

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017		July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
	FY 17		FY 18		FY 19	
<b>Water Income</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>6 months</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
300-6-00-10-000.005 Bank Interest		0.43		2.62	3.00	
300-6-00-10-000.007 Water Res. Bank Interest		39.46	0.00	17.95	40.00	
300-6-00-20-020.005 Water Current Fees	52,500.00	44,043.86	52,500.00	19,214.90	44,000.00	
300-6-00-20-020.010 Water Delinquent Fees	0.00		0.00			
300-6-00-20-020.015 Water Connection Fees	0.00		0.00			
300-6-00-20-020.020 Water Interest	200.00	423.75	200.00	213.47	400.00	
300-6-00-20-020.025 Water Misc Income	0.00	513.00	0.00			
<b>Total Water Income</b>	<b>52,700.00</b>	<b>45,020.50</b>	<b>52,700.00</b>	<b>19,446.32</b>	<b>44,443.00</b>	
<b>Water Expenses</b>						
	0.00		0.00			
300-7-10-20-110.000 Water Operator	15,000.00	17,172.25	14,000.00	8,533.00	17,000.00	
300-7-10-20-110.005 Water Operator Asst	1,000.00	674.63	1,000.00	66.31	1,000.00	
300-7-10-20-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense	1,304.00	1,365.04	1,148.00	657.78	1,377.00	
300-7-10-20-220.001 W/C, Unempl Exp	1,066.00	1,045.00	1,056.00	2,332.78	1,394.00	
300-7-10-20-340.000 Water Telemetering	500.00		500.00		0.00	
300-7-10-20-340.005 Water Testing/Samples	2,500.00	1,337.50	2,000.00	245.00	2,000.00	
300-7-10-20-424.000 Water Grounds Maint	900.00	461.58	799.00	395.16	600.00	
300-7-10-20-424.001 Water Truck Use Reimbur	1,430.00	1,265.00	1,500.00	660.00	1,500.00	
300-7-10-20-430.000 Water Building Maint	1,500.00		500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-20-431.000 Water Equip Maint	8,000.00	3,340.21	6,000.00	122.88	6,000.00	
300-7-10-20-431.005 Water Meter Reading	1,000.00		1,000.00		0.00	
300-7-10-20-431.015 Generator Expense	100.00		100.00		100.00	
300-7-10-20-520.000 Water Prop/Liab Ins	0.00		366.00	236.00	236.00	
300-7-10-20-531.000 Water Postage	200.00		200.00		200.00	
300-7-10-20-531.005 Water Heat-Pump H	1,300.00	1,001.65	1,000.00	390.11	1,200.00	
300-7-10-20-560.000 Water Dues/Memberships	500.00	255.00	300.00		300.00	
300-7-10-20-565.000 Water Education	500.00	174.00	500.00	56.00	500.00	
300-7-10-20-570.000 Water Permit/Licenses	2,000.00	1,170.90	1,000.00	249.94	1,000.00	
300-7-10-20-610.000 Water Billing	500.00	500.00	500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-20-610.005 Water Supplies	4,500.00	777.39	3,000.00	2,474.53	2,000.00	
300-7-10-20-622.000 Water Electricity	7,500.00	4,691.67	8,000.00	2,505.04	6,000.00	
300-7-10-20-655.000 Water Special Projects	0.00		0.00		0.00	
300-7-10-20-740.000 Water Equipment	500.00		500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-20-810.000 Water Reserve Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00		0.00	
300-7-10-20-990.000 Water Misc Expense	0.00	4,270.00	0.00	13,238.33	500.00	
<b>Total Water Expense</b>	<b>56,800.00</b>	<b>39,501.82</b>	<b>49,969.00</b>	<b>32,162.86</b>	<b>44,407.00</b>	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
SEWER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017		July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
	FY 17		FY 18		FY 19	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
<b>Sewer Income</b>						
300-6-00-10-000.006 Sewer Res. Bank Int.	0.00	22.88	0.00	36.85	37.00	
300-6-00-10-010.005 Sewer Current Fees	63,300.00	55,380.74	63,300.00	27,217.64	55,381.00	
300-6-00-10-010.010 Sewer Delinquent Fees	0.00		0.00			
300-6-00-10-010.015 Sewer Connection Fees	0.00	0.30	0.00			
300-6-00-10-010.020 Sewer Interest	500.00	523.31	500.00	339.56	500.00	
300-6-00-10-010.030 Sewer Misc Income	0.00		0.00			
300-6-00-10-010.035 Special Project Income	0.00		0.00			
<b>Total Sewer Income</b>	<b>63,800.00</b>	<b>55,926.63</b>	<b>63,800.00</b>	<b>27,594.05</b>	<b>55,918.00</b>	
<b>Sewer Expenses</b>						
300-7-10-10-110.000 Sewer Operator	19,000.00	20,073.75	13,000.00	10,303.50	16,000.00	
300-7-10-10-110.005 Sewer Operator Asst	1,000.00	385.00	1,000.00	1,070.86	1,000.00	
300-7-10-10-220.000 FICA/MEDI Expense	1,614.00	1,564.83	1,071.00	869.77	1,300.50	
300-7-10-10-220.001 W/C, Unempl Exp	1,332.00	1,045.00	986.00	32.76	1,319.00	
300-7-10-10-330.000 Sewer Engineering	3,500.00	2,146.40	2,500.00	802.50	2,500.00	
300-7-10-10-333.000 Sewer Legal/Easements		1,276.26			0.00	
300-7-10-10-340.000 Sewer Testing/Samples	2,500.00	1,288.82	2,000.00	1,644.54	1,500.00	
300-7-10-10-340.001 Sewer Telemetering	0.00		500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-10-424.000 Sewer Grounds Maint	4,000.00	1,550.24	2,296.12	1,184.48	2,300.00	
300-7-10-10-424.001 Sewer Truck Use Reimbur	1,430.00	1,375.00	1,500.00	660.00	1,500.00	
300-7-10-10-431.000 Sewer Repairs	6,000.00	5,238.36	6,000.00	521.72	6,000.00	
300-7-10-10-431.005 Sewer Tanks Maint	5,000.00	7,552.50	10,000.00	4,400.00	10,000.00	
300-7-10-10-431.015 Sewer Generator	100.00		100.00		100.00	
300-7-10-10-520.000 Sewer Prop/Liab Ins	0.00		973.00	796.00	796.00	
300-7-10-10-531.000 Sewer Postage	200.00		200.00		200.00	
300-7-10-10-565.000 Sewer Education	100.00		100.00		100.00	
300-7-10-10-570.000 Sewer Permits/Licenses	2,000.00	2,460.25	2,000.00	220.00	2,500.00	
300-7-10-10-610.000 Sewer Billing	500.00	500.00	500.00		500.00	
300-7-10-10-610.005 Sewer Supplies	500.00	699.59	500.00	812.01	500.00	
300-7-10-10-622.000 Sewer Electricity	4,500.00	2,417.06	2,000.00	1,423.34	2,500.00	
300-7-10-10-655.000 Sewer Special Projects	1,000.00		1,000.00	5,648.89	1,000.00	
300-7-10-10-810.000 Sewer Reserve Fund	4,000.00		4,000.00		0.00	
300-7-10-10-990.000 Sewer Misc Expense	200.00	142.00	200.00		200.00	
<b>Total Sewer Expense</b>	<b>58,476.00</b>	<b>49,715.06</b>	<b>52,426.12</b>	<b>30,390.37</b>	<b>52,315.50</b>	

## Cemetery Commissioners Report

The Rochester Cemetery Commission is a five-member board elected at Town Meeting. The Commission oversees the seven cemeteries located in Rochester: Woodlawn, Village, North Hollow, Bingo, West Hill, Tupper and Little Hollow. Lot sales are by authority of the Cemetery Commission. Cemetery lots remain available in all cemeteries except the Village and Tupper Cemeteries. All proceeds from the sale of lots are paid into the Town treasury, kept in a separate account, to be used solely for the care, maintenance, and improvement of the burial grounds. Contact Cemetery Commission Chair Tom Paquette with inquiries about lot availability and rates.

Lot rates have been adjusted to reflect rates in surrounding towns. These are the first adjustments in ten years, and are now in effect.

	Single (typically 4 ½' x 9')	Double (9' x 9')	Quadruple (9' x 18')	Octuple (18' x 18')
Lot Sale	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$ 800.00	\$1,600.00
Perpetual Care	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00

There are established regulations for all the cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Rochester Cemetery Commission which were adopted on September 2, 2018. For a copy of the regulations, contact any Commissioner.

Routine maintenance continues at all seven cemeteries. Initial spring cleanup begins as soon as possible after snow is gone. Woodlawn, Village and North Hollow Cemeteries are mowed and trimmed every two weeks throughout the late spring, summer and fall, and less frequently at Bingo, West Hill, Tupper and Little Hollow. Routine maintenance also includes the removal of fallen branches, trimming live trees and encroaching brush, filling potholes in the roads, adding grass seed as needed, and removing all litter. Thanks to Steve Twitchell and Byron Peters.

The Cemetery Commission received an anonymous donation for headstone maintenance in the North Hollow Cemetery. Foundations were replaced and broken stones were repaired. Many stones were straightened and cleaned, with the remainder to be cleaned in 2018.

Rochester Cemetery Commissioners:

Tom Paquette	Marvin Harvey
Java Hubbard	Joe Schenkman
Ross Laffan	

## Rochester Lister's Report

Grand List 2017

This past year was the fifth year after the whole town was reappraised by Automated Property Assessment Service.

The most recent Equalization Study, produced by the Vermont State Property Valuation and Review, indicates our Rochester Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is 114.25. This indicates that the valid sales in Rochester are 14.25% less than their listed value.

The Equalization Study also produced a Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) value for the valid sales in Rochester at 15.51. This indicates that there is, compared to last year's value of 13.24, a growing disparity between the valid sale prices of comparable properties.

Neither the CLA nor COD computed values are currently in the range that would cause the State to force us to plan a whole town reappraisal.

Caroline Meagher and Louis Donnet  
Rochester Listers

## Constable's Report

As always we encourage everyone to be alert for violations and potential problems and report them to the State Police at 234-9933. If it is a life threatening issue, just dial 9-1-1 and the proper units will be sent, whether it is fire, rescue or police. The State Police are the main resource for Rochester and should be called whenever there is a problem.

We continue to work toward safety in motor vehicle speed enforcement. In the course of the year the town has received some revenue from the judicial bureau for tickets written using the local speed ordinances. However this has dropped from past years. I guess the radar signs are working.

We are still using the radar sign at the North and South ends of town. This summer you will see a radar trailer (purchased with grant money) all around town. We hope this helps with speed throughout the town. This will also collect data to give a better idea when vehicles are speeding the most. We have been participating in all the campaigns that the GHSC has to raise money for equipment. This year we earned \$8000. We have worked with other departments at checkpoints, including the Randolph Police Department, Vermont State Police and the Bethel Constable's Office, in the Rochester area. Working with other departments makes it more efficient and safer for all. I applied for another DUI grant, and an Occupant Protections Grant. I am happy to say we have received a grant total of \$4500 for this year. These grants are for additional hours of work that we are not budgeted for. This means we will be able to work a few more hours at no cost to the town. Last year we only received \$2000 for a DUI Grant.

We do fingerprints for a low fee of \$25, although requests have dropped from past years. If you need yours done, be sure to see the town clerk for the fee, and call our office to make an appointment. The Constable office continues to be used by the State Police, Fish and Wildlife and Forest Service Law Enforcement. Although some exterior work on the building (windows) was recently done, the office area needs serious improvement due to the age of the building and needs for the future.

The laptop (MDT) in the cruiser has been successful. We continue getting modernized to keep up with the rest of the state. As you may know, we now carry CEW, commonly known as Tasers. This makes our job safer and is another tool to help do our job more efficiently. As requirements change yearly, to maintain our law enforcement certification and department mandates we are being required to do more and more training. There is legislation in the works requiring towns to be responsible for their own law enforcement. Keep your eye on this. If this happens there will be more requirements and expense in the Constable's office. If legislation changes, we may need to think about more law enforcement hours with the extra duties mandated by the state. With that being said, I would like to thank Randy Brouillard for working as Second Constable when he can, and he is especially helpful during Highway Safety Campaigns.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any concerns. Keep in mind we are not in the office on a daily basis, but we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mark Belisle  
Randy Brouillard

## Rochester Volunteer Fire Department

The Rochester Volunteer Fire Department appreciates the continued support of the Rochester Selectboard and from community members.

There are 21 members in the Department, including one junior member (16-18 years of age). We continue to look for new members, especially those who work in town and could be readily available during daytime hours. 30% of our volunteer firefighters are in their 60s, and these firefighters make most of the calls. There are two monthly meetings; one is a regular meeting and the other is a work/training session. *We need your assistance* and encourage anyone interested in learning about and/or joining the Fire Department to contact me, or any member.

During 2017, RVFD responded to 38 calls:

4 Chimney Fires	2 House Fires
1 Auto Fires	1 Brush Fires
6 False Alarms	9 Motor Vehicle Accidents
6 Downed Power Lines	2 Mutual Aid calls/Emergency Services
5 Carbon Monoxide Detector call	1 Fire Alarms
1 General Fires	0 Dhart Calls

We always look forward to the Fire Department's annual Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday morning, held last year on April 16 at the new Fire House. This is our primary fundraiser, and we are indebted to Rochester's firefighters and their families who assist with this event, and to the businesses, townspeople and visitors who contribute to and attend this breakfast. Our 2017 goal was to use funds to replace a 30-year old portable water tank with a new 3,000 gallon tank, and this was accomplished. Mark your calendar for our 2018 pancake breakfast will be held on **Sunday, April 1** at the Fire House. Come and join with your family and friends to make it our best pancake (real Maple syrup), scrambled egg and sausage breakfast ever! We look forward to sharing this time with you.

Our firefighting gear is slowly being upgraded. The current inventory of 3 air packs is 20-plus years old, and is systemically being replaced. A 4<sup>th</sup> is on order, and it is our hope to increase this inventory to six. Each air pack costs \$6,000, with the cost of gear approximately \$2,000.

We've been working hard to get the upstairs of the Fire House finished, which will then provide us with a training room. The completion date is expected to be Summer 2018.

We would ask all homeowners to review carefully your 9-1-1 reflective house or street numbers, and if you live on a long driveway, to ensure that your name and street number are completely visible, with the visible numbers at least 4-inches in height. It's good to remember that many of our volunteers may not be familiar with all road and family names. Fire and Rescue will certainly appreciate your effort.

As Fire Chief, I am grateful to all the members of our Volunteer Department for their many hours, not just in responding to calls, but for time spent in training, flooding SkateSpace, equipment maintenance and fundraising.

If you have any questions regarding the Rochester Volunteer Fire Department, please feel free to contact me, or either of Rochester's Assistant Fire Chiefs, Ray Harvey and Kevin Dougherty.

Terry Severy, Chief  
Rochester Volunteer Fire Department

## Rochester Public Library Annual Report for 2016-2017

The Rochester Public Library is a busy place filled with community members engaging in robust discussions about so many interesting topics. Some people come for a book or a movie, others for a special program, and many just to enjoy the warm, welcoming ambience of the library.

You are invited to join any of our ongoing programs or suggest an idea for a new one. The History Book Club and Our Dystopian Future Book Club meet monthly. Meditation classes meet weekly. There are summer reading programs and activities for the children. Two Rochester preschoolers were awarded certificates for listening to 1,000 books before kindergarten this year!

Online we offer over 500 classes from accounting to web design free! We belong to a library co-op that can provide thousands of free e-book and audiobook downloads. Our own collection includes over 22,000 books and over 1,400 movies. Come take advantage of all the wonderful things available at your town library.

Our funding comes from a combination of sources, some of which may be restricted for use for specific expenses. In our budget report on the opposite page, we have grouped our income by source to better illustrate how our funding moves in and out of the library and what expenses it pays for.

### **Income for 2016-17:**

- Town appropriated unrestricted funds represent 48% of our budget and are spent on salaries, utilities, small building repairs, and general operating expenses. (36,300).
- Money either donated or earned goes into our general unrestricted funds. This number is highly speculative since there is no way to predict. (\$ 1954.33).
- Income from the Kirkpatrick Fund \$7,775 is unrestricted and pays operating and some personnel expenses.
- Donations and income from bequests that are restricted to be spent only on circulating library materials: books, audiobooks, magazines, e-books, and movies. (\$9,817.12).
- Each year for the past decade, the library has solicited donations for specific projects to maintain or improve our landmark building. This year's donations are earmarked for repairs to the stained glass windows. Previous year's fundraising has refinished floors, replaced carpeting, replaced book shelves, paid over \$200,000 towards the recent building modifications and expansion, repairs to other stained glass windows, and other projects. (\$8.835).
- Grant income is always restricted to pay for specific expenses. (\$417).

As a municipal library, we depend heavily on funding from the town for our operating expenses. Our only other library income is based on the generosity of donors and the availability of grant funds.

### **Expenses 2016-17:**

Over the past decade many employee and building expenses, which had previously been included in town budget, have been transferred into other department budgets. When you exclude transferred expenses, the library's funding from the town has grown very modestly at an average of approximately \$1,000 per year.

We have also grouped our expenses by the source of funding to pay them.

- Grant expenses (\$525).
- Unrestricted general expenses. Included in this area are the utilities, supplies and other general operating expenses, library programs, and employee expenses. These are paid for with a combination of town appropriated funds, earnings from endowed funds, and misc. sources (\$47,344.80).
- **All** library materials are paid for with **donated** funds designated for books and other materials. (\$9,121.30).
- Annual building project expenses are paid with annual fundraising dollars (\$8,541).

**Thank a donor today!**

We hope to see you at the library soon. We strive to have something for everyone. If we don't, we will make every effort to get it!

**Mary Sue Crowley, Tony Goupee, Jolanta Labejsza, Lynn Moltz, and Barbara Shenton**

ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY - GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET REPORT - DRAFT						
		2016-2017		2017-2018		2018-2019
Income		Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget
200-6-00-10-000.000	Town Appropriated Funds	36,300.00	36,300.00	41,045.00	20,522.50	40,625.00
200-6-00-10-000	Bank Interest	40.00	14.48	40.00	2.74	12.00
200-6-00-10-000.013	Memorial Fund Income	0.00	250.00	-	370.00	250.00
200-6-00-10-000.020	Adopt an Author	1,500.00	1,941.84	1,500.00	1,002.46	1,500.00
200-6-00-10-000.030	Bennett (book) Funds fwd'	175.00		175.00		175.00
200-6-00-10-000.035	Bennett Bks Divd (WRCU 06	125.00	125.28	125.00	62.64	125.00
200-6-00-10-000.040	Ill Donations	0.00	180.00	-		-
200-6-00-10-000.045	Moving Avg Wing Rest.	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	3,750.00	7,500.00
200-6-00-10-000.060	Book Sales	700.00	725.45	700.00	249.60	700.00
200-6-00-10-000.065	Fines	200.00	166.00	200.00	60.50	175.00
200-6-00-10-000.068	Program Income	0.00	275.00	-	295.00	275.00
200-6-00-10-000.080	Donations (Restricted)	4,000.00	8,835.00	4,000.00	3,980.00	5,000.00
200-6-00-10-000.085	Donations (Unrestricted)	1,000.00	40.00	1,000.00	212.95	250.00
200-6-00-10-000.090	Moving Avg Kirk (unrestr)	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,700.00	4,350.00	8,700.00
200-6-00-10-000.086	Donations from Granville	0.00	600.00	-		600.00
200-6-00-10-000.095	Copies	140.00	148.40	140.00	83.00	150.00
200-6-00-10-000.106	Space Rental	0.00	240.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
200-6-00-10-000.110	Misc Income	0.00	20.00	-		200.00
200-6-00-10-000.111	Unrestr.Funds transfers in	4,000.00		-		5,059.15
200-6-00-10-010.005	ILL Grant Income	150.00	217.00	375.00	195.00	390.00
200-6-00-10-010.010	Dept. Library Childrens Prog		200.00			200.00
200-6-00-10-010.020	DOL Cont Ed Grant				245.00	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>63,330.00</b>	<b>65,278.45</b>	<b>65,650.00</b>	<b>35,531.39</b>	<b>72,036.15</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
200-7-10-15-533.000	Bank Charges	0.00	2.00	-	1.01	-
200-7-10-20-345.000	ILL Grant Expenses	150.00	525.00	700.00	390.00	780.00
200-7-10-20-345.010	DOL Cont. Ed Grant Exp				245.00	
200-7-10-25-320.000	Professional Publication	140.00	159.50	140.00		165.00
200-7-10-25-340.000	Website Maintenance	200.00	198.00	200.00		200.00
200-7-10-25-411.000	Utilities (Water/Sewer)	300.00	338.00	300.00	84.50	350.00
200-7-10-25-421.000	Trash Removal	350.00	67.50	300.00	20.25	-
200-7-10-25-431.000	Equipment (c	0.00	47.70	900.00		1,000.00
200-7-10-25-431.005	Systems Main/IT	1,200.00	783.01	1,200.00		1,100.00
200-7-10-25-530.000	Telephone	460.00	427.81	460.00	174.91	280.00
200-7-10-25-531.000	Postage	1,340.00	325.16	200.00	100.40	50.00
200-7-10-25-531.005	Ill postage	0.00	225.75	300.00	69.40	312.00
200-7-10-25-560.000	Memberships/	175.00	226.60	175.00		175.00
200-7-10-25-580.000	Mileage/Conf	300.00	128.19	300.00	254.00	300.00
200-7-10-25-610.000	Supplies	1,000.00	1,344.68	1,000.00	111.21	1,000.00
200-7-10-25-610.005	Furnishings					
200-7-10-25-615.000	Volunteer Expenses	160.00	185.00	200.00		200.00
200-7-10-25-622.000	Electricity	1,500.00	1,290.47	1,650.00	510.25	1,400.00
200-7-10-25-624.000	Fuel	3,100.00	1,874.15	3,100.00	321.66	2,500.00
200-7-10-25-641.000	Computer Software					240.00
200-7-10-25-655.000	Fund Raising	700.00	219.90	400.00	54.88	500.00
200-7-10-30-655.000	Adult Programs	500.00	779.40	500.00	529.81	500.00
200-7-10-30-655.005	Childrens Programs	300.00	450.00	300.00	185.25	300.00
200-7-10-35-340.000	Database Contract	1,310.00	605.00	700.00	150.00	750.00
200-7-10-35-540.000	Adv/Printing/Publ	100.00	101.94	100.00		100.00
200-7-10-35-640.000	Adult Books	5,475.00	4,212.73	5,475.00	2,027.28	4,600.00
200-7-10-35-640.001	Memorial Fund Pymt	500.00	333.06	500.00	150.80	400.00
200-7-10-35-640.005	Audio/DVDs	1,000.00	2,013.07	1,000.00	588.63	2,000.00
200-7-10-35-640.010	Childrens Books	1,000.00	924.29	1,000.00	370.27	1,000.00
200-7-10-35-640.015	Magazines/Subscriptions	200.00	145.48	200.00	42.00	200.00
200-7-10-35-655.000	Adopt an Author	1,500.00	1,492.67	1,500.00	647.46	1,500.00
200-7-10-40-110.000	Librarian Salaries	22,559.00	21,409.70	23,561.00	11,473.92	24,032.00
200-7-10-40-110.005	Asst Librarian	1,250.00	1,419.00	1,250.00	576.00	1,680.00
200-7-10-40-110.010	Childrens Library Salaries	500.00	304.00	500.00		500.00
200-7-10-40-110.015	Custodial Salaries	2,000.00	2,085.00	2,000.00	877.50	2,000.00
200-7-10-40-210.000	Health Insurance	7,610.00	7,254.30	7,788.00	3,697.76	7,288.32
200-7-10-40-210.001	Hickock/Boardman Mgmt. fee	0.00		280.00		280.00
200-7-10-40-210.002	Work Comp Expense	0.00		1,451.53	91.00	121.31
200-7-10-40-210.003	Unemployment Ins.				38.22	107.40
200-7-10-40-220.000	FICA/MEDI	1,826.00	1,905.95	2,089.29	988.96	2,158.12
200-7-10-40-220.050	Health Reimbursement Acct	650.00	650.00	650.00		650.00
200-7-10-45-120.020	Summer Landcaping Exp				250.00	500.00
200-7-10-45-419.000	Library Bldg Insurance					2,317.00
200-7-10-45-420.000	General Repairs/Maint.	1,450.00	1,274.86	1,500.00	379.50	1,000.00
200-7-10-45-420.001	Boiler Maintenance	400.00	298.72	400.00		400.00
200-7-10-45-420.002	LiftMaintenance/inspection	700.00	494.00	700.00		800.00
200-7-10-45-420.005	Window Cleaning	200.00	126.00	200.00		200.00
200-7-10-45-420.010	Carpet Cleaning	250.00	169.00	250.00		200.00
200-7-10-45-420.015	Maintenance Supplies	600.00	229.51	600.00	132.99	500.00
200-7-10-45-532.000	Annual Alarm Monitoring	275.00	302.50	275.00		300.00
200-7-10-50-990.000	Misc Expenses	100.00		100.00	25.00	100.00
<b>Total General Expenses</b>		<b>63,330.00</b>	<b>57,348.60</b>	<b>66,394.82</b>	<b>25,559.82</b>	<b>67,036.15</b>
200-7-10-55-655.001	Capital Campaign exp		10,102.86			
200-7-10-55-655.000	Annual Campaign/Future Yr		5,512.26			5,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>63,330.00</b>	<b>72,963.72</b>	<b>66,394.82</b>	<b>25,559.82</b>	<b>72,036.15</b>

## **Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Program**

### **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017**

Bethel and Royalton jointly own a 22 acre parcel of land on Waterman Road in Royalton which has been improved to provide facilities for aggregation and shipment of municipal solid waste, recyclables, and a variety of hazardous waste materials. The site also contains the now closed landfill which served area towns from 1970 to 1993. By contractual arrangement, other member towns also utilize the waste management program: Barnard, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, Rochester, Hancock, and Granville.

Administration of the program had historically been managed by Bethel staff, under the direction and oversight of the Bethel and Royalton Selectboards. In August 2013, a new Interlocal Contract was approved and endorsed by the Bethel and Royalton Selectboards. This agreement for administration of the solid waste program shifts some of the burden of workload and accountability from Bethels shoulders.

In May 2016 the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation approved our program's "Solid Waste Implementation Plan" (SWIP) for managing solid waste and recyclables in accordance with objectives of current local/state/national priorities, and formally adopted by the selectboards of all eight member towns.

Our facility operates under a license (or Certification) which is renewed every 5 years. An application to renew our certification was submitted to the Vermont Solid Waste Management Division in February 2014, and approval was issued May 7, 2014. The certification is valid until March 31, 2024. The former Bethel Royalton Landfill is also "operated" under a certification, which is being renewed for an additional five-year term to end November 9, 2021. This certification provides for adequate monitoring of any residual effects stemming from landfill use.

During the interval from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, a total of 5659.19 tons of solid waste were received at the transfer station "tipping floor." This material was loaded into trailers for shipment to a lined landfill. Materials received for recycling totaled to 1012.112 tons. These materials were directed to various facilities for processing. Various "special Wastes" are regularly collected in addition to the usual recyclables. These include paint, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries and electronic waste. All fees vary depending on the material involved and the current expenses to the program for handling the materials.

Collection events for "household hazardous wastes" were held in October 2016 and June 2017 to provide a means for citizens of the member towns to safely dispose of materials, particularly those not normally taken at the facility such as pesticides, various cleaning compounds, acids, bases, contaminated fluids, etc. The events are open to all member towns at no cost for up to 10 gallons of materials. Small quantities of materials generated by businesses are also acceptable at collection events, but a fee corresponding to program costs is assessed on business participants. An appointment must be made in advance. There will be two collection events at the transfer station and one event held in Rochester. This will allow access for towns not located near the transfer station. Please enquire at the facility for dates and schedules.

We consider the solid waste program to be comprehensive in the services provided to the public, and the program staff is well-trained to provide advice or assistance.

The facility is open to the public on **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM** and **Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM**.

Information may be obtained during those hours by calling **763-2232**



**Alliance Solid Waste Management Facility**

122 Waterman Rd – Royalton, VT 05068

(802) 763-2232

**Prices:**

- Bulk Waste    \$145/Ton    \$20 Minimum
- Per Bag    \$8.00 – 45 Gallon    \$5.00 30 Gallon    \$3.00 15 Gallon
- Small Branches, Leaves, Grass                      \$ 20.00 Cubic Yard ½ a pickup truck bed – No Stumps
- Mattresses    \$ 12.00
- Couch/Sofa    \$ 15.00
- Rugs & Large Chairs                                      \$ 10.00 each
- Appliances (w/Freon)                                      \$ 20.00 each  
    Refrigerator/Freezer/Water Cooler/Dehumidifiers/Etc.
- Scrap Metals    \$ 5.00 Cubic Yard
- Batteries-Vehicle    \$ 1.00 each
- Waste Oil    \$ .10/Quart
- Antifreeze    \$ .50/Quart
- Fluorescent Bulbs    \$ .00 – No Charge
- Tires    \$ 5.00 Car/Pickup No Rim  
    \$ 7.00 Car/Pickup With Rim  
    \$ 15.00 Large Truck  
    \$ 25/00 Heavy Equipment No Rims

**Electronics:**

- MP3 Player    \$ 5.00    Phones – Chargers    \$ 5.00
- Stereos – Games Consoles    \$ 10.00    Microwaves-Fax Machines-VCR    \$10.00

	<u>Covered Entities**</u>	<u>All Others</u>
• Large TV/CRT	Free	\$20.00
• Regular TV/CRT	Free	\$10.00
• Towers/Monitors/Printers	Free	\$10.00
• Associated Computer Apparatus	Free	\$ 5.00

\*\*Covered Entities are: Vermont Households, Vermont Charities, Vermont Businesses with up to 10 Employees

**Hours of Operation:**      **Tuesday – Thursday – Friday**    **7:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
    **Saturday**    **7:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Granville First Response**  
A division of  
**Granville Volunteer Fire Department**

Since 2015, the Granville Volunteer Fire Department has been providing emergency medical first response services to the Towns of Hancock and Rochester. At that time the number of certified EMS providers was three people and we asked for \$50 per call to provide those services.

To date, the GVFD has been able to increase the number of certified personnel to six, and three more are in the process of becoming certified. We have responded to numerous incidents and have made many lifesaving interventions in that time. We enjoy a very strong working relationship with the fire departments of Hancock and Rochester, as well as White River Valley Ambulance which has been very supportive of our mission in the valley.

Our proposed Emergency Medical Service budget for the 2018-19 tax year is divided per capita among the towns of Granville, Hancock, and Rochester. Funding on a per capita basis, rather than a per call charge, will provide a more stable funding source for us to continue to improve the services we provide. It also provides a fixed budget number for each town, eliminating the guess work.

During the last budget year, we responded to 127 emergencies which averages to 1 call every three days. Nearly three quarters of these calls were emergency medical calls, which compares almost precisely with the national average.

In the coming year, our priority for EMS will continue to be training additional providers to swell the ranks. If you or someone you know is interested in being part of this vital service, we want to talk with you. You may stop in at a meeting or contact me directly.

Stay safe.

Dan Sargeant, Fire Chief  
Cell phone: (802) 349-5774  
Email: [d.sargeant@granvillefiredepartment.com](mailto:d.sargeant@granvillefiredepartment.com)

**Granville First Response**  
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Granville Volunteer Fire Department

**Incident Response Statistics July 2016 – June 2017**

Structure Fires	4
Chimney Fires	1
Outside/Wildland Fires	0
Motor Vehicle Collisions	13
Tree/Power Lines Down	5
Flooding/Traffic Control	0
Fire Alarm Activations	8
Emergency Medical	91
Service Calls	4
HAZ-MAT	1
 Total Calls	 127

**Response Calls by Town**

Granville	34
Hancock	22
Rochester	71
 Total	 127

**Emergency Response Roster**

Danial Sergeant, Fire Chief	Benjamin Smith	Kerin Vadnais
Brian Sargeant, Assistant Chief	Kira Sargeant	Nicholas Beattie
Theodore Smith, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief	Nancy Shaw	Brandon Stone
Gregory Millard, Captain & Treasurer	Victor Ribaud	Brennan Bordonaro
Harley Vadnais, Lieutenant	David Chase	Semous Doyle
Rebecca Yon		

**Auxilliary Fire Department**

David Winborn	James Parrish	Victoria Crowne
Tammi Beattie	Douglas Fuller	Lyndsay Sergeant
Luke McSweeney	Nathan Reinhold	Janice McCann

# Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation

Annual Report 7/1/16 to 6/30/17

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) works in collaboration with the 30 towns in its district to offer support for new, growing and relocating businesses by supporting businesses with retention and expansion strategies in response to their individual needs. GMEDC.

Of huge importance to us, GMEDC teams with the Department of Economic Development (DED), the Vermont Departments of Labor and Education, the Vermont Workforce Development Council, the three Regional Technical Centers (RTCs) in our District and other partners to help businesses advance their workforce training needs. Our tools include the Vermont Training Program, the Vermont Workforce Employment Training Fund and other state and federally funded programs. This is one of the most important issues for us to address and we devote a large portion of our time and attention to it on a statewide level, as well as in our region.

- We facilitate forums for technical education, manufacturing, forestry and other business sectors by focusing on important issues and opportunities for the region's work force and employers, large and small. We use resources provided by DED to assist with job training, retention and expansion, bringing flexible and dependable support to communities and businesses alike.
- Working with DED, our Board and staff work to find appropriate sites for businesses expansion. Our Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC) is staffed with a Business advisor who is an expert in helping start-ups and established companies.
- GMEDC helps businesses secure financing by working collaboratively with the Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) and other entities such as USDA – Rural Development. We also manage revolving loan funds for business support and disaster recovery which provide gap financing not met by private lenders, VEDA or the U.S. Small Business Administration. For example, we helped many of our neighbors who applied for Federal flood recovery assistance grants following Tropical Storm Irene.
- Working with DED, we provide customized and confidential assistance to out-of-state companies interested in relocating to Vermont. Large and small businesses receive individualized attention on matters regarding site location, financing, training programs, the Vermont Economic Growth Initiative (VEGI) tax incentives and a variety of other important issues such as permitting and Federal Grants. We team with our in-house Business Advisor from VtSBDC for many assignments.
- GMEDC works collaboratively with Regional Planning Commissions and municipalities to encourage appropriate land use, settlement and transportation patterns and programs which focus on maintaining healthy and vibrant communities, as desired by its member towns.
- Brownfield Redevelopment of contaminated sites has become an important part of our services. We assist member towns with grant opportunities, as requested to return contaminated sites to productive use increasing employment and the Grand List value.
- We continued our active work with the Two Rivers Regional Commission (TRORC) in supporting the growth of the Regional Creative Economy in collaboration with our neighbors in NH and the VT Council of the Arts.

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## **TRORC 2017 YEAR-END REPORT**

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont, governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each member town. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. Highlights from 2017 are:

### **Technical Assistance**

TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls, and assisted towns with Municipal Planning Grant applications.

### **Emergency Management & Preparedness**

TRORC helped coordinate the Hazardous Materials Statewide Commodity Flow Study to inform and update emergency response plans, hazard analysis and response procedures. Our LEPC #12 efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the region. TRORC helped all member towns with their Local Emergency Operations Plans and have been working with the final towns to complete the updates to municipal Hazard Mitigation Plans. Following the flooding event of July 1, TRORC worked with the majority of towns in our region on flood assistance and FEMA coordination. TRORC continues to work on closing out buyout properties and re-use park projects from the 2011 Irene flooding. To date, we have coordinated the purchasing of 142 homes damaged in Irene, helping to avoid future flood damage to structures on those sites.

### **Regional Energy Plan**

The Vermont Department of Public Service has approved TRORC's Regional Energy Implementation Plan and Regional Plan and awarded a "Determination of Energy Compliance." The Plans outline a pathway to implement the goals and policies of the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan at the regional level by setting regional targets for specific energy conservation, generation and fuel switching strategies, helping the state meet 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC is currently working with a number of towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to meet the new state standards and recommendations so that Town Plans can be given greater weight in Section 248 proceedings.

### **Transportation**

TRORC is administering the Grants-In-Aid program in our region to provide funding for towns to implement best management practices on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Some of the projects include grass and stone-lined ditches, improvement and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. TRORC staff have also been busy with Road Erosion and Culvert Inventory projects with many municipalities, and we have continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

Transportation infrastructure and public transit services are integral components to safety and growth. We continue to work with towns on grants to enhance our roadways, inventory infrastructure, establish new park and ride locations, and make downtowns and village centers more accessible and pedestrian-friendly. We also have continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

Specifically in Rochester this year, we provided funding for the completion of the North Main Street reuse park, prepared a Municipal Planning Grant application for a Town Plan revision, prepared Better Road grant applications, and coordinated a municipal roads Grants-In-Aid project on Town Line Road.

*We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.*

*Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director*

*William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret*

Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2017 Overview  
*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

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

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

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

VLCT is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. The organization provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. VLCT represents cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and loudly, and also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities.

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

During the 2017 calendar year, in addition to providing responses to more than 3,700 telephone inquiries, holding 16 training sessions, and following approximately 300 separate pieces of legislation, 13 summer study committees, and developing VLCT's legislative platform with five municipal policy committees, VLCT celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Throughout the year, VLCT recognized local officials and employees who have served a number of communities for 50 years, and highlighted some of the many successes of the organization and local government during the last 50 years. It was also an important year to look ahead, to consider new ideas, and to think about new programs and ways of delivering services to members that will address their changing needs in the coming years. VLCT launched a new website in June 2017 that, despite a few initial glitches, has functioned well and serves as a better connection point for members, thanks to consistent updates, new information, and easier navigation tools. VLCT has also moved the majority of its mission-critical IT systems to the "cloud" in an effort to provide more security for member information, greater protection against hacking attempts, and greater redundancy of access that will help the organization remain operational following a disaster scenario. The move to the cloud also reduces the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment.

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

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

## **Windsor County Assistant Judges Jack Anderson and Ellen Terie**

The Assistant Judges held the preliminary budget meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. The budget calls for \$439,858 to be raised by taxes, a *decrease* of \$1,853 from the current FY18 budget. The new budget calls for \$541,025 in local spending, a significant *decrease* of \$16,709 from the current FY18 budget. The County tax rate decreased slightly, from .0049 to .0048. This is the third straight year it has dropped.

According to the Vermont Department of Taxes, the Equalized Grand List for the entire County grew by \$87,762,000. This is the third year in a row where the value of the grand list has increased markedly. It is now \$9,094,596,000.

Pursuant to Title 24 Sect. 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1, 2018 requiring the tax to be paid in two installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2018.

### Courthouse Renovation Bond

2018 marks the fifth year of the \$2 million bond repayment. (The first bond payment was in November 2014). This year, the amount to be billed to the towns will be \$234,896 (\$200,000 principal; \$34,896 interest). This billing is NOT part of the County budget, but a separate assessment. Last summer, the borrowing rate was re-negotiated resulting in a savings of several thousand dollars in interest.

### Other County News

2017 was a busy and productive year for the Assistant Judges and Windsor County. Here are some of the happenings in the past year:

With the installation of interior storm windows at the court house at 12 The Green in 2015, the County continued to save thousands of dollars in fuel costs.

For the fourth year in a row, the County finished the 2016-2017 fiscal year solidly in the black and has rolled that surplus into the 2018-19 budget.

Judge Terie completed the 40-hour Civil Mediation course at the National Judicial College in Reno, NV last summer.

The County has established the Windsor County Mediation Center in its building at 62 Pleasant St. Windsor County Bar members use it for civil mediation.

Lastly, in 2017 we said goodbye to our Building Superintendent Carl Tancreti who retired and headed west for the winter. We welcomed our new Building Super, Bruce Page.

## American Red Cross

The mission of the American red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to helping local communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters, most commonly home fires.

We also provide several other services which include supplying blood and blood products in the united states, emergency communication services for Military Service Members and their families, training courses for emergency preparedness, as well as certification courses for Licensed Nurse Assistants, babysitting, and First Aid/CPR. These services, amongst the other services and campaigns outlines below, help thousands of residents each year, and would not be possible without the generosity of donors and hundreds of local volunteers working together 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

We provide all of our services *free* with **no** support from federal or state governments. In order to be able to provide these services, the American Red Cross reaches out to partners in the community like the Town of Rochester for funding. It is for this reason that the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont respectfully requests a donation of \$500.00 for the upcoming fiscal year.

This past year, the American Red Cross of NH and VT provided the following services throughout the region:

- Every 17 hours, on average, we assisted a local family, helping over 1,134 people;
- We installed 2,871 smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign;
- Every day, approximately 87 people were trained in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills;
- We collected 95,196 units of blood from 65,728 donors. All 40 hospitals in NH and VT depend on Red Cross collections;
- In NH/VT, 13 families who were separated from their families were reconnected with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces departments;
- We currently have over 1,300 volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

As you know, a disaster or emergency can strike at any time without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the Rochester community to help your residents in times of need. Your donation will go a long way in ensuring that your citizens receive the support they need when confronted by a disaster or emergency.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the two states, thank you for your consideration of this request to support the humanitarian work that we do. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do.

Emily Poirier  
Regional Development Specialist

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## **Capstone Community Action Fall 2017 Report to the Citizens of Rochester**

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 14,460 people in 8,162 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, healthcare navigation, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 35 Rochester households representing 49 individuals this past year included:

- 2 individuals in 1 household accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 10 households with 19 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 2 individuals in 1 household worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 2 households received emergency furnace repairs at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- 3 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 6 residents, including 2 seniors.
- 2 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 13 people received information and assistance for signing up for Vermont Health Connect.
- 3 residents received a referral for the Jobs for Independence program.
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**Capstone thanks the residents of Rochester for their generous support this year!**

## Central Vermont Council on Aging

### October, 2017

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Some of the options we make available include:

- Senior HelpLine – (800) 642-5119 – has answers to hundreds of questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development for home-delivered and community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, group training, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members who help to make it possible for seniors to remain in their home

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 79 Rochester residents. Case Manager Kathryn Schenkman is designated to work directly with the seniors in Rochester. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 1,252 hours of service to Rochester seniors.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Rochester for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

## Clara Martin Center

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services for the last 50 years. Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing vocation services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24-hour emergency services.

With 50 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Recent events in our communities have spotlighted opiate use, where Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem. Anyone can get help through our Substance Abuse programming by simply walking through our doors, or calling 728-4466.

Prevention programming for at-risk teens through Clara Martin center's TAY (Transition Age Youth) puts clinicians out on the street to engage and connect with youth in order to intervene and/or treat substance abuse and mental health issues that impact their ability to thrive in the world. This program aims to reduce the risk factors for youth by helping them to obtain and keep stable housing, jobs, and build skills to achieve long term success in their lives for themselves and others. For more information about Clara Martin center services, visit our website [www.claramartin.org](http://www.claramartin.org).

Town funds support services to the under and uninsured and allows the Clara Martin Center to assist the community in its service needs as a whole. It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these successes.

FY18 Total Served by CMC		Total Served from Rochester	
Children & Family Services	556	Children & Family Services	18
School Services	87	School Services	
Adult Services	594	Adult Services	18
CSP Services	180	CSP Services	4
Supportive & Transitional Housing	45	Supportive & Transitional Housing	4
Substance Abuse Services	572	Substance Abuse Services	9
Corrections Services	55	Corrections Services	
Emerg.Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	476	Emerg.Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	17
JOBS	130	JOBS	4
Access	1106	Access	17
Total Served - (unduplicated)	2234	Total seen:	50
CVSAS	1286	CVSAS	1

## Green Up Vermont

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day

**May 5, 2018 ~ the first Saturday in May**

**Celebrating 47 years of getting together with family and friends.**

Green Up Day marked its 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** 75% of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long term.

With the ongoing help from towns like Rochester, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Our East Montpelier coordinator reports "Green Up Day is an excellent teachable moment for our children." Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster and writing contest for grades K-12. To learn more, please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover about 16% of the budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education and the services of two part-time employees. **Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away.**

We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program, but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here. Rochester's Coordinators for 2018 are Donovan Piccicuto and Desmond Piccicuto.

**Mark your calendar: May 5, 2018 – Green Up Day, 48 years of tradition!**

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day.  
Always the first Saturday in May.**



**One Planet Afterschool Program**  
**Bethel, Chelsea, Newton, Sharon, Stockbridge,**  
**Rochester, Royalton, Tunbridge**

One Planet's mission is to create a dynamic learning environment after school and during the summer that inspires and supports students in becoming compassionate global citizens and lifelong learners.

Throughout the school year, One Planet provides K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students with a healthy snack, outdoor play time, homework support and enrichment programming each day after school. In 16-17, our daily enrichment programs included International Drumming, Ice Skating, Tinkering, LEGO League, Outdoor Cooking, Paper Engineering and Learning Garden. In addition to these services, we also provide some students with academic tutoring, and on half days, when school ends at noon, we take students on exciting field trips. We served 42 students in the 16-17 school year.

One Planet strives to support local families by offering affordable and comprehensive after school programs. Currently, 62% of our participants qualify for free or reduced lunches. In order to make our programming affordable, we rely on a wide variety of funding sources, including 21C grant funds, parent fees, childcare subsidy, school funds and local town funding. In addition, our program runs until 5:30pm, so we can support working families.

We want to thank the town of Rochester for supporting our program with a contribution of \$1,000. This contribution goes directly into our enrichment programming, supporting wages and materials needed to offer these exciting, student-centered enrichments. If you are interested in learning more about Rochester One Planet Afterschool Program, please feel free to contact me or stop by the school between 2:30-5:30pm to see our program in action.

Sincerely,

Carrie McDonnell, One Planet Program Director  
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## **Orange County Parent Child Center**

The Orange County Parent Child Center, Inc. (OCPCC) is a non-profit organization serving Orange and northern Windsor counties. Our mission is to help families with young children build a sense of place within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy and wellness opportunities. Since 1989, families and providers have come to know us and access us as their primary community resource for any topic or need related to children and families.

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome baby visits, six free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Reach Up case management, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. You can learn more at [www.orangecountypcc.org](http://www.orangecountypcc.org).

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 2 families from Rochester, including 3 adults and 3 children.

Mary Ellen Otis  
Executive Director

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## Quintown Center for Senior Citizens

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is based in Hancock and since 1972, has given the senior citizens of our Valley a place to go for onsite meals and socializing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. We also provide nutritionally balanced meals delivered to homebound members through our Meals on Wheels program. But the much appreciated reimbursement we receive from the Central Vermont Council on Aging just isn't enough to meet our needs.

The Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is requesting a donation from each of the surrounding towns that comprise the Center. Our request from Rochester is \$9,380.00 for the coming year. We have supplied nearly 5,000 meals this past year to seniors at the Center and through our Meals-On-Wheels program. Our doors are open to meet our seniors' needs. We create a warm and inviting atmosphere for our seniors to socialize; we serve local foods as much as possible; and we provide nutritional information and education. Our Meals-On-Wheels program not only provides healthy meals to seniors, but also provides an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors. If Meal-On-Wheels clients are not home or don't answer the door when we attempt to deliver their meals, we follow up with them later in the day and/or call their emergency contact so they can check in as well.

Our donation request will cover a portion of the operating budget not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Therefore, each contributing town and its citizens become participants in the successful operation of our program which provides quality meals and social enrichment for our neighbors and relatives within our five communities.

We continue to supplement our funds with a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events.

The Quin-Town Board of Directors and staff thank you for your ongoing generous support.

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## **Safeline, Inc.**

Safeline, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, very much appreciates the ongoing Town Appropriation support received from the Town of Rochester, This financial assistance is a critical component for helping us continue our work to end domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking in Rochester. Your funds help to provide support with ongoing services for survivors.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided approximately 2,251 services and worked with 315 victims of domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. Services were provided for one victim who identified themselves as a resident of Rochester. It is likely that this statistic is understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most victims have children within their family.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referrals through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7days a week Hotline (1-800639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of additional services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource for the community at large and is committed to changing our culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual abuse and stalking. This year, Safeline's staff offered "How Domestic Violence Effects Children and What You Can Do to Help" for the Rochester local school.

Along with town appropriations, Safeline utilizes federal, state, local and private grants to fund services. We also conduct fundraisers, solicit annual appeals and seek donations. Rochester's financial support has a tremendous impact on Safeline's ability to offer critical programming that we might not otherwise be able to provide. For example, town appropriation funds are used to help pay for Safeline's food shelf, a service that is often needed by vulnerable victims.

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**Hotline: (800) 639-7233 - 24/7**



## Stagecoach

In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 2,389 door-to-door rides for Rochester residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Stagecoach's Bus, Dial-A-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of 89,000 rides. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services.

- **Dial-A-Ride System** – Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. In Rochester, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult daycare services, pharmacies, food shopping and social services.
- **Bus System** – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. Rochester residents can access bus services to employment and shopping centers in Montpelier, Randolph, White River Junction and the Hanover-Lebanon, NH area.
- **Volunteer Driver Program** – Stagecoach uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our Dial-A-Ride Program. *Volunteer Drivers connect friends, support independence and promote healthy living.*

If you are interested in becoming a stagecoach Volunteer Driver, please contact our office.

**Information** – Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on Stagecoach services at (802) 728-3773.

## Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program (RFP), 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 19 years of the program, 1,054 grants totaling \$2.32 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.

Several adjustments have been made to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. In 2017 the maximum grant award amount was increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing RFP systems are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. In 2015 we began considering applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year. **Be on the lookout for the grant announcement postcard in March 2018.**

RFP's annual budget is \$190,000 per year, \$110,000 of which is awarded in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most funding comes from the VT Dept of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the VT Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the VT Dept of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting Rochester to join nearly 100 towns and include a **\$100 appropriation** in your FY19 town budget in support of the Rural Fire Protection Program.

214 Vermont communities have benefitted from the RFP 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.

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## VNH – Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont & New Hampshire

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, VNH made 1,224 homecare visits to 39 Rochester residents. These services were provided regardless of ability to pay. Support from the Town of Rochester helped to offset the unreimbursed care provided, which totaled approximately \$33,072.

Services included:

- Home Health Care: 579 home visits to 33 residents with short-term medical or physical needs
- Hospice Services: 593 home visits to 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives
- Maternal & Child Health Services: 52 home visits to 3 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Rochester's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Jeanne A. McLaughlin  
President and CEO

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### **White River Partnership 2017 Annual Report to Rochester**

The White River Partnership (WRP) is a membership-based, nonprofit organization formed in 1996 by a group of local people who shared common concerns about the long-term health of the White River and its watershed. The WRP envisions a White River watershed in which individuals and communities work together to make informed decisions that protect and improve river stability, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, flood resilience, and recreational river access. Here are some highlights from our work in 2017:

- The WRP coordinated 5 “Second Sunday Events” from May through September to **provide individuals and groups with hands-on opportunities to get involved in the WRP’s work.**
- With help from 400 volunteers, the WRP **planted 3,400 native trees and shrubs** along the White River and its tributaries – including 2 sites in Rochester – to improve water quality, habitat, and flood resilience.
- The Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association **coordinated 3 efforts to manage non-native invasive plants (NNIP)**, including hiring a seasonal coordinator to inventory NNIP at 34 early-detection, rapid-removal sites; removing NNIP by hand in 16 locations; and training 20 volunteers to pull NNIP at a high-priority site in Rochester.
- WRP staff and trained volunteers **completed the 17th year of our water quality monitoring program**, testing three parameters at 23 swimming holes – including Lion’s Club Park-Rochester and Bingo Brook-Rochester – every two weeks from June through September. We shared results via email, our website, and Facebook.
- The WRP worked with partners and a local contractor to **replace an under-sized, stream-crossing culvert with a fish-friendly, flood-resilient structure** on Wing Brook at Marine Hill Road in Rochester.
- The WRP worked with partners to engage 750 students and teachers at 19 watershed schools – including Rochester School – in classroom and field work activities that **raise awareness about watershed issues and create opportunities for place-based education.**
- The WRP worked with partners and 35 volunteers to **remove over 1,500 pounds of man-made trash** from river access sites along the White River.
- The WRP is working with the town, technical partners, and a local engineer to **design 2 culvert replacement projects** in Rochester – Brook Street Brook at Mt Cushman Road and Wing Brook at Wing Farm Road.

#### **For more information**

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## WomenSafe, Inc.

This past year **WomenSafe** staff and volunteers provided the following services:

- Over 4,142 in-person meetings and phone calls to 468 women, children and men who accessed services.
- Worked with relatives and caregivers of a total of 337 children affected by the violence in their lives.
- 433 supervised visits and monitored exchanges through The Supervised Visitation Program@WomenSafe.
- WomenSafe's Transitional Housing Program Grant funded through the Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), has helped 40 families find and maintain secure, stable housing.
- The Training & Education Program reached 1,477 adults and youth through 171 presentations, trainings and community outreach events that covered healthy relationships, preventing child sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and consent.
- 75 community volunteers contributed more than 9,382 hours by providing services such as: staffing the 24-hour hotline, in-person office support, court accompaniment and administrative support.
- WomenSafe assisted Middlebury College in their response to stalking, dating and sexual violence by assisting with the training of on-campus volunteer advocates (MiddSafe).

Services provided to Rochester:

**WomenSafe** provided direct services to at least 2\*people from the town of Rochester.

\*For their safety, some people accessing services do not share their town of residence.

### **Contact Information:**

Advocacy services are free and confidential.

**24-Hour Hotline:** (802) 388-4205 or (800) 388-4205

**The Supervised Visitation Program@WomenSafe:** (802) 388-6783

**WomenSafe Business Office:** (802) 388-9180

**E-Mail:** [info@womensafe.net](mailto:info@womensafe.net)

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Kerri Duquette-Hoffman  
Executive Director



# WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC

White River Valley Ambulance (WRVA) serves the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester, and Stockbridge as a non-profit licensed provider of Critical Care Paramedic service. This is the highest level of pre-hospital emergency medical care available in the state. In 2017, we responded to 1,173 calls for help within our nearly 500 square mile area of operations. This included 290 patients transported from Gifford Medical Center to other healthcare facilities, at times providing Critical Care level transport services for those patients. We thank you for continuing to entrust us with providing compassionate care to you and your families in your time of greatest need.

After holding our per capita funding request constant for 4 years in a row, we now find it necessary to request a 5% increase this year, going from \$60 to \$63. This is due to several factors. Following a review of response times to northern Brookfield, we concluded that the distance from WRVA Base was such that those residents would be better served by Barre Town Ambulance. A plan was developed in collaboration with Barre Town and the Brookfield Select Board to transfer the north Brookfield service area to Barre Town effective January 1, 2018. However, this meant a loss of \$36,000 in annual per capita revenue. Another factor is that the number of billable ambulance runs in 2017 was 19% below budget, which led us to project fewer billable runs in 2018. Ambulance services in other rural areas of Vermont experienced a similar decrease in call volume. ER visit volumes at some hospitals around Vermont were also below expectations last year. Though the cost to staff and support 2 ambulances 24/7 is largely fixed, we reduced the 2018 expense budget 4.6% below the 2017 budget. Our staff have absorbed a significant portion of the 2018 cost pressure by covering a greater portion of their health insurance premiums and no budgeted raises for the second consecutive year. Another way to think of this per capita increase is a 5% increase spread over 5 years, or 1% each year.

In 2018, we will continue to provide outstanding pre-hospital medical care focused on quality and economy. As always, our service to our member communities will be guided by our core values of caring, compassion, honesty, and integrity.

### 2017 Call Summary

- We operate 2 fully staffed ambulances 24/7 out of our Bethel station
- We have 10 full-time and 20 part-time clinical employees
- We have a full-time Executive Director who splits time 50/50 between ambulance duty and office time
- We have a part-time administrative assistant who works 4 days a week in the office
- We are an American Heart Association Regional Training Center, facilitating the instruction of CPR and First Aid courses throughout central Vermont
- We offer EMS education programs, including no-cost EMT classes and many advanced programs

Randolph	371	31.6%
Gifford Medical Ctr.	290	24.7%
Bethel	130	11.1%
Rochester	90	7.7%
Other Towns	65	5.5%
Stockbridge	48	4.1%
Barnard	45	3.8%
Brookfield	38	3.2%
Braintree	35	3.0%
Pittsfield	27	2.3%
Hancock	24	2.1%
Granville	10	0.9%
Total	1173	

**WRVA - 2018 BUDGET**

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE: 2018 DEFICIT FUNDING REQUEST

	2017 BUDGET	2017 EST. ACTUAL	2018 BUDGET	% CHANGE FROM 2017 BUDGET TO 2018 BUDGET	COMMENTS
TOTAL RUNS	1,300	1,184	1,216	-6.5%	
BILLABLE RUNS	1,200	970	1,020	-15.0%	Hospitals and EMS in Vermont are experiencing lower utilization.
NET REVENUE (net of town contributions and donations)	\$696,589	\$623,197	\$615,268	-11.7%	This is a consequence of a lower number of billable runs. If the patient is not transported, WRVA may not charge for the run.
WAGES & SALARIES	\$813,628	\$800,145	\$793,311	-2.5%	
BENEFITS	\$173,078	\$163,372	\$180,570	4.3%	Health insurance costs have been rising about 9% per year for two years. The full-time staff have been asked to cover a greater share of their health insurance premiums.
W/C and Payroll Taxes	\$124,967	\$120,520	\$116,561	-6.7%	These are a function of payroll. WRVA's unemployment tax rate has increased from 2.7% to 4.5%. This rate will probably apply until July 1, 2020.
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$176,332	\$128,397	\$155,314	-11.9%	
Depreciation	\$97,974	\$90,230	\$115,650	18.0%	Purchase of the new ambulance increased the depreciation for 2018.
OTHER EXPENSE	\$109,208	\$102,333	\$105,170	-3.7%	
Non-income statement and non-cash items	-\$9,686	\$10,553	-\$49,600		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,485,501	\$1,415,550	\$1,416,976	-4.6%	
CASH DEFICIT	-\$788,912	-\$792,353	-\$801,708	1.6%	Deficit in 2018 will be spread over a smaller population - 685 people, instead of 1,292 .
TOTAL SERVICE POPULATION	13,335	13,335	12,728	-4.6%	Approximately half of Brookfield's population will be served by Barre Town EMS in 2018.
PER CAPITA REQUEST TO FUND DEFICIT	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$63.00		See history of WRVA per capita requests on page 4.

## Green Mountain National Forest

Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) employees depend heavily on support from municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors which helps to accomplish a robust program of work. The Forest thanks you all for the support and interest you have shown in helping us manage the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF. The GMNF, truly one of Vermont's treasures and the State's largest contiguous public land area, is proud to be a part of Vermont and, in particular, Rochester. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept. Happenings this past year included:

**Land Acquisition** - The Forest grew by 378.84 acres through the acquisition of lands.

**Heritage Program** - The Heritage Resources program welcomes Andrew Triplett from the Nantahala National Forest to the position of Forest Archeologist. Highlights of the Heritage Program include:

- Staff visited heritage sites within the Robinson IRP project areas.
- Retired Forest Service personnel worked to preserve a number of cemeteries within the Forest Proclamation Boundary.

**Road, Dam, & Facility Construction & Maintenance** - In cooperation with federal, state and local governments, private contractors, and non-profit organizations, the GMNF Engineering staff repaired and maintained many roads, bridges, trails, and other facilities throughout the Forest. Some highlights are as follows:

**Middlebury Office Complex**: In September, after 51 years of operations, the Middlebury Ranger District closed its doors. Services provided by employees at the facility are still available through a partnership with the Addison County Chamber of Commerce.

**Forest Facility Improvements & Maintenance**. Completed an expansion of the Rochester Ranger District Office workshop.

**Forest Road Cooperative Aid to Towns**: Completed road improvement and maintenance projects in Granville, Hancock, Rochester.

**Forest Road Improvement Projects**: Improved 5.8 miles of National Forest System roads including Granville, Hancock, Rochester. Replaced culverts, stabilized embankments, sealed paved parking lots, repaired storm damage, and resurfaced roads.

**Forest Road Maintenance**: Maintained 82.5 miles of National Forest System roads including in Rochester and Hancock.

**Recreation Programs** - Highlights that represent a portion of the work completed to develop, improve and maintain recreational opportunities on the GMNF:

**Forest-wide**:

- Working in partnership with many organizations, funding for projects on the Rochester and Middlebury Ranger Districts totaled \$103,000 in grant dollars to increase and/or improve recreation opportunities. Funded projects: Sherburne Trail Network in Killington; Rochester Valley Trails hike/bike trail network. Thank you to the State Recreational Trails Program!
- Funding was received to improve bridge replacements and trail projects on the VAST and CTA trail networks.
- The Lexington School for the Deaf introduced students to Vermont and careers with the U.S. Forest Service. Local businesses, including Liberty Hill Farm in Rochester, exposed the Queens, New York residents to rural Vermont life.

**Local Efforts**:

- Hancock: VYCC crews completed improvements to the Texas Falls Nature Loop trail, replacing steps and improving the trail tread. A grant-funded interpretive sign will be installed in the summer of 2018.
- Rochester, Chittenden and Goshen: Implementation of the Brandon Gap Backcountry Recreation Area has been completed with the support of volunteers donating over 1,300 hours of labor. This Area was created to address the lack of managed opportunities for alpine-oriented backcountry skiing and riding while aiding in the restoration of Natural Forest conditions and attempting to reduce incidents of unregulated cutting
- Rochester: A trail network directly connected to the Rochester Ranger District Office is under construction with support of RASTA volunteers and grant funding. Phase I was completed in summer 2017 with funding being sought for the implementation of Phases II and III.

**Agreements**:

The Forest Service worked with partners through numerous agreements. VYCC maintained day use areas and trails, removed vegetation in the Brandon Gap backcountry skiing area, and removed non-native invasive plants. The CTA and RASTA continued to clear lines for back country skiing at Brandon Gap.

**Wilderness**:

The GMNF continued to implement the national Wilderness Stewardship Performance measures. Wilderness interns hired through the GMC monitored solitude and user created campsites, and outfitters and guides inventoried and removed non-native invasive plants, and removed blowdowns on trails. Trampling of rare plants in the Mount Horrid area was identified.

**Botany Program** - 90 populations of 36 species of rare plants Forest-wide were monitored. As part of the Robinson Integrated Resource Project, staff inventoried approximately 203 acres in Rochester, Hancock, Chittenden, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield where 9 new rare plant populations were found. Presentations offered on botany and pollinators to the Stockbridge School were hosted in Rochester and grant funds received by the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Assn allowed for activities pertaining to non-native invasive plants to occur in Granville, Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield:

- A hired coordinator monitored 34 small infestations of non-native invasive plants, primarily wild chervil and garlic mustard, and hand-pulled 16 of those along town and state roads as part of an "Early Detection Rapid Response" totaling 14.6 acres and wrote 12 educational articles for the *Herald of Randolph*.
- One garlic mustard plant pulling event was held with 20 middle school science students in Rochester. Small infestations were controlled, but represent only a fraction of known infestations and were chosen because of their strategic location or because they are more feasible to control than others. Over 200 acres species were controlled in:
  - Granville: Wild chervil on FR 50, 55, and 101; Japanese knotweed at Rob Ford Meadows (52.1 acres total)
  - Hancock: Wild chervil on FR 39, Texas Falls (6.4 acres total)
  - Rochester: Wild chervil surrounding the Rochester District Ranger Station (2.7 acres total)



**Forest Vegetation Management** - Some accomplishments for calendar year 2017:

- Approximately 11,181 CCF (6 million board feet) of sawtimber and pulpwood volume were sold in support of Vermont’s forest products industry. Annual timber volume sold has increased 60% over the last 5 years.
- Staff proposed vegetation management activities for the Robinson IRP to include restoration activities and timber harvest on 10,000+/- acres in Rochester, Hancock, Goshen, Pittsfield and Chittenden.

**Environmental Planning** - Work continued on the Robinson IRP located primarily in Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, and Chittenden. The proposed action was distributed for public review and comment in April 2017. An environmental assessment is scheduled for public review in January 2018, with a final decision for implementation anticipated for early summer 2018.

**Watershed Improvement** - Biologists and Technicians monitored fish populations throughout the GMNF as part of a long-term data collection effort to understand Forest fish populations. Streams sampled during the 2017 were in Rochester, Chittenden, and Granville.

- Four Aquatic Organism Passage projects were completed in 2017. The 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 culvert replacements on Wing Farm Brook in Rochester was completed with help of the White River Partnership. This will enhance restoration work completed on the West Branch in Rochester.
- In Rochester the GMNF piloted the NatureWatch Freshwater Snorkeling program at the CCC Camp on Route 73. For two weeks in June, 240 students spent a day exploring aquatic insects on land and viewing native fish underwater. 380 students from Rochester, Stockbridge, Bethel, Newton, South Royalton, Randolph, Braintree, and Pomfret participated.
- Fish stocking took place at King’s Pond in Rochester, followed by an annual fishing derby. The GMNF and VT Fish & Wildlife continued aerial stocking of native eastern brook trout in high wilderness ponds, helping to establish viable fish populations.
- Riparian Planting to restore aquatic habitat occurred at sites in Bethel, Pittsfield, Granville, and Rochester, with the GMNF assisting the WRP and VYCC. Combined plantings helped protect two kilometers of stream bank.

**Wildlife Habitat Improvement** - Nearly 400 acres of permanent upland openings were maintained by prescribed fire, mowing, or mastication in Goshen, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester.

- Work continued with VT Fish & Wildlife to monitor populations and habitat requirements of bats following the advent of White Nose Syndrome. Potential timber sale units within the boundaries of the Robinson IRP (Rochester, Pittsfield, Chittenden, and Stockbridge) were monitored to determine the species composition of the bats.
- Although Peregrine falcons were removed from the Endangered Species list a few years ago, the species remains on the GMNF Regional Forester Sensitive Species list. Nest sites in Rochester and Stockbridge are monitored.
- Partnering with Forest Service State & Private Forestry, pollinator habitat was assessed in permanent upland openings located in Granville, Pittsfield, Rochester, with the objective to understand how pollinators use National Forest.

**Soil/Water Monitoring** - Best Management Practice monitoring was initiated on two Forest Service activities: permanent opening creation for the Wildlife program and prescribed fire used in the maintenance of permanent openings. This Program integrates water resources protection into management activities, and demonstrates compliance with the Clean Water Act.

**Long-term Ecosystem Monitoring**

- During 2015, a state-wide network of forest health monitoring plots was developed, building on forest health monitoring initiatives, including plots on the GMNF associated with the GMNF LEMP project, the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, and the State’s Hardwood Health Survey. This partnership led to the inclusion of 12 plots on the GMNF as part of this network, in Hancock and Rochester. Monitoring will provide insight into long-term changes occurring in relatively undisturbed forest ecosystems. Monitoring of the network was initiated in 2015. These plots were monitored in 2017.

**Wildfire and Prescribed Fire Activities**

- Fire management personnel accomplished 11 prescribed fires while suppressing or assisting in the suppression of 3 GMNF wildfires. Prescribed fire treatment objectives focused on reducing forest fuels, improving wildlife habitat and reinvigorating native blueberry patches. Prescribed burns occurred in Rochester, Granville and Pittsfield.
- 22 individuals provided support for the wildfire season nationally assisting in the mobilization of resources or by directly responding to wildfires and hazard incidents, spending approximately 565 days on these efforts.
- Fire management staff thank the dedicated firemen and women from Volunteer and Municipal fire departments who responded to and assisted in the suppression of wildfires occurring this past year on the GMNF.

**Conservation Education** - Employees staffed a booth focused on trail-based recreation opportunities on the GMFL at Harvest Fair in. An eight-week Jr. Ranger Program was offered at Stockbridge Central School involving staff from our timber, fire, recreation, wildlife, planning and fisheries programs. 20 Campers were from Rochester, Bethel, Stockbridge, and Hancock attended a one-week Jr. Ranger Program as part of the One Planet Summer Camp’s Adventure Week. A Jr. Snow Ranger Program was offered to students from Stockbridge, Rochester and Bethel, which included snow-shoeing, skins & skulls, search & rescue, and fire building in winter conditions. Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. You can also visit us at our website on-line: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/gmfl>. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenMountainFingerLakesNF/>

<p><b>David Francomb</b> District Ranger, South Half - Manchester Ranger District 802-362-2307</p>	<p><b>Christopher Matrick</b> District Ranger, North Half - Rochester &amp; Middlebury Ranger Districts 802-767-4261</p>
<p><b>JOHN A. SINCLAIR</b> Forest Supervisor Rutland -- Supervisor’s Office 802-747-6700</p>	

## ECFiber

Since 2008, Rochester has been a member of ECFiber, the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District. ECFiber is owned by its 24 member towns and the district must, by law, be self-sustaining. There is no option to request taxpayer funds from the member towns.

On April 15, 2016, the District completed a \$9 million offering of bonds to refinance a portion of its debt, to cover 2017 capital expenditures, and to complete the design and make ready for 200 miles of construction in 2018. ECFiber plans to continue to raise capital through the municipal bond market in 2018 and 2019, and to complete 1,400 miles of network covering all underserved locations in its 24 towns by 2020.

ECFiber offers:

- Reliable high internet speeds, which are symmetrical (the same in each direction) and are not “up to”, that is, ECFiber strives to actually provide the speeds for which its customers are paying at all times.
- Simple, stable pricing with no contracts, fine print, or data caps. Over the last two years ECFiber has increased its speeds, but not its prices. Our customer service and customer satisfaction levels are very high.
- Valued community services. For example, ECFiber offers over 25 community anchor institutions (schools, town facilities, and libraries) its highest level of service for its lowest monthly fee.

A main cable has already been installed in Rochester along Route 100 and Route 73. Homes and businesses directly on those two roads can have service now with over a dozen homes already connected. ECFiber will be running cable to every property in Rochester during this year, which means Rochester will have town-wide internet for the first time ever.

If you want to get connected this year, contact ECFiber to get on their list of homes to be hooked up. If you want the cable to be buried, you need to make arrangements to have new underground conduit installed by a private contractor.

For additional information, visit the ECFiber website, or call their office. You can also contact John White, Rochester’s delegate on the ECFiber Governing Board at 767-3105, or at [zensmithvt@gmail.com](mailto:zensmithvt@gmail.com).

Website: [www.ECFiber.net](http://www.ECFiber.net) ~ E-mail: [support@ecfiber.net](mailto:support@ecfiber.net) ~ Office Phone: (802) 763-2262

## **Park House RCCH, Inc.**

Since its beginning in 1991, Park House (Rochester Community Care Home, Inc.) a non-profit organization has been providing affordable top quality housing for the older members of our community. This was made possible when the Selectboards and other interested people from the five towns of Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Rochester and Stockbridge joined together to investigate finding an affordable shared residence for independent living in the valley. The Park House project was able to proceed with the receipt of a Community Development Block Grant and other grants from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, and the renovation of the old Rochester Inn, adjacent to the Rochester park, began. Stipulations of the grants guarantee that rents for eligible elders living at Park House will remain perpetually affordable, and that approved income guidelines will be followed in admitting residents.

I am happy to tell you that the renovations we have been talking to you about for the past several years have been completed and our Open House in December was very successful! These improvements were paid for by grants we obtained from various agencies, and we were very pleased at how we were able to upgrade and modernize our century-old home to allow us to sustain the building for many years to come.

Park House is many things to many people, including a community center and an historical landmark, but above all, it is home to up to 16 residents seeking out companionship, assistance, and community. Residents of Park House are as diverse as all of our community's members. Some live on fixed incomes while others are more financially comfortable; some are healthy and vibrant while others are more physically limited.

Park House has maintained its commitment to provide affordable housing in our community, serving 145 seniors in the past 26 years. Due in part to code upgrades performed during the renovation, we now have a limited number of Project Based Vouchers associated with Park House. Eligible seniors can apply for rental assistance through the State of Vermont. This is exciting and will allow Park House to be accessible to even more community members.

Thank you for this past generous support of the service we provide. Your contribution helps provide residents with nutritious meals, a warm and welcoming environment and above all, the comfort and peace of mind that comes from knowing they have a safe and secure place to call home.

Juli Reiderer  
Executive Director

Board of Trustees: Wendy Benedict, Madeline Benson, Harlen Houghton, Joan Hubbard, Margaret Hudson, Rose Juliano, Susan Moulton, Diane Teetsel, Geraldine Twitchell



Pierce Hall Community Center  
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[www.piercehall.org](http://www.piercehall.org) ~ [piercehallcommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:piercehallcommunitycenter@gmail.com) ~ 767-5021

## 2017 TOWN REPORT

We are happy to report that 2017 has been a wonderful year of activities and usage for Pierce Hall. **Annual events included** our "Flashback to '60s and '70s" Theme Dinner, Spring and Winter Markets (co-sponsored with Rochester Farmers' Market and Exchange), Pre-Ballet classes and recital, RHS graduation building access, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Dash, Community Halloween party (co-sponsored with the Route 100 Lions Club), and Starry Night pre-K to 2nd grade music and Jubilate handbell performance.

**Added this year** were our Portico entrance dedication with Governor Phil Scott, the Hanford Fife and Drum Corps, and our 2nd annual Ice Cream Social; Bone Builders classes; and **21 Family and Classic Movie Nights** (co-sponsored by the Route 100 Lions Club and the Rochester Public Library) shown from April to December.

We likewise are delighted with some other annual usage of the hall by Red Cross Blood Drives in the spring and fall, Green Mountain Suzuki weeklong music camp in July, and the Rochester Area Sports Trails Alliance (RASTA)/Catamount Trail Association annual meeting in November.

We are so pleased that Pierce Hall was able to be part of 5 important life cycle events (2 wedding receptions, 1 rehearsal dinner, 2 memorial services), and that our tables and chairs continue to be rented for other off-site celebrations. The hall proved to be a perfect centrally located meeting space for the Vermont Community Foundation, High Meadows Fund, and the WRCU annual meeting as well as a wonderful rehearsal space for the RCMS opera in development in March. Pierce Hall is also a monthly meeting space for Rural Lodge #29 F&AM and the Route 100 Lions Club (and their 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ). In 2017 the hall was also used for the RHS Winter Ball, Grand Lodge Masonic women's Sip and Paint, and the Middlebury College MidView Orientation performance in September.

**Our building efforts for 2017** focused on **restoration of the portico and front entrance** to be a safe and usable entrance—thanks to the amazing generosity of Marvin and Barbara Harvey—and **development of the forthcoming lower level fitness center**. MANY volunteer hours have gone into the planning of the Fitness Center and we expect construction to begin this spring with targeted completion (we hope!) in the fall. Two rooms are planned for the center: one for weights and cardio equipment, and another for dance, yoga, Zumba, and other group movement/exercise classes. Major funding has been secured and architectural plans are being finalized. We are excited to see this valley need become a reality.

We so appreciate your continued support of this valley project. Thank you!

The 2017 Board of Directors: President Jeanie Levitan; VPs: Bruce Flewelling, Frank Rea, Nancy Sanz, and Becky Donnet; Treasurer Jennifer Huntington; Secretary/Executive Director Dr. Valerie Levitan; Directors Jeff Brown (also custodian extraordinaire), Barb Harvey, Java Hubbard, Sandy Pierce, Marti Rotchford, Roger Stauss, Ray Quillia, and Andrea Wicher; support team members Bryce Homick, Metta Rea, Lesley Straus, and student board member Michael Crickard.

To find out about Pierce Hall events and rental information go to [www.piercehall.org](http://www.piercehall.org) or the PHCC Facebook page. We would love you to **join our e-mail mail list** so we can keep you apprised of special events and upcoming movies. Write to us at [piercehallcommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:piercehallcommunitycenter@gmail.com)

## Rochester Historical Society

The Vermont Historical Society has advised historical societies that they will no longer hold EXPO at Tunbridge Fairgrounds feeling that both attendance and sponsorship were waning. It had, also, become expensive for historical societies from around Vermont to participate. RHS participated in all twelve EXPOs, and in addition organized two White River Valley events in Bethel and South Royalton. Our final EXPO – *Logging on the White River* – piqued the interest of the editor of *Vermont Magazine*, who commissioned Martha Slater to write an article which appeared in the magazine's Winter 2017 edition.

The RHS Summer 2017 exhibit centered on local artists who were asked to share one or two of their paintings of "somewhere in Rochester." We were pleased to share the work of Caroline Tavelli-Abar, Judy Jensen, Jon Bindrum, Helen Dillon, Leslie Bowen, Sandy Pierce, Keefer Irwin, Norm Christiansen, Barbara Shenton, Elsie & John Bindrum, Joanne Goding, Deanna Campbell, Alan Bond and Linda Schneider. This exhibit brought very positive reviews.

Our Spring 2018 exhibit is expected to be centered on Clothing, to include formal and farm wear throughout the years.

A gift of scrapbooks with photos and news items of early Rochester has been received from Joyce Wilber Severy. Stuart Brown donated a gold-infused rock found in the White River after Tropical Storm Irene. Several families with early ties to Rochester were assisted in locating homesteads and researching their ancestors.

Arcadia Publishing Company has contacted RHS to determine interest in publishing a local, pictorial history and/or postcard book. Arcadia would handle all aspects of editing, production, printing and publicity and RHS would spend the 10-12 months gathering photos and writing captions. Although it would be quite an effort given the few members we have, RHS is interested in the project.

We continue going through RHS holdings in storage at the Hardware, and are grateful to Marv and Barb Harvey for their generosity in providing the space. We'll also be evaluating items stored at the Creamery building, with thanks to the Town of Rochester.

An Honor Roll project to recognize Rochester men and women who have served our Country is in process, and to assist with the project, a handsome contribution has been received. It will be a costly project, a monument design is needed, and also an appropriate site for the monument. Discussions are taking place with the American Legion and VFW. We encourage anyone with suggestions to share them with us. Time moves on!

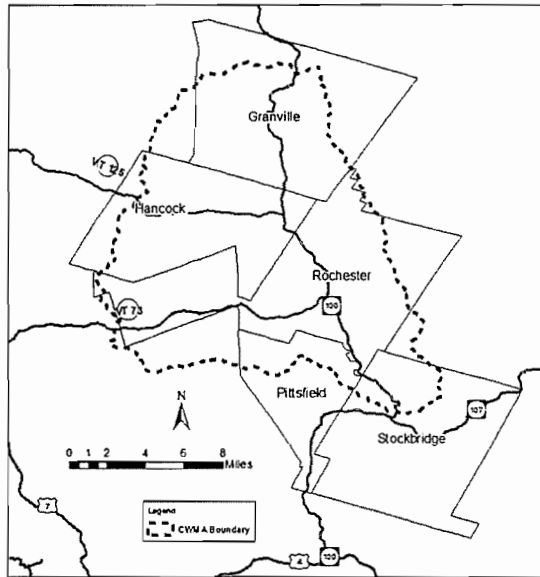
RHS is assisting the Rochester School in providing historical information for an exhibit to recognize the closure of Rochester's Middle and High Schools. It is hoped that many Alumni will join the 2018 graduating class at this final Rochester School graduation on the park.

Rochester Historical continues to work with the U.S. Forest Service on its Robinson-West Hill Integrated Management Area and the CCC Camp on Route 73.

Norm Christiansen manages our website, [www.rochesterhistorical.org](http://www.rochesterhistorical.org), and we're appreciative of his attention and expertise. Through this site we've encountered people from throughout the country seeking genealogical information on their Rochester relatives. And we are also grateful to the Trustees of the Rochester Public Library for sharing their space with us.

## Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association

2017 was the sixth year that the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association conducted non-native invasive plant surveys, outreach and control projects along town roads and trails located in the Upper White River watershed. See map showing the project area.



CWMA partners include the **Green Mountain National Forest, US Fish & Wildlife Service, VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Town of Rochester, and White River Partnership.** The members are working together to raise awareness about and manage non-native invasive plants.

Non-native invasive plants are plants that are not originally from this area that have exhibited invasive tendencies, spreading rapidly and taking away habitat that native plants need to thrive. They have the potential to negatively impact land and water resources, recreational opportunities, biodiversity, wildlife, and property values. However, the community at large can play a hand in controlling invasives on their own properties and

community roads through early detection and rapid response activities.

### 2017 Summary:

CWMA Coordination: A coordinator was hired with funding through a grant from the National Forest Foundation.

Monitoring and Control: The coordinator monitored 34 small infestations of non-native invasive plants previously controlled as part of an Early Detection/Rapid Response effort in Granville, Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield. Roughly half of the sites (18) had expanded and could no longer be considered “Early Detection Rapid Response”; the remaining 16 sites were hand-pulled. Other infestations were controlled by staff, volunteers, and partner organizations, and VT Youth Conservation Corps Crews (funded by retained receipts from Stewardship Contracting). While these infestations represent only a fraction of known infestations, they were chosen because they are in strategic locations or because they are relatively more feasible to control than others. In Rochester, wild chervil was pulled at the Rochester Ranger Station; garlic mustard was pulled at Brandon Gap, near the school, and at Bingo Brook; and a variety of species were controlled along the Bethel Mountain Road.

Education & outreach: A non-native invasive plant pulling event was held with middle school science students, who pulled garlic mustard at the Rochester school. Education involved writing 12 articles to be published, one per month, in *The Herald* of Randolph.

Interested landowners are encouraged to take action to control non-native invasive plants on their own properties, or to get involved with the Cooperative Weed Management Association. To get involved locally, contact MaryBeth Deller at the Green Mountain National Forest at [mdeller@fs.fed.us](mailto:mdeller@fs.fed.us) or 802-767-4261 x 524. To learn more about invasives in Vermont, visit the Vermont Invasives website: <http://vtinvasives.org>

## Vermont Department of Health Report Rochester

Your local health district office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number listed below. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

- Supported healthy communities: The Health Department's 3-4-50 initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three (3) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diet that lead to four (4) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and lung disease that result in more than 50% of death in Windsor County. The local office is working to get these sector partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help to reduce the chronic disease in our state.
- Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served 1,199 pregnant women and children to age five in the White River Junction district with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provides is \$50 per person per month.
- Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017, we responded to 123 potential cases of infectious disease in the White River Junction district. In 2017, \$1,052,545 worth of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers in Windsor County.
- Aided communities in emergency preparedness: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In Windsor County, Prevention Partners distributed media messages to encourage proper disposal of prescription drugs and to support parents in reducing substance use among youth, and worked with municipal partners to incorporate health promoting policies into town plans and ordinances.

State of Vermont Department of Health – Agency of Human Services  
White River Junction District Office  
118 Prospect St., Suite 300  
White River Junction, VT 05001  
802 295-8820 (toll free) 888 253-8799

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

## Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP)

VSNIP reduces pet overpopulation by helping eligible Vermonters afford to have their dogs and cats spayed or neutered. VSNIP is 100% funded by a surcharge on annual dog licensing fees collected in Vermont.

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### What help is available?

If you're eligible, we'll send you a voucher that allows you to get your animal(s) spayed or neutered by a participating veterinarian for a \$27 copay per animal.

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### Who is eligible for assistance?

To be eligible, you must:

- Live in Vermont
  - Have gotten your pet for free or a small fee
  - Qualify based on getting public benefits or having gross monthly household income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level
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### How do I apply?

#### 1. Get a copy of the application:

- Download and print the application from our website, OR
- Call 1-844-448-7647(1-844-HI-VSNIP), OR
- Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to **VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034**

#### 2. Complete the application.

- Fill it out completely and print clearly — incomplete and unreadable applications cannot be processed
- Be sure to sign it, as unsigned applications will be returned for signature

#### 3. Gather the paperwork required as proof of eligibility.

- Read the application to learn what supporting documents are required
- Make copies of any documents you need to submit as originals will not be returned

#### 4. Submit your application.

- Send your completed, signed application, along with any supporting documents, to: **VSNIP, PO Box 104, Bridgewater, VT 05034.**
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### How does the program work?

- Your application is not approved until you get your voucher in the mail.
  - Once you get your voucher, make an appointment with a participating vet right away. *You must use the voucher within 60 days.*
  - Bring the voucher and \$27 copay to the vet's office —on or before the day of the surgery.
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### What does my co-pay cover?

- The copay covers the fee for the entire surgical procedure.

### Who do I call for more information?

Call 1-844-448-7647 (1-844-HI-VSNIP) or email [skaskiw@vermontel.net](mailto:skaskiw@vermontel.net) if you have questions.



# Rabies Education - VVMA

Last year the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association's One Health Committee developed a multi-year educational project on rabies prevention. We at the VVMA are very appreciative that town clerks and town officials in general care as much as we do about preventing rabies and recognize the importance that education plays in that.

The most recent focus in our project is on preventing rabies in pets, which dovetails absolutely with the great work towns do in promoting rabies vaccination in dogs and cats. We believe that towns are on the forefront of rabies prevention by verifying rabies vaccination through licensing.

Windsor County continues to deal with rabies, having 6 cases in 2017 and 5 in 2016, which included one domestic animal (sheep). Rabies also continues to crop up in your neighboring counties and around the state. Vaccination and education play vital roles in keeping rabies at bay!

Thank you for your partnership.

Eileen M. Wolfe, D.V.M., Chair,  
One Health Committee  
Vermont Veterinary Medical Association

## VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

### WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a viral infection passed from animals to other animals or humans, usually through a bite. The virus affects the brain and is nearly always fatal (causes death). Here's how we control rabies in animals and reduce transmission to people.

### 1. VACCINATE DOGS



Rabies shots protect dogs and people. Because dog vaccination is common in the United States, people don't get rabies from dogs like they do in countries where dogs are not vaccinated.

### 2. VACCINATE CATS



In the last 25 years, most of the rabid domestic animals in the US have been cats. Cats are almost 5 times as likely as dogs to get rabies - but you can prevent this by vaccinating them.

### 3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE



Many Vermont wildlife are vaccinated with an edible vaccine through a bait drop. Do not touch or feed wildlife.

### 4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE



If you are bitten or scratched by an animal or find a bat in a room where you were sleeping, wash any wound thoroughly. Call your doctor and the health department. 1-800-4-RABIES. You may need to get post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), a series of shots that keep the virus from making people sick.



## ONE HEALTH VERMONT

VERMONT VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

For more information:  
www.vvma.org 802-578-6888

## Vital Statistics~2017

### Births

Harrison Chadwick  
Abigail Vasseur  
Gauge Gearwar

Brenden Leduc  
Scarlett Whalen  
Theodore Taylor

Oliver Barakat  
Oliver Belanger  
Lancer McGuffin

### Deaths

Justin Mongeur  
Jacqueline Malonson  
Hazel Levasseur  
Detra Mailhiot

Homer Brown  
Peter Petino  
Ralph Ergas  
Dorothy Glogover

### Civil Marriages

Brian O'Doherty  
Melony Longo  
Joseph Caouette  
Timothy Hayne  
Kirsten Domas  
Karen Welch  
Logan MacKinnon  
Adam Sherwin  
Brianna Swenson  
Elizabeth Morse  
Samantha Cherrier  
Heather Gorton  
Adam Springer  
Andrea Wicher  
Daniel Somers  
Margaret Lowell  
Carianne Kathan  
Harley Maxwell  
Charles Graziadei  
Chelsea Snodgrass

Robert Sowle  
Kyle Keown  
Michelle Villarina  
Matthew Nelson  
Jonathan Santor  
Stanley Fields  
Elaina Valencia  
Ashley Conners  
Taylor Eagen  
Travis Ainsworth  
Aidan Ryan  
Spencer Gillespie  
Jessica MacDonald  
Anthony Venturini  
Kealey Cotrell  
Matthew Monson  
KC Mongeur  
Kerin Doyle  
Camille Graziadei  
Max Mosley

## **Rochester Shelter Team**

In May 2017 eleven Rochester residents and one constable were trained by the Red Cross on how to open and staff an emergency shelter. Many people across our country have suffered catastrophic losses of their homes in recent months from floods, fires, hurricanes and winter storms. The volunteers on the Shelter Team will open a shelter at the Rochester Elementary School gym when we receive an order from the Selectboard to do so.

The Shelter Team members will provide food and shelter to Rochester residents until the Red Cross arrives, usually 24 to 48 hours. Most of Rochester's residents are able to shelter in place for a day or two, but if an extended power outage or flooding situation happens and you need to evacuate your home, please contact the Selectboard if you need emergency shelter.

Please contact **Janice McCann at 767-3667** if you are interested in volunteering on the Shelter Team. If you have questions or would like information about how to prepare for an emergency, contact Jan. Any resident who would like additional information regarding emergency preparedness is encouraged to contact <http://dps.vermont.gov/home> or call State of Vermont Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management at 802-241-5000 to request information.

## **One Planet Afterschool Program Bethel, Chelsea, Newton, Sharon, Stockbridge, Rochester, Royalton, Tunbridge**

One Planet's mission is to create a dynamic learning environment after school and during the summer that inspires and supports students in becoming compassionate global citizens and lifelong learners.

Throughout the school year, One Planet provides K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students with a healthy snack, outdoor play time, homework support and enrichment programming each day after school. In 16-17, our daily enrichment programs included International Drumming, Ice Skating, Tinkering, LEGO League, Outdoor Cooking, Paper Engineering and Learning Garden. In addition to these services, we also provide some students with academic tutoring, and on half days, when school ends at noon, we take students on exciting field trips. We served 42 students in the 16-17 school year.

One Planet strives to support local families by offering affordable and comprehensive after school programs. Currently, 62% of our participants qualify for free or reduced lunches. In order to make our programming affordable, we rely on a wide variety of funding sources, including 21C grant funds, parent fees, childcare subsidy, school funds and local town funding. In addition, our program runs until 5:30pm, so we can support working families.

We want to thank the town of Rochester for supporting our program with a contribution of \$1,000. This contribution goes directly into our enrichment programming, supporting wages and materials needed to offer these exciting, student-centered enrichments. If you are interested in learning more about Rochester One Planet Afterschool Program, please feel free to contact me or stop by the school between 2:30-5:30pm to see our program in action.

Carrie McDonnell, One Planet Program Director  
[cmcdonnell@wrvsu.org](mailto:cmcdonnell@wrvsu.org)  
802-763-7775, ext 4

## ROCHESTER LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

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### Emergency Steps

- 1) Establish an Incident Command Structure and make appropriate local decisions
- 2) Delegate Authorities to Incident Commander and request Declaration if appropriate
- 3) Contact State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) if additional help or resources may be needed beyond mutual aid and local contractors (800-347-0488)
- 4) Alert the general population and evacuate as needed
- 5) Activate your Emergency Operations Center to support the Incident Commander as needed
- 6) Contact the Shelter Coordinator and American Red Cross (800-660-9130) to arrange a shelter opening if needed
- 7) Expand the ICS Structure as needed
- 8) Determine if additional operational shift staffing is needed
- 9) Conduct damage assessment. Report to SEOC
- 10) Conduct and document 'Emergency Repairs'

### Future steps

- 11) Refer to your local codes and standards, Vermont Stream Alternations Rule, and local hazard mitigation plan before undertaking permanent repairs
- 12) If damages result in a Federal Declaration, request 406 mitigation when completing a Project Worksheet
- 13) Conduct an after-action review and develop an improvement plan

### **Jurisdictions' Points of Contact: Identify by priority the top three people to be Points of Contact for your Town during an emergency (ex: EMD, Town Manager, Selectboard Chair, Fire Chief)**

Job Title	First Name	Last Name	Work #	Radio call sign
Selectboard Chair	Doon	Hinderyckx	767-4464	
Email Address	Cell #	Pager #	Home #	Time
doon@greenmountainbikes.com	802-349-2042		767-4464	
Job Title	First Name	Last Name	Work #	Radio call sign
Fire Chief	Terry	Severy		
Email Address	Cell #	Pager #	Home #	Time
gsevery@myfairpoint.net	802-353-3727	283-4569	767-3394	
Job Title	First Name	Last Name	Work #	Radio call sign
Emergency Director/ Coordinator	Robert	Gardner		
Email Address	Cell #	Pager #	Home #	Time
Vic.Rbaudo@gmail.com	802-431-8353		967-8048	

County: **Windsor**

Date LEOP adopted: 03-14-2016

Name of town EMD/C: **Doon Hinderyckx**

Date NIMS adopted: **9/24/2007**

I, the select board chair or town manager, certify that this Local Emergency Operations Plan has been adopted (certifying individual must have taken, at minimum, ICS 402 or ICS 100 training):

Physical Municipal Address: **67 School Street, Rochester, VT**

Telephone: **802-767-3631**

Fax: 802 767-6028

E-mail: **rochestertown@comcast.net**

Alternate communication method: \_\_\_\_\_

*This Local Emergency Operations Plan must be adopted annually, after town meeting day, and submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

## Response and Recovery Guidelines

Please use this as an aid for baseline actions that should occur in an incident.

<b>1) Establish an Incident Command Structure and make appropriate local decisions</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
<b>a. Identify the Incident Commander</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Identify the Incident Command Post			<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Start a log of actions taken (see Appendix A3- Activity Log (ICS Form 214))			<input type="checkbox"/>	
d. Assess the situation (deploy assessment teams)			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Determine casualties		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Determine structure/infrastructure losses		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Determine resource needs		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Identify emergency access sites or isolated citizens		<input type="checkbox"/>	
e. Request additional resources (Mutual Aid) if needed.			<input type="checkbox"/>	
f. Secure a perimeter around affected area if needed			<input type="checkbox"/>	
g. Consider potential staffing needs (extended or multiple operational periods)			<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>2) Delegate Authorities to Incident Commander and request Declaration if appropriate</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
Have highest ranking town official delegate authority to and meet with Incident Commander as appropriate (see Appendix D4 – Delegation of Authority)			<input type="checkbox"/>	
If needed, the highest ranking town official should sign the Local Jurisdiction Request for Emergency Declaration, and send to DEMHS. (see Appendix A1 – Local Jurisdiction Request for Emergency Declaration)			<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>3) Contact State Emergency Operations Center if additional help or resources may be needed beyond mutual aid and local contractors</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
Call State Emergency Operations Center and notify that additional resources may be needed.	<b>1-800-347-0488</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
If HAZMAT involved, contact HAZMAT Hotline	<b>1-800-641-5005</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>4) Alert the general population and evacuate as needed</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
Alert the Public (including special needs or vulnerable populations) of the hazards of the event at the outset and during the event (including protective actions and evacuation information). Suggested methods (siren, PA, door-to-door, town website, facebook, twitter, front porch forum)			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Complete Planning Task #1 (see page 4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>5) Activate the Emergency Operations Center to support the Incident Commander as needed (See Planning Task #3 on page 5)</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maintain communications with the SEOC (DisasterLAN, Phone, Fax, Email)			<input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>6) Contact the Shelter Coordinator and American Red Cross (800-660-9130) to arrange a shelter opening if needed (See Planning Task #8 on page 6)</b>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
Notify the American Red Cross that shelters are needed				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Contact Shelter Manager				<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Shelter Name</b>	<b>Physical Address/Location of the Shelter</b>	<b>Shelter Phone # and Manager Name</b>	<b># of occupants</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rochester Elementary School	222 South Main St	Janice McCann 802 767-3667		<input type="checkbox"/>	Opened: Closed:
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Opened: Closed:
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Opened: Closed:
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Opened: Closed:

# Rochester Recreation Department

The Rochester Recreation Committee worked hard this year to provide activities and opportunities for residents of Rochester and our neighbors.



## Winterfest

Winterfest is usually held on the first Saturday in February at SkateSpace, or whenever a good snowfall might take place. Hot soups, chili, coffee, cocoa and desserts are sold to benefit one of the classes at Rochester School. Winterfest features open ice-skating, sledding, snow-shoeing, and snow sculpting – just plain old winter fun! Meg Brown and Dean Mendell of Nordic Adventures offers XC Ski lessons – from beginner to Telemark.. Join us by the warming fire – or join in the fun! Thanks to all the volunteers who pull this together!



## 4th of July Parade

Our annual July 4th parade was a great success — thanks again to Martha Slater for the countless hours she spends working on this, and every year it shows in our parade! As always, we hope to have more floats participating. Why not challenge your neighbors to enter a float and see who has a winning entry? How about some musical entries too? Free participation! Thanks Martha!



## Tennis

Walter Pruiksma is our Tennis Chair and has been instrumental in keeping a solid bunch together at the courts. They usually meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm for a friendly game. Double check with the town office for times and to get on the email list, if you need a partner.

On the fourth of July, before the parade, we have an annual town tennis tournament open to everybody. Expertise not required. It's set up in a round-robin doubles style and we come up with one men's and one women's champion each year.



## Summer Concert Series

Our summer concert series was a hit, as always. Joe Schenkman spends many hours setting up the Sunday evening entertainment. Our Park is a perfect place to have a picnic and watch our children/grandchildren play while enjoying good music! How lucky we are to be able to enjoy these concerts every week. Thank you Joe!

## SkateSpace

This fall we made great improvements at Skatespace. We filled all the cracks with tar and painted the surface. It now holds ice much more effectively and looks great. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped, including RASTA members.

SkateSpace has plowed and maintained the ice better than ever before! Dean Mendell and Tony Paige have done a great job in keeping the ice perfect this winter, and Dean has spent many hours volunteering his time to make SkateSpace a great family-fun destination. Thanks to the Fire Department for flooding SkateSpace every year. Get out and take advantage of free skating in the winter and family fun in the summer!



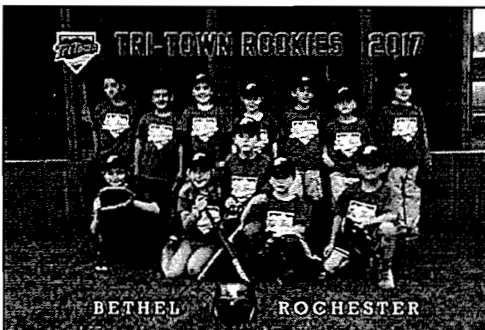
## Youth Sports

The Rec Dept. offers baseball, basketball and soccer to kids from the ages of 4 to 15. They compete against other towns in the Central Valley League. This spring Rochester put their best foot forward and hosted the U10 District Baseball Tournament. Barnard won. Most of our baseball teams are now combining with Bethel. Darlene Thompson and Samantha Huntley ran the cook shack like a well-oiled machine. Thanks to all our coaches, ump's, refs, and other volunteers. We need you!

## Thank You!

Thank you all for your support. Feel free to contact Norm at 767-9320 or normyo@myfairpoint.net if you have any questions, any great ideas, or would like to become a member of the Committee! We need volunteers.

– Norm Christiansen, Rochester Recreation Committee Chair



## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

2017

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	#	PRICE
Reich, Steve & Korot, Beryl	Jackson, Major & Didi	17-01	\$175,000.00
Beane, Christine E	Beane, James R	17-02	\$0.00
Bayroot, LLC	Hardiman, Theresa & O'Grady, Gerard	17-03	\$75,000.00
Hernandez, Karen & Wentz, Karen	Wentz Living Trust	17-04	\$0.00
Downs, Brenda & Harvey	Harvey, Cheryl & Raymond	17-05	\$15,000.00
Moltz, George & Lynn	Moltz, Lynn Trust	17-06	\$0.00
Kieger, James R Executor	Sielucka, Mark A	17-07	\$169,500.00
Kieger James, Tte Kieger Family Trst	Sielucka, Mark A	17-08	\$0.00
LaRoque, Adrian & Paula	LaRoque, Paula A	17-09	\$0.00
Jensen, Marjorie	Downs, Cody & Kolesnik, Ashley	17-10	\$127,000.00
McIntyre, Francis Trust	New Directions IRA, Inc (Sherri McIntyre IRA)	17-11	\$165,000.00
Carlton, John & Amy	81 Harrington Ave Realty	17-12	\$0.00
Durkee, Arnold & Aleen	Kondi, Stephen	17-13	\$80,000.00
Meulnet, Isabelle	Hawkins, Caitlin	17-14	\$20,000.00
Meadowcroft, James & Cheryl	Schwartz, Jack	17-15	\$159,000.00
Guthrie-Kondi, Golda	Smith, Donna M	17-16	\$0.00
Smith, Donna M	Kondi, Albert Revoc Trust	17-17	\$0.00
Harvey, Cheryl A	Whalen, Zak & Olivia	17-18	\$178,000.00
McIntyre, Eric	Grady, Timothy	17-19	\$8,000.00
Bornhuetter, Carol Estate of	DeGarmo, Christine, TTE & DeGarmeaux, Jeannette, TTE	17-20	\$0.00
Brown, Homer Estate of	Brown, Janice, George, Nancy	17-21	\$0.00
Blair, William T & Linda L	Drury, Charlee	17-22	\$106,000.00
Wikel, Michael	Wikel, Marnie	17-23	\$79,850.00
Carroll, Bryan & Diana	Brokhof, William & Quill, Emily	17-24	\$190,500.00
Rouleau, Nelson	Marques, Richard A	17-25	\$677,700.00
Biederman, Carol & Abbene, Martha	Martha Abbene Living Trust	17-26	\$0.00
Wells, Walter C	Walter C Wells Revocable Trust	17-27	\$0.00
Wells, Walter C	Walter C Wells Revocable Trust	17-28	\$0.00
McDermott, Peter & Carol	McDermott Family Irrev Trust	17-29	\$0.00
Meginnes, Wayne & Joanne	Lesperance, Sara G	17-30	\$173,000.00
White, Richard & Diane Trustees	White, Richard & Diane	17-31	\$0.00
Downs, Harvey & Brenda	Downs, Cody, Downs-Richardson, Mlkayla	17-32	\$0.00
Henry, William C	Henry David, Henry James	17-33	\$0.00
Bolger(Thrailkill) Anne	Thrailkill William	17-34	\$0.00
Newell, William C	Schenberger, Ricky L & Beverly A	17-35	\$315,000.00
Tolan, Joseph & Kathryn	Tolan Family Trust	17-36	\$0.00
Ryznar, Amanda B	Vansteen, Alexander	17-37	\$65,000.00
Ings, Matthew J	Ings, Matthew J & Kristina E	17-38	\$0.00
Hartshorn Jr, David, Estate of	Pratt, Wendy, Trustee	17-39	\$0.00
Miller, Steve & Rebecca	Desautels, Jon Desautels, Erin & Miller, Colby	17-40	\$0.00
Holmquist, Stanley & Estelle	Holmquist, Eric & Charlotte	17-41	\$0.00

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2017

Clemmer, Jeffrey & Teresa	Wortley, Timothy & Lois	17-42	\$320,000.00
	Veilleux Jacques, Veilleux, Richard,		
Veilleux, Florence, Estate of	Williams Nicole, Baxley, Sylvie	17-43	\$0.00
Harvey, Marvin & Barbara	Two Pond Hollow, LLC	17-44	\$625,000.00
Brown, Eugene	Lewis Steven	14-45	\$29,000.00
	Huntley, Paulette & Shaw,		
Shepard, Gerald & Huntley, Paulette	Geraldine	17-46	\$0.00
Biondolillo, John & Marcia	S&L Enterprises, Rochester LTD	17-47	\$190,000.00
Gaudette, Linda J	Martin, Amanda	17-48	\$0.00
Taylor Elizabeth & May, Dennis	Pontious, Wendell & Joan	17-49	\$26,900.00
Nordin, Brandon, executor	Nationstar Mtg, LLC/Champion	17-50	\$137,445.16
	Bowen Eric, Bowen Leslie, Bowen		
Bowen William C Estate of	Todd	17-51	\$0.00
Ergas, Renate E	Eberhardt, Todd J	17-52	\$181,000.00
81 Harrington Ave Realty Trust	Sell, Richard & Andrea	17-53	\$175,000.00
Jay, Charlotte	Wildt, Amy & Keown, Sean	17-54	\$30,000.00
Newhouse, David	Smolen, Susan E	17-55	\$100,000.00
Cohan, Colleen	Chambers, James & Eunice	17-56	\$166,500.00