and provides a platform for local voices to be heard. Residents, government entities, community organizations and schools within our eleven-town service territory may produce and broadcast non-commercial television programs. GNAT-TV maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment and provides technical training. GNAT-TV maintains a vibrant **youth program** including internships, media production camps and school collaborations. **The News Project** provides local news and information (in 2019 GNAT-TV Produced 258 local News Project programs).

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

Service Area

Arlington, Dorset, Londonderry, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Stratton, Sunderland, Winhall

Ways to Watch

GNAT-TV.org

YouTube.com/gnataccess

Comcast Cable Channels:

1074 (Public), 1084 (Government), 1094 (Education)

Roku & Apple TV

Mission

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

Vision

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

2019 Usage Data

| | |
|---------|--|
| 487 | Equipment & Facility Reservations |
| 189 | Training Sessions |
| 737 | People Trained |
| 74 | Community Video Announcements |
| 403 | Community Bulletin Board Announcements |
| 620 | Local Public Programs Produced |
| 199 | Government Meetings |
| 251,994 | Online Video Views |

GNAT-TV Statement of Financial Activities Summary Year Ending September 30, 2019 Additional details available at gnat-tv.org

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Operating Revenue | |
| Mandated PEG Access Operating Revenue | 403,134 |
| Program Services | 10,580 |
| Municipal Contributions (Total 7 Towns) | 14,000 |
| Contributions | 19,301 |
| Investment Income | 9,291 |
| Other | 1,898 |
| Net Assets Released from Restriction (Acquisition of Capital Assets/Expense) | 1,299 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 459,503 |
| Operating Expense | |
| Operating Expense: Program Services | 394,766 |
| Operating Expense: Support Services | 89,392 |
| Total Operating Expense | 484,708 |
| Change in Net Assets without Restrictions | -25,205 |
| Capital Revenue / Expense | |
| Changes in Net Asset with Restrictions: | |
| Mandated PEG Access Capital Revenue | 40,313 |
| Other: Comcast Settlement Funds | 23,500 |
| Net Assets Released from Restriction (Acquisition of Capital Assets/Expense) | -1,299 |
| Change in Net Assets with Restrictions | 62,514 |
| Changes in Net Assets | 37,309 |
| Net Assets Beginning of Year | 508,920 |
| Net Assets End of Year | 546,229 |



ANNUAL REPORT November 2019
Ellen Leeds – Board President

Habitat for Humanity International (HfHI) is a global non-profit housing organization whose vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works in all 50 of the United States and in 70 countries. Since its founding in 1976 by Linda and Millard Fuller, Habitat has helped more than 22 million people achieve strength, stability and self-reliance through safe, decent and affordable shelter.

Bennington County Habitat for Humanity (BCHfH) is an affiliate of HfHI. BCHfH works in partnership with Bennington County residents who cannot otherwise become homeowners or afford needed home repairs. Applicants must have a need for better housing, the ability to pay, and the willingness to partner with BCHfH. Once accepted into the homeownership program, each adult family member must complete 200 hours of sweat equity. Homebuyers pay an interest free mortgage thru monthly payments that include escrow for property taxes, insurance, and Homeowner Association fees, where applicable. Homebuyers' monthly payments never exceed more than 30% of their income. The monthly mortgage payments help build more homes.

BCHfH is locally run and funded. With the exception of some contract services, volunteers build Habitat houses. Businesses, subcontractors, and individuals help build, donate materials, and provide financial support. Town appropriations purchase building supplies and materials for our construction programs.

In Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019), BCHfH took on a tremendous task in order to meet conditions of a generous matching grant. We are pleased to report that we met our commitments pursuant to the terms of the Orton Matching Grant Award. Three houses, 10 home repair projects, three donor-related events, and \$100,000 in individual donations drove BCHfH to bring affordable housing to more people in Bennington County. This is a three-year grant award, so we are working hard to meet our commitments again in FY20! Right now we have three houses under construction, one in our North Branch Street neighborhood of Bennington and two in our Jennifer Lane neighborhood of Manchester Center. We are busy with home repair projects and have found the good work of building ramps to be particularly rewarding for the people who could not stay safely home without them. We are partnering with the students of the Building and Trades Division of the Southwest Vermont Career Development Center to build one of our FY20 houses. We have started a partnership with the Vermont Center for Independent Living to build ramps.

Our Resale Store in Manchester sells, at reasonable prices, new and gently used furniture, building supplies, appliances, housewares, tools, and home improvement products that have been donated to us. Not only does the store provide people with quality furnishings they can afford, it also keeps items out of the landfill. The proceeds from the store provide meaningful support for our construction programs.

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

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Leeds, President, Board of Directors

Ellen Leeds

Bennington County Habitat for Humanity
Town Reports
7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019
Cash Flows

| | FY19 Actual | FY19 Budget |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Contributions & Other Income | \$129,786 | \$100,000 |
| Restricted Contributions/Grants | 276,074 | 322,289 |
| Fundraising Events | 59,900 | 74,000 |
| Resale Store Fundraising | 108,742 | 100,000 |
| Interest & Other Income | 14,922 | 3,500 |
| Mortgage/Loan Payments Received | <u>97,103</u> | <u>96,824</u> |
| Total Cash Flow In | <u>\$686,527</u> | <u>\$696,613</u> |
| Construction, Property Development & Program Operations | \$357,517 | \$503,750 |
| Fundraising and Resale Store Operations | 104,855 | 104,454 |
| Administrative & Other | <u>158,938</u> | <u>185,084</u> |
| Total Cash Flow Out | <u>\$621,310</u> | <u>\$793,288</u> |
| Net Cash Flow/(Budgeted Use of Surplus) | <u>\$65,217</u> | <u>(\$96,675)</u> |



Our Board: Co-Chairs Melissa Brown & Mark Weikert;
Ann Alford, Martha Cowles, Jim Lind, Jim Sullivan,
Josh Rosenblum, Kathleen O'Reilly
91 VT Route 11, Londonderry VT 05148
802-824-4200 / TheCollaborative.us

Nov 4, 2019

Town of Dorset
PO Box 715
E Dorset, VT 05253

Dear Residents of the Town of Dorset:

First, let me say that we are absolutely thrilled for your support of our programs. Our recent receipt of your appropriation of \$750 means that you understand just how valuable it is to support our youth by promoting healthy alternatives, more informed choices, and wellness in our communities.

Your appropriation drives our programs and directly impacts young people right here in the Northshire and mountain communities.

2018 was a busy year for our programs thanks to our donors:

- Over 100 kids played games, received homework help and had fun in the Extended Day Program and 65 kids swam and hiked in our Summer Camp.
- 300+ families participated in Refuse to Use where youth affirmed their pledge to stay away from harmful substances.
- 750+ pounds of unused, unwanted and expired prescription drugs were collected in Bennington County alone.
- Green Mountain Pharmacy received a prescription drug collection box making it the only location in the mountain community.

Although these victories may seem small to the average person, you know that they are not. Our young people are our greatest gift and we all benefit when they have the support they need to thrive.

We want you to be an active member of our community too. Please visit our website at www.thecollaborative.us to sign up for our emails and newsletters. Also, please watch for invitations to our other events.

In 2019 The Collaborative celebrates its 20th anniversary and celebrates how we have grown and changed. As we look back on our successes and challenges, we are thankful for the generosity of our funders. Truthfully, we could not do this without you and we have so much more to do!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Maryann'.

Maryann Morris, Executive Director

Mountain Communities Supporting Education dba The Collaborative (Tax ID #03-0359264) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.

| Mountain Communities Supporting Education dba The Collaborative | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Profit & Loss July 2018-June 2019 | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | Camp 2018 | RTU 18-19 | Towns 18-19 | TOTAL |
| Income | | | | | |
| | Indiv/business contribution | \$ 35 | \$ 74 | \$ - | \$ 109 |
| | Foundation/trust grants | \$ - | \$ 27,000 | \$ - | \$ 27,000 |
| | Nonprofit organization grants | \$ 462 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 462 |
| | Federal grants | \$ - | \$ 37,883 | \$ - | \$ 37,883 |
| | State grants | \$ 6,925 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,925 |
| | Local government grants | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,750 | \$ 5,750 |
| | Program Fees - Childcare | \$ 25,417 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 25,417 |
| | Program Fees - RTU | \$ - | \$ 14,887 | \$ - | \$ 14,887 |
| Total Income | | \$ 32,839 | \$ 79,844 | \$ 5,750 | \$ 118,433 |
| Expense | | | | | |
| | Payroll Fees | \$ 174 | \$ 135 | \$ 50 | \$ 359 |
| | Salaries & wages | \$ 20,357 | \$ 42,395 | \$ 4,206 | \$ 66,958 |
| | Payroll taxes & Other Fringe | \$ 4,071 | \$ 8,479 | \$ 894 | \$ 13,444 |
| | Accounting fees | \$ 277 | \$ 500 | \$ 197 | \$ 974 |
| | Professional fees - other | \$ - | \$ 14,536 | \$ - | \$ 14,536 |
| | Contracted Services | \$ 300 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 300 |
| | Supplies | \$ 341 | \$ 1,599 | \$ - | \$ 1,941 |
| | Equipment | \$ - | \$ 300 | \$ - | \$ 300 |
| | Telephone & telecommunications | \$ 396 | \$ 1,831 | \$ 159 | \$ 2,386 |
| | Postage, shipping, delivery | \$ 83 | \$ 430 | \$ - | \$ 513 |
| | Printing & copying | \$ 332 | \$ 730 | \$ - | \$ 1,062 |
| | Curriculums | \$ - | \$ 523 | \$ - | \$ 523 |
| | Marketing Materials | \$ - | \$ 2,478 | \$ - | \$ 2,478 |
| | Incentives | \$ 110 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 110 |
| | Travel expenses | \$ 528 | \$ 1,467 | \$ 59 | \$ 2,054 |
| | Event Supplies | \$ 9 | \$ 224 | \$ 25 | \$ 258 |
| | Camp Expense | \$ 1,410 | \$ - | \$ 160 | \$ 1,570 |
| | Bank Charges | \$ 154 | \$ 271 | \$ - | \$ 425 |
| | Insurance - non-employee | \$ 500 | \$ 1,134 | \$ - | \$ 1,634 |
| | Staff development | \$ 256 | \$ 800 | \$ - | \$ 1,056 |
| | Outside computer services | \$ - | \$ 150 | \$ - | \$ 150 |
| | Advertising expenses | \$ - | \$ 839 | \$ - | \$ 839 |
| | Scholarship Expense | \$ 3,172 | | | \$ 3,172 |
| | Other expenses | \$ - | \$ 100 | \$ - | \$ 100 |
| Total Expense | | \$ 32,471 | \$ 78,921 | \$ 5,750 | \$ 117,142 |
| Net Revenue | | \$ 369 | \$ 922 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,291 |

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

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless (BCCH) has continued to serve the needs of those experiencing homelessness in 2019.

BCCH gratefully acknowledges the Town of Dorset's support for Bennington County families and individuals experiencing Homelessness. BCCH strives to prevent and end homelessness by providing emergency overnight shelter, short term emergency housing, and transitional housing. We are committed to providing more than just a bed. Our programming provides the building blocks necessary for people to become self-sufficient so that they may sustain permanent housing and remain independent. Because we strive for sustainable solutions, clients are required to participate in coordinated case management with our staff and partner agencies. Other offerings include workshops on budgeting, cooking and employability skills as well as individual support in seeking employment, housing, and services to meet their various needs. In Fall 2019, we added a Housing Navigator/Case Manager to offer focused support and services to meet the complex needs of those we serve that are often barriers to permanent housing.

BCCH currently houses each night, year-round, in our two shelter facilities: 966 Main Emergency Shelter for adults and the Thatcher House Family Shelter serving parents and children. In 2019, our beds were utilized 13,986 nights by both adults and children.

In addition to those we shelter, we serve many others experiencing homelessness. 966 Main Street also operates as a drop-in center where those in need can gain access to clothing, bedding, and personal care products. They are also able to utilize the kitchen, laundry, & bathroom facilities, meet with a case manager, and use the computers to search and apply for housing, employment and other services. BCCH provided over 1,000 of these drop-in services in 2019.

A portion of the BCCH annual budget is made up of state grants. The remainder of the budget is made up of town funding appropriations, foundation grants, fundraising, and donations from our community. Town participation is a crucial part of our annual budget and it is our hope that the Town of Dorset will support BCCH for town funding. Thank you for your on-going support.

Stephannie Peters,
Executive Director
Bennington County Coalition
for the Homeless



DORSET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year 2019 was again one of significant and varied activity for the Dorset Historical Society. We continued to play a major role in the cultural calendar of the Dorset community and we continued to work closely with the Town Office, the Library and the local schools.

Our Third Thursday monthly luncheon lectures were well attended and covered many topics of local historic interest. Our on-line maps of historic sites continue to grow and can be found on our website under the heading “Dorset History GO!”. We continue to sponsor quarry hikes during the summer and our annual “Ice Cream Social” continues to be a big draw in July. We also participated in the Halloween Trick or Treat celebration.

The major exhibits during 2019 included Natalee Everett’s Barrows House Mural, Dorset BroadSides and Posters, 1865-2019 and Dorset to 1791. Also included were recently donated paintings, drawings and photographs and the latest batch of prints taken from the Hunt Gilbert negative collection. New exhibits will be coming in 2020.

The Board of Directors of the Dorset Historical Society

| | <u>2019 Actual</u> | <u>2020 Budget</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>REVENUE</u> | | |
| Membership Income | \$28,901.00 | \$28,000.00 |
| Museum Proceeds | 1,401.00 | 1,350.00 |
| Special Gifts | 5,988.76 | 1,000.00 |
| Dorset Town Grant | <u>7,500.00</u> | <u>7,500.00</u> |
| Total Income | \$43,790.76 | \$37,850.00 |
| <u>EXPENSES</u> | | |
| Programs and Exhibits | \$ 5,827.82 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Newsletters | 1,243.88 | 3,000.00 |
| Administration | 16,539.23 | 16,150.00 |
| Facilities | 6,963.37 | 8,050.00 |
| Utilities | <u>2,899.12</u> | <u>2,950.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$33,473.42 | \$36,150.00 |
| NOTE – Dorset Town Support | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 7,500.00 |
| | (provided) | (requested) |

VNA & HOSPICE

of the Southwest Region

Serving Bennington and Rutland Counties

Our family caring for your family since 1946

October 25, 2019

Town of Dorset

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF DORSET:

In 2018, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, formerly known as Dorset Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice provided Bennington County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

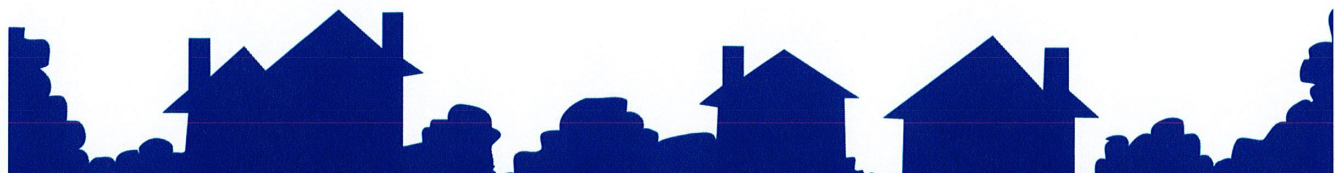
In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Bennington County's most vulnerable individuals.

In 2018, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 149,978 visits to 3,158 patients. In the town of Dorset, we provided 1,687 visits to 60 individuals.

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

Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director

Dan DiBattista, President of the Board of Directors



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|--|---|---|--|--|
| MAIN OFFICE 7 Albert Cree Drive Rutland, VT 05701 p 802.775.0568 f 802.775.2304 | BENNINGTON 1128 Monument Avenue Bennington, VT 05201 p 802.442.5502 f 802.442.4919 | DORSET 909 VT RT 30 Dorset, VT 05251 p 802.362.1200 f 802.362.1412 | MANCHESTER 5468 Main Street Manchester Ctr., VT 05255 p 802.362.2126 f 802.362.4884 | REFERRALS Main 802.770.1550 Bennington 802.442.0555 Toll-free 1.800.244.0568 |
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VNA & HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION, INC.

Statements of Operations

Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| Operating revenue | | |
| Patient service revenue | \$ 20,319,001 | \$ 19,086,826 |
| Provision for bad debts | <u>(235,000)</u> | <u>(186,500)</u> |
| Net patient service revenue | 20,084,001 | 18,900,326 |
| Net assets released from restriction for operations | 600,741 | 11,551 |
| Other operating revenue | <u>1,663,495</u> | <u>1,556,879</u> |
| Total operating revenue | <u>22,348,237</u> | <u>20,468,756</u> |
| Operating expenses | | |
| Salaries and benefits | 16,110,379 | 15,083,086 |
| Other operating expenses | 6,012,424 | 5,630,086 |
| Depreciation | 173,365 | 162,008 |
| Amortization | 3,616 | - |
| Interest expense | <u>707</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total operating expenses | <u>22,300,491</u> | <u>20,875,180</u> |
| Operating surplus (loss) | <u>47,746</u> | <u>(406,424)</u> |
| Other revenue and gains (losses) | | |
| United Way and municipal appropriations | 270,464 | 270,464 |
| Contributions, net | 570,927 | 352,918 |
| Investment income | 140,038 | 106,339 |
| Net assets acquired from Manchester Health Services | - | 1,089,192 |
| Change in fair value of investments | <u>(294,569)</u> | <u>477,268</u> |
| Total other revenue and gains (losses) | <u>686,860</u> | <u>2,296,181</u> |
| Excess of revenue and gains over expenses and increase in net assets without donor restrictions | <u>\$ 734,606</u> | <u>\$ 1,889,757</u> |

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

BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS





GREEN UP VERMONT

P.O. Box 1191
Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191
(802)229-4586, or 1-800-974-3259
greenup@greenupvermont.org
www.greenupvermont.org

GREEN UP VERMONT celebrated success on May 4, 2019 with 22,000+ volunteers and over 43 tons of litter collected statewide. Green Up is a nonprofit organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roads and waterways, while promoting civic pride. **Green Up Day will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on May 2, 2020.**

We offer statewide educational components by providing free activity booklets to schools and conducting the annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12.

Support from municipalities enables us to cover 14% of operating costs. 75% of our budget comes from corporate sponsors and donors. Individuals can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax form or at **www.greenupvermont.org**.



Northshire Rescue Squad

P.O. Box 26

Manchester Center, VT 05255

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

Email: NorthshireRescue@gmail.com

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

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

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

Call per town fiscal year 2018-2019

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|----------------------|------|
| Arlington | 31 | Rutland | 4 |
| Bennington | 9 | Sandgate | 2 |
| Bondville | 23 | Shaftsbury | 1 |
| Danby | 83 | South Wallingford | 1 |
| Dorset | 136 | Sunderland | 11 |
| East Dorset | 60 | Tinmouth | 1 |
| Londonderry | 4 | Village of Granville | 1 |
| Manchester | 907 | Wells | 2 |
| Mount Tabor | 19 | West Rupert | 1 |
| Peru | 3 | Weston | 1 |
| | | Totals | 1300 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Casey, NRP
Chief Operations Officer

Northshire Rescue Squad

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

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

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

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

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

| Northshire Rescue Squad | | 2018 - 2019 Actual Results | 2018 - 2019 Budget |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Income | | | |
| | Medical Revenues | 556,732 | 510,000 |
| | (Provider Tax - medicaid) | -16,708 | -16,000 |
| Municipal Support | | | |
| | Operating Support - Service Fees | 153,763 | 153,490 |
| | Ambulance Support - Dues | 66,666 | 66,666 |
| Community Support | | | |
| | Annual Fund | 70,796 | 85,000 |
| | Subscriptions - Donations | 22,231 | 25,000 |
| | Subscriptions | 86,680 | 90,000 |
| Other Revenue | | | |
| | Classes | 1,970 | 2,000 |
| | Ambulance Coverage | 2,390 | 2,000 |
| | Event Coverage Revenues | 36,927 | 34,700 |
| | Miscellaneous Income | 257 | 0 |
| | Investments | 16,722 | 20,000 |
| Total Income | | 998,427 | 972,856 |
| Expense | | | |
| | Wages & Related expenses | 522,808 | 525,473 |
| | Ambulance Lease | 62,388 | 62,388 |
| | Insurance (W/C, Property, etc.) | 58,881 | 54,000 |
| | Billing & Professional Services | 71,051 | 67,600 |
| | Rent - Agmt with Manchester | 43,000 | 43,000 |
| | Dispatch - Agmt with Manchester | 62,000 | 62,000 |
| | Other occupancy expenses | 7,997 | 18,000 |
| | Vehicles Fuel/Maintenance/Repairs | 24,247 | 25,000 |
| | Medical Equipment & Supplies | 49,984 | 55,000 |
| | Communications/Repairs | 2,888 | 4,000 |
| | Education & Supplies | 2,866 | 6,500 |
| | Office Supplies/Software | 1,727 | 4,000 |
| | PR/Fundraising/Postage & Printing | 9,386 | 5,000 |
| | Uniforms | 1,328 | 2,500 |
| | Misc Expense | 4,193 | 3,900 |
| Total Expense (ex depreciation) | | 988,042 | 1,003,101 |
| Net Income - Budget basis | | 10,384 | -30,245 |

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



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
170 Lower Sumner Hill Road, Sumner, ME 04292
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com | www.vacd.org

December 15, 2019

Re: **Request for Town Appropriation, Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program**

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

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 Grant 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 **22+ years** of the program, over **1100 grants** totaling **\$2.6 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 several 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 a number of 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. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing RFP systems, and drafting site development are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2019 was \$154,325, of which \$63,450 was paid 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,

Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force (continued)

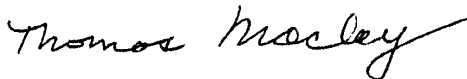
we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received nearly **\$10,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

215 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 for the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice, W-9 and tax form 990 from VACD in case they are 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.

Sincerely,



Tom Maclay, Chair

Rural Fire Protection Task Force
(802) 426-3265 | 83creameryst@fairpoint.net

Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person Town Appropriation business
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

Jill Arace, Executive Director
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
(802) 496-5162 | jill.arace@vacd.org

Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Christine Kaiser, Stowe VT
Lars Lund, VT Forest Parks & Recreation



Dorset Fire District #1



The Dorset Fire District #1 serves over 1000 property owners in the Town of Dorset and operates the Dorset Water Company, providing water to approximately 180 customers. Our next annual meeting will be held on May 11, 2020.

The fire department responded to 109 calls in 2019, with the following breakdown:

In 2019, the firemen of the Dorset Fire District #1 logged a total of 528.5 hours of in-house training and an additional 48 hours of training at the Vermont State Fire School.

Fire Chiefs

Chief: Shawn Hazelton
 1st Assistant Chief: Joe Clark
 2nd Assistant Chief: Jacob Gribble

Captains

1st Captain: Truman Stabile
 2nd Captain: Colin Stabile

Firefighters

David Green
 Greg Harrington
 Dan Zimmerman
 Tyler King

Prudential Committee

Ben Weiss: Chairman
 Roger Squire: Treasurer
 Abbott deRham
 Milton McWayne
 Lee Fox

| Type of Call | Amount |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Accident with Injuries | 3 |
| Brush Fires | 5 |
| Chimney Fires | 3 |
| CO ² Alarm | 1 |
| CO ² Problem | 1 |
| EMS Assist | 1 |
| Fire Alarms: | |
| Cooking | 4 |
| False Alarms | 12 |
| Fireplace | 3 |
| Other | 10 |
| Furnace Malfunction | 1 |
| Good Intent Calls | 5 |
| Hazmat | 1 |
| Mutual Aid: | |
| Arlington | 1 |
| Danby | 2 |
| East Dorset | 26 |
| Granville, NY | 0 |
| Manchester | 4 |
| Pawlet | 1 |
| Rupert | 3 |
| Wells | 0 |
| West Pawlet | 1 |
| Service Call | 1 |
| Smoke Condition | 0 |
| Structure Fires | 7 |
| Traffic Control | 1 |
| Trees Down in Road | 3 |
| Trees on Wires | 6 |
| Vehicle Fire | 0 |
| Water Emergency | 3 |
| Wires Down | 0 |
| TOTAL | 109 |



East Dorset Fire District #1

The East Dorset Fire Department responded to 131 calls in 2019.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|------------------------------------|----|
| Accident | 7 | Water Emergency | 9 |
| Wire Down/Burning | 3 | CO Alarm | 2 |
| Structure Fires | 1 | Grass/Brush | 1 |
| Alarm Calls | 12 | Good Intent Call | 1 |
| Wood Rescue | 1 | Logging Equipment Fire in Woods | 1 |
| Mutual Aid~Dorset | 64 | Mutual Aid~Danby | 17 |
| Mutual Aid~Arlington | 1 | Mutual Aid ~ Rupert | 1 |
| Mutual Aid~ Wallingford | 1 | Mutual Aid~ Man- chester | 9 |

It has been a very busy year for the East Dorset Fire Department in 2019 with 636 man hours on just calls.

I would like to thank all the volunteer members of the East Dorset Fire Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Towsley, Jr., Chief
 John Niles, 1st Assistant Chief
 Randy Young, 2nd Assistant Chief

| EAST DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1-FIRE DIVISION 2018/2019 | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| EDFD #1 | BUDGET | ACTUAL | BUDGET 2019/20 |
| COMPARATIVE BUDGET 2018/2019 | | | |
| FIREHOUSE | | | |
| MAINTENANCE/REPAIR | \$ 7,500.00 | \$ 9,374.68 | \$ 7,500.00 |
| UTILITIES | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 6,871.61 | \$ 7,000.00 |
| SUPPLIES | \$ 1,000.00 | | \$ 1,000.00 |
| ALARM MAINTENANCE | \$ 2,000.00 | | \$ 560.00 |
| APPARATUS | | | |
| MAINTENANCE/REPAIR | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 6,487.09 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| NEW EQUIPMENT | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 13,152.00 | \$ 15,000.00 |
| FUEL | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 2,432.46 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| RADIOS | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 11,706.36 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| TRUCK SINKING FUND | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 10,000.00 |
| TRUCK PAYMENT | \$ 35,017.00 | \$ 35,017.00 | |
| PERSONNEL | | | |
| PROTECTIVE GEAR | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 7,052.53 | \$ 7,000.00 |
| AIR BOTTLES | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 35,481.48 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| DUES/TRAINING | \$ 1,500.00 | \$ 1,626.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| MEALS | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 394.84 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| FEC | \$ 8,500.00 | \$ 8,529.77 | \$ 8,500.00 |
| AIR PACKS | | | \$ 38,000.00 |
| ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| PROFESSIONAL FEES | \$ 3,550.00 | | \$ 3,550.00 |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$ 900.00 | \$ 408.22 | \$ 900.00 |
| ADVERTISEMENTS | \$ 100.00 | | \$ 100.00 |
| INSURANCE | \$ 19,000.00 | \$ 24,410.57 | \$ 19,000.00 |
| ADMINISTRATION/CHIEF | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| FIRE PREVENTION | \$ 1,500.00 | | \$ 1,500.00 |
| AUDIT | \$ 250.00 | | \$ 250.00 |
| TOTALS | \$ 146,817.00 | \$ 167,041.79 | \$ 146,360.00 |



Town Warning & Budget





2020 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 2, 2020 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 3rd day of March at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to transact voting by Australian Ballot as required by law.

(ARTICLES 2 & 4) will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3rd. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on March 3rd.

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

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

- Moderator, Town 1 year term**
- Select Board Member..... 3 year term**
- Select Board Member..... 1 year term**
- Select Board Member..... 1 year term**
- Town Clerk..... 3 year term**
- Town Treasurer 3 year term**
- First Constable..... 1 year term**
- Town Agent..... 1 year term**

Article 3. Shall the voters authorize the collection of property taxes in two (2) installments on September 8, 2020 and March 9, 2021. Payments not received will be subject to 1% interest on September 11, 2020 and 1% interest and 8% penalty on March 12, 2021?

Article 4. Shall the voters approve total highway and general fund expenditures of \$2,167,415.00? To be voted on by Australian Ballot.

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

- Article 6.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 to Neighbor to Neighbor, a home based care giving program?
- Article 7.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,600 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging for support of its activities with Dorset Elders?
- Article 8.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$750 for the support of the Center for Restorative Justice Program?
- Article 9.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the operations of the Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless?
- Article 10.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$500 for the support of Project Against Violent Encounters for its support of Dorset residents?
- Article 11.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to the Dorset Historical Society to support its activities and continued efforts to serve as a cultural resource to our community?
- Article 12.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$850 for the support of the Bennington Area Habitat for Humanity?
- Article 13.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the VNA and Hospice of the Southwest Region (formerly known as Dorset Nursing Association) for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 14.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the East Dorset Cemetery Association for the care and maintenance of the cemetery?
- Article 15.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Village Library for support of its services provided to Dorset residents?
- Article 16.** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to the Greater Northshire Access Television (GNAT-TV) for support and defray of costs related to videotaping and television cable cast of the Select Board, School Board, and other municipal meetings?

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

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

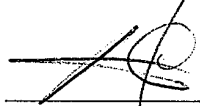
Article 19. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Players Inc. to help sustain the playhouse preservation and maintenance fund for the ongoing repairs to the Dorset Playhouse?

Article 20. Shall the Town of Dorset enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as Southern Vermont Communication Union District, under the provisions of 30 V. S. A. Ch. 82?

Article 21: To transact any other business, to properly come before this meeting.

So approved on this 21st day of January, 2020. By the Dorset Select Board.

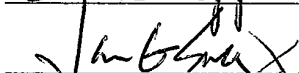
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Elizabeth Ruffa



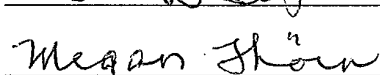
James Salsgiver



Thomas Smith



Megan Thorn





Town of Dorset
Town Budget FY2021

| | Previous/ Current Year | | | Upcoming Year |
|---|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | FY19 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 |
| | Adopted Budget | Actual Budget | Approved Budget | Proposed Budget |
| DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES - BY DEPARTMENT | | | | |
| Selectboard | | | | |
| Selectboard Salaries | 6,300.00 | 6,300.00 | 6,300.00 | 6,300.00 |
| Misc Expense | 400.00 | 790.08 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Legal Expense | 7,500.00 | 13,714.39 | 12,500.00 | 12,500.00 |
| Tax Sale Expense | 1,200.00 | - | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Recording Clerk | - | 195.00 | - | - |
| VLCT Dues | 3,366.00 | 3,366.00 | 3,400.00 | 3,599.00 |
| Total Selectboard: | 18,766.00 | 24,365.47 | 23,800.00 | 23,999.00 |
| Town Manager's Office | | | | |
| Town Manager Salary | 79,500.00 | 81,468.63 | 81,885.00 | 84,341.00 |
| Administrative Assistant Salary | 53,000.00 | 67,995.18 | 55,000.00 | 56,650.00 |
| TM Clerk Expense | 250.00 | - | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| TM Office Expense | 3,500.00 | 3,583.77 | 3,800.00 | 3,800.00 |
| Vehicle Expense Reimbursement | 3,500.00 | 4,071.98 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| TM Phone - Life Insurance | 1,200.00 | 1,926.34 | 2,500.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Training - Travel - Dues | 2,500.00 | 1,494.86 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Postage | 2,300.00 | 2,394.65 | 3,500.00 | 3,000.00 |
| TM Fund | 1,800.00 | 1,650.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Total Town Manager's Office: | 147,550.00 | 164,585.41 | 154,935.00 | 159,041.00 |
| Town Clerk & Elections | | | | |
| Town Clerk Salary | 57,700.00 | 58,366.02 | 63,000.00 | 64,900.00 |
| Assistant Town Clerk Salary | 9,500.00 | 7,143.75 | 9,500.00 | 9,500.00 |
| Office Expense | 2,000.00 | 2,011.21 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Record Preservation | 3,000.00 | 1,176.71 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Postage | 700.00 | 386.57 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| Training - Travel - Dues | 3,000.00 | 1,803.45 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Vault Preservation Projects | 5,500.00 | 5,460.00 | 5,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| BCA Worker Salary | 1,200.00 | 115.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| BCA Expense | 100.00 | - | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Town Meeting Expense | 1,200.00 | 1,423.79 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Ballot Printing | 1,200.00 | 1,067.40 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| Tabulator Programming | 3,000.00 | 1,550.00 | 1,500.00 | 3,100.00 |
| Tabulator Maintenance | - | - | - | - |
| BCA Postage | 250.00 | 100.00 | 150.00 | 500.00 |
| BCA - State Abatements | 250.00 | 45,189.53 | 250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Total Town Clerk & Elections: | 88,600.00 | 125,793.43 | 90,500.00 | 93,100.00 |
| Town Treasurer & Outside Audit | | | | |
| Treasurer Salary | 3,100.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,100.00 | 3,200.00 |
| Postage | 500.00 | 419.05 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Outside Audit | 12,000.00 | 12,800.00 | 12,500.00 | 13,000.00 |
| Town Report Printing - Mailing | 4,000.00 | 960.43 | 3,000.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Total Treasurer & Audit: | 19,600.00 | 17,179.48 | 19,100.00 | 18,500.00 |



Town of Dorset
Town Budget FY2021

| | Previous/ Current Year | | | Upcoming Year |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | FY19 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 |
| | Adopted | Actual | Approved | Proposed |
| Assessors | | | | |
| Assessors Salaries | 66,500.00 | 56,933.85 | 68,000.00 | 70,000.00 |
| Reappraisal Expense | 95,000.00 | 51,540.00 | 95,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| Office Expense | 1,500.00 | 2,305.44 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Mileage | 1,000.00 | 132.68 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Training - Travel - Dues | 1,000.00 | 125.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Tax Mapping | 500.00 | 3,735.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Computer - Software Support | 3,500.00 | 3,807.31 | 3,800.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Postage | 300.00 | 161.58 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Total Assessors: | 169,300.00 | 118,740.86 | 171,300.00 | 114,000.00 |
| Planning & Zoning | | | | |
| Zoning Administrator Salary | 23,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 23,000.00 | 23,000.00 |
| ZBA Clerk | 500.00 | 66.80 | 300.00 | 250.00 |
| PC Clerk | 500.00 | 267.51 | 300.00 | 250.00 |
| DRB Clerk | 1,800.00 | 147.50 | 1,200.00 | 500.00 |
| Office Expense | 2,000.00 | 1,443.87 | 1,800.00 | 5,800.00 |
| Planning Consultant | 6,000.00 | 11,308.60 | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 |
| Mileage | 800.00 | 738.76 | 850.00 | 850.00 |
| Training - Travel - Dues | 800.00 | 95.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Postage | 500.00 | 77.71 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Ads - Printing - Notices | 1,800.00 | 1,396.02 | 1,800.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Regional Planning | 3,741.00 | 3,741.00 | 3,825.00 | 6,000.00 |
| DRB Expense | 500.00 | 135.98 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Board Education Expense | 800.00 | - | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Total Town Manager's Office: | 42,741.00 | 39,418.75 | 41,675.00 | 46,750.00 |
| Town Office Building | | | | |
| General Office Expense | 3,500.00 | 4,026.17 | 6,000.00 | 9,500.00 |
| Equipment | 6,500.00 | 10,359.16 | 2,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Town Website | 375.00 | 371.25 | 375.00 | 375.00 |
| Heat | 2,200.00 | 2,292.15 | 2,800.00 | 2,800.00 |
| Electric | 1,800.00 | 1,449.96 | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Phone | 2,800.00 | 3,465.89 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Water | 834.00 | 777.53 | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| Maintenance | 6,000.00 | 6,684.04 | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 |
| Town Office Renovation Study | - | - | - | - |
| Total Town Office Building: | 24,009.00 | 29,426.15 | 23,725.00 | 32,225.00 |
| Public Safety | | | | |
| Constable | 200.00 | - | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Animal Control | 1,500.00 | - | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Health Officer | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,800.00 | 2,400.00 |
| ACO/ Constable Expense | 400.00 | - | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Law Enforcement | 102,000.00 | 102,693.78 | 105,000.00 | 105,000.00 |
| Radar - Speed Signs | - | - | - | - |
| ACO/ Constable Mileage | 200.00 | - | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Street Lighting | 11,000.00 | 9,941.57 | 11,500.00 | 10,500.00 |
| Animal Boarding Fees | 600.00 | - | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| East Dorset Fire District - Fire Contract | 144,067.00 | 144,067.00 | 146,360.00 | 147,000.00 |
| Dorset Fire District - Fire Contract | 179,888.00 | 179,988.00 | 179,888.00 | 183,700.00 |
| Fire Dispatch & Appropriations | - | 10,000.00 | 10,200.00 | 10,200.00 |
| Northshire Rescue Squad | 44,382.00 | 44,382.00 | 45,762.00 | 47,744.00 |
| Total Public Safety: | 485,437.00 | 492,272.35 | 504,410.00 | 510,444.00 |



**Town of Dorset
Town Budget FY2021**

| | Previous/ Current Year | | | Upcoming Year |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | FY19 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 |
| | Adopted | Actual | Approved | Proposed |
| Insurance & Bonds | | | | |
| Health Insurance - Current Employees | 115,000.00 | 111,619.49 | 121,500.00 | 130,000.00 |
| Health Insurance - Former Employees | 32,000.00 | 22,760.02 | 22,500.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Dental Insurance | 6,600.00 | 6,904.39 | 6,600.00 | 6,600.00 |
| Vision Insurance | - | - | - | - |
| PACIF Insurance | 53,500.00 | 57,221.50 | 50,000.00 | 55,000.00 |
| Unemployment Insurance | - | - | - | - |
| Total Insurance & Bonds: | 207,100.00 | 198,505.40 | 200,600.00 | 211,600.00 |
| General Services | | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | 38,500.00 | 41,337.03 | 41,000.00 | 43,000.00 |
| Employee Retirement - VMERS | 23,200.00 | 25,708.00 | 25,500.00 | 26,000.00 |
| Recreation - Staff & Events | - | - | 25,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| Recreation - Programs | 50,000.00 | 25,607.25 | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 |
| VYCC Internship | 25,000.00 | 23,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| NATs Trails Support | - | - | 10,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| Wilson House - East Dorset Village Expense | - | - | - | - |
| Green Space & Streets | 3,500.00 | 4,075.26 | 3,500.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Mad Tom Garden | - | - | - | - |
| Marble Sidewalks Expense | - | 17.50 | - | - |
| Old Cemetery Maintenance | 600.00 | 242.00 | 1,000.00 | 750.00 |
| Solid Waste Expense | 22,000.00 | 19,456.95 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Interest Expense | 2,500.00 | - | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| County Tax | 50,000.00 | 51,180.17 | 51,000.00 | 51,000.00 |
| Employee Christmas | 700.00 | 700.00 | 800.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Contingency | 2,000.00 | - | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Bank Service Charge | 200.00 | 54.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Town Event - Picnics | 2,000.00 | - | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Town Forest Expense | - | - | - | - |
| Raptor Lane Expense | - | 5,845.86 | 10,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| Total General Services: | 220,200.00 | 197,224.02 | 269,500.00 | 327,450.00 |
| Budgeted Appropriations | | | | |
| East Dorset Fire Department | 2,400.00 | - | - | - |
| Dorset Fire Department | - | - | - | - |
| Memorial Day | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| July 4th | - | - | - | - |
| East Dorset Fire Dispatch | 3,500.00 | - | - | - |
| Dorset Fire Dispatch | 3,500.00 | - | - | - |
| Green Up Day | 150.00 | 218.79 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Northern VT Conservation District | - | - | - | - |
| Dorset Economic Development | 2,500.00 | - | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Conservation Commission Association | 100.00 | - | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Bennington County Industrial Corp. | - | 2,031.00 | 2,031.00 | 2,031.00 |
| Total Budgeted Appropriations: | 12,650.00 | 2,749.79 | 22,781.00 | 22,781.00 |



Town of Dorset
Town Budget FY2021

| | Previous/ Current Year | | | Upcoming Year |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | FY19 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 |
| | Adopted | Actual | Approved | Proposed |
| Highway Department | | | | |
| Road Crew Wages | 203,000.00 | 227,560.26 | 210,000.00 | 216,300.00 |
| Overtime Wages | 21,500.00 | 20,975.83 | 22,500.00 | 23,500.00 |
| DOT Testing | 100.00 | - | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Equipment Replacement Fund | 155,000.00 | 155,000.00 | 175,000.00 | 155,000.00 |
| Town Garage Electric | 2,000.00 | 4,273.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Town Garage Water | 550.00 | 728.00 | 725.00 | 725.00 |
| Town Garage Maintenance | 3,000.00 | 4,546.88 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Route 30 Garage Re-build | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | - | - |
| Equipment Repairs - Supplies & Parts | 40,000.00 | 33,258.56 | 45,000.00 | 42,000.00 |
| Fuel - Gas - Diesel - Oils | 40,000.00 | 47,266.21 | 42,000.00 | 42,000.00 |
| Federal Fuel Tax | - | 3,332.98 | - | - |
| State Fuel Tax | - | 246.54 | - | - |
| Trees - Mowing | 4,000.00 | 4,600.00 | 5,000.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Training - Safety | 500.00 | 45.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Highway phones | 3,600.00 | 3,525.00 | 3,600.00 | 3,600.00 |
| Gravel Road Surfaces | 28,000.00 | 36,331.75 | 28,000.00 | 28,000.00 |
| Highway Construction Reserves | 105,000.00 | 105,057.10 | 125,000.00 | 95,000.00 |
| Village Pedestrian Improvements | - | - | - | 75,000.00 |
| Cold Patch | 100.00 | - | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Paved Roads - Striping - Cracksealing | 10,000.00 | 1,654.51 | 10,000.00 | 8,500.00 |
| Storm Emergencies - Misc. | 4,000.00 | 9,207.36 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Engineering Expense | 5,500.00 | 115.00 | 30,500.00 | 15,000.00 |
| Lane Road Culvert Expense | - | 6,428.78 | - | - |
| Road Salt | 70,000.00 | 82,105.07 | 70,000.00 | 75,000.00 |
| Winter Sand - Gravel | 38,000.00 | 56,430.15 | 38,000.00 | 38,000.00 |
| Chloride | 15,000.00 | 3,800.76 | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| Culverts | 1,500.00 | 1,954.38 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Equipment Rental | 800.00 | 990.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Road Signs - Guardrails | 1,200.00 | 599.44 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Bridge Maintenance | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| State - Road General Permit | 1,500.00 | 1,750.00 | 1,800.00 | 1,800.00 |
| FEMA Storm 2019 | - | 47,806.16 | - | - |
| Total Highway Department: | 805,350.00 | 911,088.72 | 837,325.00 | 854,125.00 |
| Voter Approved Appropriations | | | | |
| BROC | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Homeless Coalition | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| RSVP | - | - | - | - |
| Council on Aging | 1,600.00 | 1,600.00 | 1,600.00 | 1,600.00 |
| Center for Restorative Justice | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| PAVE | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Neighbor to Neighbor | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| Dorset Historical Society | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 |
| Habitat for Humanity | 850.00 | 850.00 | 850.00 | 1,000.00 |
| School Facility Use Fee | 76,000.00 | 76,000.00 | - | - |
| Community Food Cupboard | - | - | - | - |
| East Dorset Cemetery | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| GNAT-TV | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Dorset Village Library | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| VNA & Hospice - Dorset Nursing | 40,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 40,000.00 |
| The Collaborative | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| Dorset Marble Preservation Association | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| Dorset Playhouse | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Bromley Fire Tower | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | - | - |
| Total Voter Approved Appropriations: | 174,700.00 | 174,700.00 | 114,200.00 | 114,350.00 |



**Town of Dorset
Town Budget FY2021**

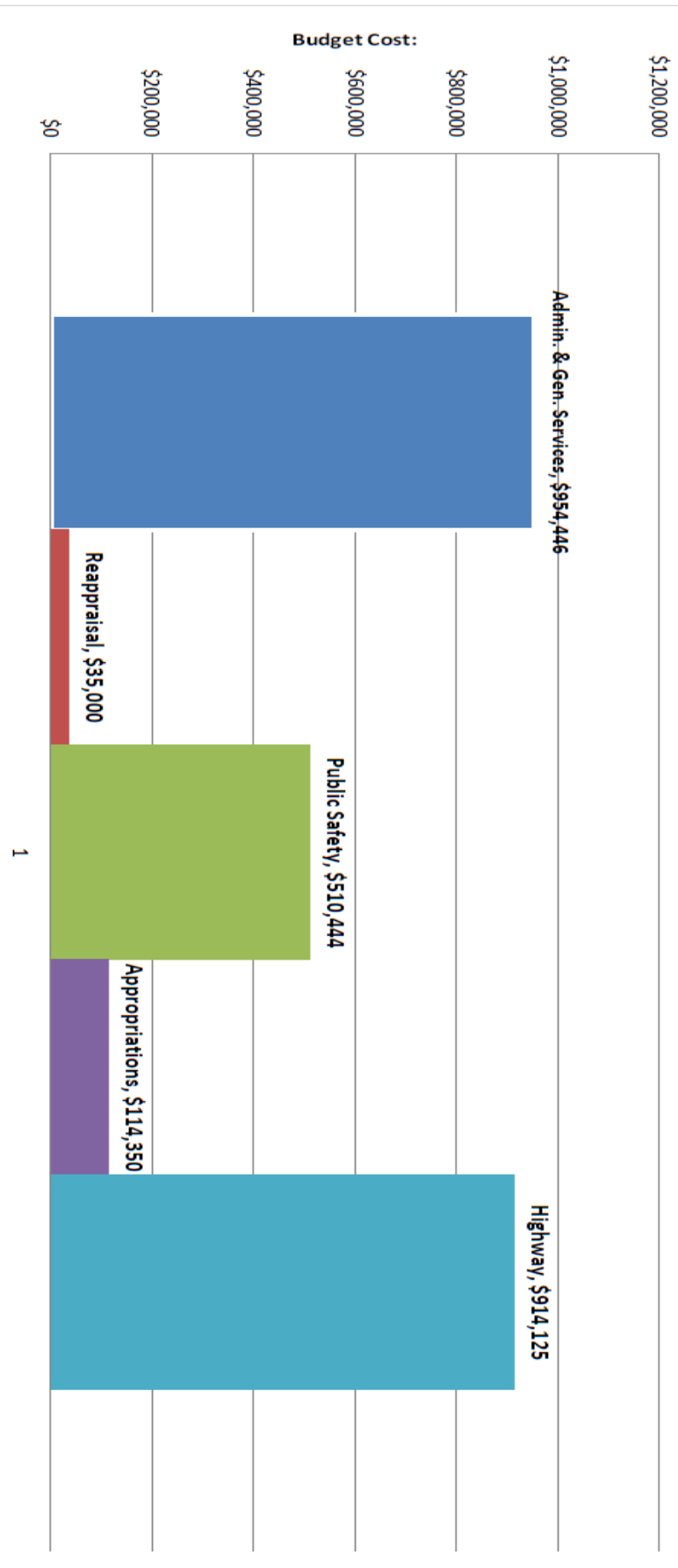
| | Previous/ Current Year | | | Upcoming Year |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | FY19 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 |
| | Adopted | Actual | Approved | Proposed |
| DETAIL OF REVENUES - By Source | | | | |
| Assessors Income | 250.00 | 37.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Town Clerk Fees | 30,000.00 | 24,258.15 | 28,000.00 | 28,000.00 |
| Vital Records | - | 1,425.00 | - | - |
| Penalty on Taxes | 33,000.00 | 26,684.30 | 32,000.00 | 32,000.00 |
| Town Forest Donations | - | 2,125.00 | - | - |
| Town Forest Grants | - | - | - | - |
| State Aid Highways | 95,000.00 | 94,155.01 | 95,000.00 | 95,000.00 |
| Liquor Licenses | 1,000.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Dog Licenses | 2,000.00 | 2,044.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Animal Control Fines | - | - | - | - |
| Interest (Late Taxes) | 35,000.00 | 37,937.81 | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| Unanticipated Income | - | 5,986.68 | - | - |
| Mad Tom Garden Donations | - | - | - | - |
| Wilson House Donations | - | - | - | - |
| DMPA Donations | - | - | - | - |
| Zoning Income | 9,000.00 | 7,814.48 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| State Owned Properties | 21,500.00 | 24,485.84 | 22,000.00 | 22,000.00 |
| Federal Owned Properties | 13,500.00 | 15,605.00 | 13,500.00 | 13,500.00 |
| State Land Use Tax | 25,000.00 | 41,363.00 | 28,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| Current Use Tax | - | - | - | - |
| DFD No. 1 Agreement | 12,000.00 | 12,131.50 | 13,500.00 | 13,500.00 |
| Interest Revenue | 2,500.00 | 3,481.11 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Weight Permits | 400.00 | 470.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Solid Waste Revenue | - | 100.00 | - | - |
| Sale of Equipment | - | - | - | - |
| Traffic Fines | 9,500.00 | 6,984.08 | 13,500.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Municipal Education Grant | 800.00 | - | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| Better Backroads Grant | - | - | - | - |
| Storm Water Grant | - | - | - | - |
| Dorset Quarry Grant Revenue | - | - | - | - |
| Reappraisal Fund Transfer | 95,000.00 | 51,540.00 | 95,000.00 | 35,000.00 |
| Other Operating Transfers | - | - | - | - |
| Previous Year Surplus | 53,012.00 | 53,012.00 | 15,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| Total Non - Property Tax Revenues | 438,462.00 | 412,839.96 | 407,450.00 | 360,950.00 |
| PROPERTY TAXES | | | | |
| Town Budget Expense | 2,418,634.00 | 2,496,049.83 | 2,473,851.00 | 2,528,365.00 |
| Less Town Budget Revenues | 438,462.00 | 412,839.96 | 407,450.00 | 360,950.00 |
| Total Amount Taxed | 1,980,172.00 | 2,083,209.87 | 2,066,401.00 | 2,167,415.00 |

**Town of Dorset
Reserve Fund Balance Sheet**

| Reserve Funds | Equipment | | Hwy Paving | | Hwy Recon. | | Buildings | | Reappraisal | | Record Pres. | | Unemployment | | Conservation | |
|---|-----------|----------|------------|----------|------------|--------|-----------|-------|-------------|--|--------------|--|--------------|--|--------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance 6/30/18 | 38,850 | 41,336 | 2,116 | 203,000 | 191,000 | 4,277 | 50,000 | 318 | | | | | | | | |
| Revenues | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY19 Budget | 155,000 | 105,000 | 1,000 | 60,000 | 14,487 | 2,900 | 0 | 500 | | | | | | | | |
| State Loan | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Grant | 0 | 44,000 | 10 | 250 | 350 | 75 | 250 | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Interest | 750 | 750 | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| Equip Sale | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY19 Budget | -149,985 | -85,000 | 0 | -220,000 | -52,000 | -2,400 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| a | | | d | | g | | g | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance 6/30/19 | 44,615 | 106,086 | 3,126 | 43,250 | 153,837 | 4,852 | 50,250 | 823 | | | | | | | | |
| Revenues | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY20 Budget | 175,000 | 125,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 14,487 | 2,900 | 0 | 1,200 | | | | | | | | |
| State Loan | 100,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Grant | 0 | 750 | 10 | 250 | 350 | 75 | 250 | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Interest | 750 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY20 Budget | -320,000 | -228,000 | 0 | 0 | -95,000 | -2,400 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| b | | | e | | | | g | | | | | | | | | |
| Projected Balance 6/30/20 | 365 | 3,836 | 5,136 | 43,500 | 73,674 | 5,427 | 50,500 | 2,028 | | | | | | | | |
| Revenues | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY21 Budget | 155,000 | 95,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 14,487 | 2,900 | 0 | 500 | | | | | | | | |
| State Loan | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Grant | 0 | 175,000 | 10 | 250 | 350 | 75 | 250 | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Interest | 750 | 750 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FY21 Budget | -80,000 | -270,000 | 0 | 0 | -35,000 | -2,400 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| c | | | f | | | | h | | | | | | | | | |
| Projected Balance 6/30/21 | 76,115 | 4,586 | 7,146 | 43,750 | 53,511 | 6,002 | 50,750 | 2,533 | | | | | | | | |
| Expense: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a. Tandem Axle Truck | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b. Road Grader | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c. Pick Up/ Tractor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d. Pleasant Street/ Village Street | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| e. Nichols Hill Rd/Dorset West Road Partial | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| f. Dorset West Partial | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| g. Route 30 Shed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| h. Record Preservation Expense | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Town of Dorset FY21 Budget Breakdown

Total Budget Expense: \$2,528,365





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2019 Town of Dorset, Vermont Minutes

In accordance with the legally warned notice, the annual meeting of the Town of Dorset was called to order by Moderator, Kevin O'Toole at the Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset, Vermont on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the evening to transact any business not involving a vote by Australian Ballot.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scouts, Lyric Merrow, Rylan Nichols and Nora Woods. Introduction of the Select Board and Town Manager was done.

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

A motion was made by Ruth Stewart and seconded by Ralph Colin. Henry Chandler then spoke on behalf of the Select Board. He explained that Jesse Bravata is the Sherriff from the Bennington County Sherriff's Department and patrols Dorset full time. If you are going to be away, let him know to keep an eye out on your property. He then told that Margot Schoffstall and Theda Farrell are in the process of doing the town wide reappraisal and to please let them in when they contact you, otherwise you may get a higher appraisal. He then spoke of the Raptor Lane Project and how they are seeking committee members to study the options, he spoke of the Planning Commission currently working on the Town Plan, salt shed thanks to the Road Crew and their construction abilities and then he thanked Town Manager, Rob Gaiotti, for his diligent and hard work.

Marilyn Kinney asked what the final cost of the salt shed was? The Selectboard indicated \$260,000. With no further 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 | 304 |
| Selectman | 3 year term | James Salsgiver | 255 |
| Selectman | 1 year term | Liz Ruffa | 256 |
| Selectman | 1 year term | Megan Thörn | 277 |
| First Constable | 1 year term | Ryan Matteson | 290 |
| Town Agent | 1 year term | Kevin O'Toole | 306 |

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

A motion was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by Clarissa Lennox. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

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Henry Chandler highlighted a few of the changes to the budget. He indicated the staff received a 3% raise, there is an added \$25,000 line referred to as Recreation Director, this is a part time position for maintaining the town trails and marketing the recreational assets for the town; \$25,000 for marketing to work with the Dorset Chamber of Commerce in marketing and promoting the town; \$25,000 for engineering to study the streetscape and safety for Route 30 and Route 7; and \$20,000 additional to the sinking fund for road repaving. These additional expenses were offset by \$125,000 partly due to the merger of the School District, we no longer will be giving \$75,000 to the school and a \$50,000 savings in the salt shed expenses.

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

A motion was made by Sheila Childs and seconded by Jordon Dickinson. There being no objections, non-resident Sheila Mullineaux then spoke on behalf of BROOC and expressed her thanks for our continued support and explained that this past year 33 individuals and 13 families benefitted from the services offered by BROOC. With no further discussion, motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Ruth Stewart and seconded by Derry Dickinson. Jordan Dickinson spoke on behalf of Neighbor to Neighbor and explained that this organization helps the elderly stay in their homes as long as possible. It takes many, many volunteers to provide rides, visits, and assistance to those in need. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Clarissa Lennox and seconded by Jim Salsgiver. There being no objections, non-resident Chris Adams, Development & Communications Director for SVCOA spoke and shared that the organization served 17 individuals with counselling, provided 1250 meals either delivered or community based to the residents of Dorset. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Mike Oltedal and seconded by Ellen Maloney. Ellen Maloney spoke on behalf of the Restorative Justice Program and explained that in theory, the organization works to bring incarcerated individuals back to the community as a functioning contributor. They have new programs dealing with mental health issues, underage drinking and underage marijuana smoking. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Jordan Dickinson and seconded by Robert Faesy. Jordan Dickinson read a report from Executive Director, Christopher Oldham. Mr. Oldham's letter thanked the community for its continued support. Their organization has been helping homeless families and individuals throughout Bennington County break the cycle of homelessness and gain permanent housing for over 19 years. They operate two emergency shelters, one for families and one for individuals. This past year, 22 households were from the Northshire communities. They strive to be more than just a bed and to provide life tools to prevent the continuance of homelessness. Again he thanked us for our support. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Robert Davidson and seconded by Ellen Maloney. There was no representative present to speak, so with no discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by Roger Squire. Charles "Chip" Ams spoke on behalf of the Historical Society. They collect materials to establish history of our town, curate those items and display those artifacts for all to enjoy. Abbott deRham asked if they work with the children at Dorset School and Chip answered, "Yes, they do." With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Harry Chandler and seconded by Rosanna Moran. There being no objections, non-resident David Nichols, President of BCHfH explained the mission of bringing affordable housing to communities within our county and thanked the residents for its continued support. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Terry Tyler and seconded by Robert Faesy. Terry Tyler spoke briefly about DNA and its history. David Sands then spoke and told that in 2017, 1,194 visits were provided to 56 individual residents of Dorset. They also provide free clinics for foot care, flu and cholesterol checks. There are currently 69 patients in Hospice in our region. He reminded all that the money raised in Dorset, stays in Dorset. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Ruth Stewart and seconded by John Cave. No one was present to speak on behalf of the Cemetery Association, and with no discussion the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by May Soohoo and seconded by Chip Ams. Dorothea Kelly, President of the Board of Trustees spoke on how the library is a cornerstone of our community. They are very active in providing programs for the Dorset residents. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Jim Salsgiver and seconded by Ralph Colin. Robert Niles thanked the Dorset residents for past support. He told the audience that the money raised is used to underwrite costs of recording selectboard and schoolboard meetings and to provide public television access to the community members. GNAT is proud to provide services to our community and asked for continued support. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Gay Squire and seconded by Savannah deRham. There being no objections, non-resident Victoria Silsby spoke on behalf of the Collaborative and explained that they have been serving our community for 20 years. They provide services to area youths with youth substance prevention programs. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Roger Squire and seconded by William Childs. Roger Squire explained that last year the money given was used for sidewalks on the north side of Church Street. This year the money will be used for the south side of Church Street. Terry Tyler then spoke and told how he wasn't in favor of the Preservation when first organized, however, he has been impressed with the work the committee has done and urged the voters to support them. Ruth Stewart asked if any sidewalks were to be done on the East side of town? Roger Squire explained that last year a portion of sidewalk was done by the Wilson House and more is planned for the future. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 19. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to the Dorset Players Inc. to help sustain the property maintenance fund for the ongoing repairs to the Dorset Playhouse? By Petition

A motion was made by Sheila Childs and seconded by Cindy Loudenslager. Megan Thorn spoke on behalf of the Dorset Players and told how they are the host to theatre in Dorset since 1927. The building is owned by the Dorset Players and is host to the Dorset Theatre Festival. The theatre needs desperate repairs to the roof at a cost of \$80,000. Rosanna Moran spoke how the theatre allows the Dorset School students to have their winter concert at the theatre and urge the town to support the request. Kate Coss explained the theatre is 90 years old and also is in need of a new heating system at a cost of \$35,000. She also stated how it brings business (people) to our community. Kim Beaty also asked for support. Terry Tyler asked that the committee not come back every year, this is a 1000% increase from last year. Don Hayward spoke on behalf of the Players and stated that he doesn't know if they will come back next year. They do have a capital campaign going and if that is successful, they may not come back, but can't promise it. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Article 21: To transact any other business, to properly come before this meeting.

Linda Joy Sullivan gave a brief synopsis of what is happening in Montpelier. She is serving on the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and also on the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules. This year there are 40 new members, 6 new chairs, and a veto proof government. There are currently over 800 bills being discussed and with cross over next week to the Senate, a lot of those will not be heard.

Ellen Maloney spoke on behalf of the Dorset Energy Committee and stated that the committee would be willing to help the Dorset Players with energy options for their building. She also noted that home energy audits can be done for \$100 for Dorset residents. Electric cars are our future and tonight there is an electric bicycle on display. Jim Hand could explain how it works, so seek him out. They have a solid waste survey on their table regarding trash flow and recycling.

Ruth Stewart thanked the Selectboard for dedicating the Town Report to Wilma Taylor. A Dorset resident who is a wealth of information, especially on East Dorset. She also made note of the report on page 48, regarding the Bromley Observation Tower. They are currently \$20,000 short of their goal and hope to reach that this year.

Jack Stannard encouraged our younger residents to get involved with our government and positions available within our town.

With no further discussion, the meeting was recessed at 8:30 pm until 7:00 am on March 5, 2019 for Australian Ballot voting.

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

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

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

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

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

For 45 years, Long Trail School has provided quality education in this region. We are incredibly proud to have raised local and global heroes. Our students continue to shape the arts, sciences and commerce of tomorrow, to build families and communities, and to make a difference. Students, faculty, staff, families and volunteers at LTS consider ourselves not only as members of a school family but as stewards of the future.



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For more than four decades, we have offered our students opportunities to self-challenge, learn and grow. This year we have a record enrollment of 200 students from 46 towns, 5 states and 3 countries. Families seek us out for our unparalleled creative and intellectual challenges, and embrace our respectful learning environment. Our students have ambitious personal goals, ranging from first-in-family college attendee to small business owner ---all assisted by our programming.

We are proud of the newest addition to our facility, the Field House. We gratefully thank the anonymous donors who helped our vision become reality. The Field House offers a weight room, rock climbing wall, and beautiful basketball court. We are excited to be hosting games on our home court! We are also happy to have a full-time athletic director to help us organize and move forward with other sports opportunities in the future.

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

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

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

This year, we have welcomed Red Fox Community School to our campus. Red Fox provides quality progressive school education to Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

Thank you for caring about our students and school. We invite you to visit our campus. Please email Irene Goyette (igoyette@longtrailsschool.org) to schedule a convenient time. You are welcome to reach me directly at slinfield@longtrailsschool.org or 802-867-5717.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Seth Linfield, Head of School

John Moser, Board of Trustees, Chair



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We are pleased to submit to you our 2020-2021 sending town tuition of \$17,990, which constitutes a 2.8% increase from the current year. Our tuition for non-sending towns will be \$19,990. This tuition increase will help us to attract and retain outstanding teachers, provide an amazing array of opportunities to students, and remain affordable to our communities.

In reaching this decision, the board of trustees considered the impact of projected salary increases as well as a 12.9% increase in healthcare costs. The tuition increase will *not* cover the full cost of these items; with healthcare costs continuing to escalate, the board of trustees has challenged BBA's leadership to figure out how to stay in balance without passing these costs on to taxpayers. BBA's tuition has increased 2.7% annually over the last decade demonstrating our long-term commitment to maintaining affordability.

In addition to our tuition, we raise close to \$1 million annually to support operations, and we augment annual fundraising with an endowment draw of approximately \$800,000. Through our international program, we attract students from around the globe to enhance cultural diversity and understanding while providing \$3 million in supplemental revenue.

While tuition dollars represent an important source of funds for operations, funding for capital expenditures is raised privately. Private funding has enabled us to create the Target Program, Mountain Campus, the Dene Farm program, invest in sound and projection systems in our Riley Center for the Arts, purchase Steinway pianos, and more. We became an iPad school and have put iPads in the hands of every single student, expanded athletic offerings, constructed a state-of-the-art turf field, renovated our fitness center, and are in the process of building a track and field at the Manchester rec park. In April 2020 we will break ground on Founders Hall, a 25,000 square-foot center for integrated learning.

BBA seeks to be a constant source of strength to our communities, and we are deeply appreciative of the support we receive from these communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster

Seth Bongartz
Chair of the Board



Upper Squirrel Hollow Road



Mad Tom Road



Morse Hill Road



Read Farm Road



Mad Tom Brook



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