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The Select Board
Town of Rochester, Vermont

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rochester, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017 (not presented herein), which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 2017. Our independent auditor's report is available at the Town Clerk's office.

We have not been engaged to audit the financial data presented in the Town report. Accordingly, we express no opinion on such financial data.

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Totals
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 474,808	\$ 55,662	\$ 530,470
Investments	534,341	-	534,341
Accounts receivable	25,626	25,582	51,208
Delinquent taxes and interest	108,310	-	108,310
Internal balances	2,132	(2,132)	-
Total current assets	<u>1,145,217</u>	<u>79,112</u>	<u>1,224,329</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets	11,947,462	2,549,760	14,497,222
(Accumulated depreciation)	(2,692,277)	(890,577)	(3,582,854)
Total noncurrent assets	<u>9,255,185</u>	<u>1,659,183</u>	<u>10,914,368</u>
Total assets	<u>10,400,402</u>	<u>1,738,295</u>	<u>12,138,697</u>
Deferred outflows of resources			
Pension related - VMERS	<u>41,505</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,505</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	42,855	513	43,368
Accrued expenses	604	-	604
Other current liabilities	2,184	-	2,184
Capital leases, current portion	34,998	-	34,998
Notes and bonds payable, current portion	50,265	-	50,265
Total current liabilities	<u>130,906</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>131,419</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Capital leases, less current portion	242,836	-	242,836
Notes and bonds payable, less current portion	973,343	-	973,343
Net pension liability - VMERS	62,466	-	62,466
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,278,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,278,645</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,409,551</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>1,410,064</u>
Deferred inflows of resources			
Property taxes received in advance	5,237	-	5,237
Pension related - VMERS	1,662	-	1,662
	<u>6,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,899</u>
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	7,953,743	1,659,183	9,612,926
Restricted	443,187	52,802	495,989
Unrestricted	628,527	25,797	654,324
Total net position	<u>\$ 9,025,457</u>	<u>\$ 1,737,782</u>	<u>\$ 10,763,239</u>

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

TOWN OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

	General Fund	Reserve Fund	Capital Project Fund	Library Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 82,613	\$ 383,684	-	\$ 8,511	-	\$ 474,808
Investments	27,720	-	-	243,896	262,725	534,341
Accounts receivable	25,626	-	-	-	-	25,626
Delinquent taxes and interest	108,310	-	-	-	-	108,310
Due from other funds	19,535	-	-	-	-	19,535
Total assets	\$ 263,804	\$ 383,684	-	\$ 252,407	\$ 262,725	\$ 1,162,620
Liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 42,855	-	-	-	-	\$ 42,855
Accrued expenses	-	604	-	-	-	604
Due to other funds	-	650	16,718	35	-	17,403
Other current liabilities	2,184	-	-	-	-	2,184
Total liabilities	45,039	1,254	16,718	35	-	63,046
Deferred inflows of resources:						
Property taxes received in advance	5,237	-	-	-	-	5,237
Unavailable property taxes	64,016	-	-	-	-	64,016
Total deferred inflows	69,253	-	-	-	-	69,253
Fund balances:						
Restricted	-	53,011	-	127,451	262,725	443,187
Committed	-	325,939	-	-	-	325,939
Assigned	37,720	3,480	-	124,921	-	166,121
Unassigned	111,792	-	(16,718)	-	-	95,074
Total fund balances	149,512	382,430	(16,718)	252,372	262,725	1,030,321
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 263,804	\$ 383,684	-	\$ 252,407	\$ 262,725	\$ 1,162,620

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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	General Fund	Reserve Fund	Capital Project Fund	Library Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ 869,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 869,073
Property taxes - interest	22,379	-	-	-	-	22,379
Intergovernmental	1,389,915	8,228	-	200	-	1,398,343
Licenses, permits & fines	11,000	-	-	166	-	11,166
Charges for services	15,436	2,378	-	1,149	600	19,563
Contributions	2,166	-	-	9,475	-	11,641
Investment income	2,663	577	-	23,570	17,600	44,410
Miscellaneous	83,255	460	-	2,599	2,013	88,327
Total revenues	<u>2,395,887</u>	<u>11,643</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,159</u>	<u>20,213</u>	<u>2,464,902</u>
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government	281,074	1,423	-	-	2,103	284,600
Public safety	69,075	12,549	-	-	-	81,624
Highway and streets	394,031	150	-	-	-	394,181
Library	-	-	-	63,089	-	63,089
Recreation	15,712	-	-	-	-	15,712
Community development	92,176	-	-	-	-	92,176
Solid Waste	26,420	-	-	-	-	26,420
Appropriations	87,820	-	-	-	-	87,820
Capital outlay	1,349,501	-	16,718	9,225	-	1,375,444
Debt service:						
Principal	124,826	-	-	-	-	124,826
Interest	50,540	-	-	-	-	50,540
Total expenditures	<u>2,491,175</u>	<u>14,122</u>	<u>16,718</u>	<u>72,314</u>	<u>2,103</u>	<u>2,596,432</u>
Excess of revenues or (expenditures)	<u>(95,288)</u>	<u>(2,479)</u>	<u>(16,718)</u>	<u>(35,155)</u>	<u>18,110</u>	<u>(131,530)</u>

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

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	General Fund	Reserve Fund	Capital Project Fund	Library Fund	Cemetery Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<i>(Continued)</i>						
Other financing sources (uses)						
Sale of capital assets	-	19,000	-	-	-	19,000
Proceeds from capital lease	155,300	-	-	-	-	155,300
Transfers in (out)	(114,612)	93,962	-	35,650	(15,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	40,688	112,962	-	35,650	(15,000)	174,300
Net change in fund balances	(54,600)	110,483	(16,718)	495	3,110	42,770
Fund balances, beginning of year	204,112	271,947	-	251,877	259,615	987,551
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 149,512	\$ 382,430	\$ (16,718)	\$ 252,372	\$ 262,725	\$ 1,030,321

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds to the
Government-wide Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$ 42,770
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the government-wide statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of these assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives:	
Expenditures for capital assets	1,358,726
Current year depreciation	(341,782)
Gain on disposal of capital assets	30,000
The Town's contribution to VMERS is recorded as an expenditure in the governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities pension expense is actuarially determined.	
	(6,582)
Proceeds from long-term debt provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position:	
Proceeds from capital lease	(155,300)
Principal payments on long-term debt	124,826
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources (property taxes not collected within 60 days of fiscal year end) are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds statements:	
Increase (decrease) in unavailable property taxes	<u>(16,422)</u>
Change in net position - governmental activities	\$ <u>1,036,236</u>

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT
Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2017

		Utility Fund
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	55,662
Accounts receivable		25,582
Total current assets		81,244
Noncurrent assets:		
Capital assets		2,549,760
(Accumulated depreciation)		(890,577)
Total noncurrent assets		1,659,183
Total assets		1,740,427
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable		513
Due to other funds		2,132
Total current liabilities		2,645
Total liabilities		2,645
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets		1,659,183
Restricted for water operations		30,870
Restricted for wastewater operations		21,932
Unrestricted		25,797
Total net position	\$	1,737,782

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

TOWN OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes
in Fund Net Position - Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Utility Fund
Operating revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 99,424
Penalties and interest	947
Miscellaneous	513
Total operating revenues	<u>100,884</u>
Operating expenses	
Operation and maintenance	89,217
Depreciation	63,333
Total operating expenses	<u>152,550</u>
Operating income	<u>(51,666)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	
Investment income	<u>63</u>
Loss before capital contributions	(51,603)
Capital contributions	<u>16,718</u>
Change in net position	(34,885)
Net position, beginning of year	<u>1,772,667</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 1,737,782</u>

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

**NOTICE TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF ROCHESTER, VERMONT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD**

MONDAY NIGHT ~ March 5, 2018 ~ 7:00 P.M.

The legal voters of the Town of Rochester, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Rochester High School Auditorium in said town Monday, March 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business:

Article 1. To elect a Town moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To elect all Town Officers as required by law:

1. Selectboard Member ~ 3-year term
2. Lister ~ 3-year term *(to complete Hanford term)*
3. Collector of Delinquent Taxes ~ 1-year term
4. Library Trustee ~ 5-year term
5. Trustee of Public Funds ~ 3-year term
6. Cemetery Commissioner ~ 5-year term
7. Grand Juror ~ 1-year term
8. Second Grand Juror ~ 1-year term
9. Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits ~ 1-year term
10. Agent to Convey Real Estate ~ 1-year term

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to elect two additional selectboard members, each to a term of one year, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2650(b)(1)(A)?

Article 4. To elect two selectboard members, each to a one-year term.

Article 5. To hear and act on the report of the Auditors.

Article 6. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 7. Will the voters agree to pay all taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 to the Town Treasurer as provided by law?

Article 8. Will the voters vote to continue the quarterly tax payment schedule, with payments due August 15, 2018, November 15, 2018, February 15, 2019 and May 15, 2019, due no later than 4:00 PM on each voted due date. Postmarks are not considered timely payment.

Article 9. Will the voters approve a budget of \$ 1,061,941 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Rochester, with \$ 703,899 to be raised from property taxes?

Article 10. To see if the voters will vote to appropriate the following sums as requested by these community agencies:

American Red Cross	250.00
Capstone Community Action	300.00
Central VT Council on Aging	3,000.00
Clara Martin Center	2,066.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00
One Planet Afterschool Program	1,000.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	500.00
Quintown Senior Center	9,380.00
SafeLine, Inc.	500.00
Stagecoach	1,300.00
Vermont Rural Fire Hydrant	100.00
VNH – Visiting Nurse Association	4,800.00
White River Partnership	875.00
White River Valley Ambulance	71,757.00
WomenSafe	500.00
Total	\$ 96,428.00

Article 11. Will the voters approve an amount of \$ 60,000 to continue funding the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 12. Will the voters approve an amount of \$ 15,000 to continue funding the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 13. Will the voters approve an amount of \$ 15,000 to continue funding the Town Buildings and Property Reserve Fund?

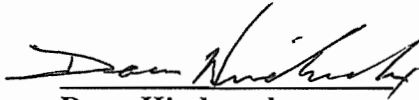
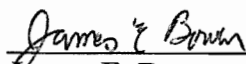

Article 14. Will the voters approve an amount of \$ 1,000 to fund the Tennis Reserve Fund for on-going and future court maintenance?

Article 15. To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.

Adjournment:

Dated at Rochester, Vermont this 31st day of January, 2018.

ROCHESTER SELECTBOARD

 Doon Hinderyckx	 James E. Bowen	 Thomas Schnabel
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Received at 12:40 pm this 31 day of January, 2018 for Recording

Attest: Joanne McDonnell, Joanne McDonnell, Rochester Town Clerk

**Annual Town Meeting
Monday, March 6, 2017
7:00 pm, Rochester Auditorium**

Dan McKinley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He introduced Katie Keown and Christine Meagher as microphone runners. Dan read an intro about coming together as a community to make decisions as a civil assembly.

Doon told all that Tom Simpson is stepping down as First Constable to Special Officer at this time. He asked Tom to come up and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom said that he is humbled and honored for the tribute in the front cover of the Town Report. He thanked the community for guiding him in his youth, and noted that part of his goal as an officer was to help young people of the community stay safe as well as the Town. A standing ovation was held for Tom with thanks from all!

Dan also noted that there will be a presentation on Act 46 proposal by Chris Mattrick and Andy West at the end of the meeting. He reviewed the Roberts Rules of Order for all assembled as well. There were no objections from the registered voters to allow non-registered voters to speak. Representative Sandy Haas noted that she has copies of the Doyle Poll, Cell coverage survey and her town meeting report. She explained that the legislature has had a slow start due to so many new people, and that the budget is again the big issue.

Dan read the beginning of the warning:

The legal voters of the Town of Rochester, County of Windsor, State of Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Rochester High School Auditorium in said town Monday, March 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. to transact the following business:

Article 1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year. Martha Slater nominated Dan McKinley, seconded. No further nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for Dan McKinley as Moderator.

Article 2. To elect all Town Officers required by law:

1. Selectboard Member ~ 3-year term Tom Pierce nominated Tom Schnabel, seconded by Terry Severy. Katherine Schenkman nominated Robert Meagher, seconded by Cari Burkard. No further nominations. Both Tom and Robert spoke briefly about why they are running. Paper ballot was needed. Total ballots voted was 136. Tom Schnabel had 77, Robert Meagher had 58 and 1 spoiled vote. Tom Schnabel elected.
2. Lister ~ 3-year term Caroline Meagher nominated Louis Donnet, seconded by John White. No further nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for Louis Donnet as Lister for 3 year term.
3. Lister ~ 1-year term *(to complete Hanford term)* No nominations. Selectboard will have to appoint this position.

4. Lister ~ 2-year term *(to complete Harvey term)* Louis Donnet nominated Caroline Meagher. No further nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for Caroline Meagher as Lister for a 2 year term.
5. Collector of Delinquent Taxes ~ 1-year term Joanne McDonnell nominated Rebecca Klein, seconded. No further nominations, Clerk cast one ballot for Rebecca Klein as Del Tax Collector for a 1 year term.
6. Library Trustee ~ 5-year term Jola Labejsza nominated Barb Shenton, seconded by Mary Sue Crowley. No further nominations, Clerk cast one ballot for Barb Shenton as Library Trustee for a 5 year term.
7. Trustee of Public Funds ~ 3-year term Sandy Pierce nominated Mike Harvey, seconded by Nancy Woolley. No further nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for Mike Harvey as Trustee of Public Funds for 3 year terms.
8. Cemetery Commissioner ~ 5-year term Tom Paquette nominated Java Hubbard, seconded by Joe Schenkman. No further nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for Java Hubbard.
9. Grand Juror ~ 1-year term Nancy Woolley nominated Barb DeHart, seconded. No further nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for Barb DeHart.
10. Second Grand Juror ~ 1-year term Nancy Woolley nominated Sandy Haas, seconded by David Marmor. No further nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for Sandy Haas for 1 year term.
11. Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits ~ 1-year term Joanne McDonnell nominated Bill Matthews, seconded by Nancy Woolley. No further nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for Bill Matthews for a 1 year term.
12. Agent to Convey Real Estate ~ 1-year term Nancy Woolley nominated Pat Harvey, seconded by Dick White. No further nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for Bill Matthews for a 1 year term.

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Auditors. John White moved the article, Charlie Woolley seconded. No discussion. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.

Article 4. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers. Chris Mattrick moved the article, Andy West seconded. No discussion. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.

- Article 5.** Will the voters agree to pay all taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 to the Town Treasurer as provided by law? Joanne McDonnell moved the article, Christine Meagher seconded. No discussion. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.
- Article 6.** Will the voters vote to continue the quarterly tax payment schedule, with payments due August 15, 2017, November 15, 2017, February 15, 2018 and May 15, 2018, due no later than 4:00 PM on each voted due date. Postmarks are not considered timely payment. John White moved the article, Christine Meagher seconded. No discussion. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.
- Article 7.** Will the voters approve a budget of \$ 992,944.00 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Rochester, with \$ 648,137.00 to be raised from property taxes? **

****Selectboard Amended Article 7**

Dan read Article 7 as warned which had the incorrect budget amount of \$1,212,335.00 and amount to be raised by taxes as \$867,528.00. Doon explained that the original warning budget amount included all appropriations and voted articles, which would have led us to vote for them twice. A copy of the amended warning with Article 7 was handed out. The correct amount is a budget of \$992,944.00 to meet expenses and liabilities of the town of Rochester, with \$648,137.00 to be raised from property taxes. Doon made motion to amend Article 7 as noted. Nancy Woolley moved the motion to amend the article, seconded by Chris Mattrick. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.

AMENDED ARTICLE 7: Andy West moved the amended article, seconded by Chris Mattrick. No discussion. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.

- Article 8.** Will the voters vote to exempt property in Rochester Village owned by Rochester Community Care Home, Inc., d.b.a. Park House, a non-profit tax-exempt organization providing services and housing for low income and other elderly persons from liability for property taxes for five (5) years. Andy West moved the Article, seconded by John White. No discussion. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.
- Article 9.** Will the voters vote to appropriate \$ 10,800 to fund the Recycling program from October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Martha moved the article, seconded by Cari Burkard. Andy asked why dates of October 2017 through June 2018. This is because Benson's will be done in September 2017. Katherine asked if this has been a separate article in the past, which it has not. Doon explained that recycling has increased in cost over the years. We pay to the Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Alliance which allows residents to bring their trash and recycling to the landfill. The Selectboard feels that recycling monthly keeps the roadsides

cleaner and it is a service to the town, but they wanted the voters to make the decision. This will go out to bid in the fall since over \$10,000. Walt asked what will happen if the cost is more than this amount. Doon felt that any extra cost would be added to the \$10,800.00. David noted that someone else will have to come in and pick up trash and recycling if Benson’s retires. What would happen to this money then? Robert noted that there is no guarantee there will be a trash hauler after September. Discussion continued. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.

Article 10. Shall the town of Rochester appropriate funds in the amount of the difference between the Library Trustees request of \$41,045 and the amount included in the Town Budget. The anticipated maximum of this request is \$4,745. This is a Library Trustee request. David Marmor moved the article, seconded by Amy Braun. Amy spoke as a Library volunteer. There have been over 5000 visits this year. She encouraged all to come on the first Saturday of each month (when she is there) as well as other times. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.

Article 11. To see if the voters will vote to appropriate the following sums as requested by these community agencies:

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Capstone Community Action	300.00
Central VT Council on Aging	3,000.00
Clara Martin Center	2,066.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00
One Planet Afterschool Program	1,000.00
Orange County Parent Child Center	500.00
Quintown Senior Center	9,380.00
SafeLine, Inc.	400.00
Stagecoach	1,300.00
VT Trails & Greenways	35.00
VNH – Visiting Nurse Association	4,800.00
White River Partnership	875.00
White River Valley Ambulance	68,340.00
Windsor County Partners	600.00
WomenSafe	600.00
Total	\$ 93,546.00

David Marmor moved the article, Andy West seconded. David asked to have the WRVA appropriation separated so it can be voted on separately, which cannot be done. Then David made motion to reduce the total by the amount of the WRVA appropriation, vote on the other appropriations and then go back to vote on the WRVA appropriation. Discussion ensued. Larry Straus, WRVA representative explained that the per capita cost is \$60, not \$600 as David thought and has been

for the last 5 years. John White asked if we separate out the WRVA appropriation and it does not pass, do we lose our ambulance service-yes. Discussion continued. Finally it was decided to vote as it stands and use a dollar amount guideline to separate appropriation requests in the future. Question was asked about Orange County Parent Child and why they request funds from Rochester. Katherine and Peg McKinley both noted that they do serve Rochester families. All in favor at the vote, voted in the affirmative.

- Article 12. Will the voters approve an amount of \$ 80,000 to continue funding the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?** Andy West moved the article, Chris Mattrick seconded. Becky Klein noted that at this point in the meeting, we have added \$10,900.00 to the budget with articles 9 and 10. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.
- Article 13. Will the voters approve an amount of \$ 20,000 to continue funding the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?** Andy West moved the article, Tim Crowley seconded. No discussion. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.
- Article 14. Will the voters approve an amount of \$ 10,000 to continue funding the Town Buildings and Property Reserve Fund?** Andy West moved the article, Cari Burkard seconded. Jola asked if the Library building is included. Doon noted that it could go there but other buildings are more in need of the money. All in favor, voted in the affirmative.
- Article 15. Will the voters approve an amount of \$ 1,000.00 to fund the Tennis Reserve Fund for on-going and future court maintenance?** Peggy moved the article, Andy seconded. Peggy asked why there is no article for Skatespace, and how is that different from the Tennis courts. It was noted that Skatespace has a line item in the budget. Peg noted that there is little to no maintenance done at Skatespace and it is used year round. The maintenance needs to be addressed. Walt explained that the courts were built after Irene. They are in good shape, but the company who installed them recommends continued maintenance every 5 years. \$1000 per year for 5 years will cover the scheduled maintenance costs. Voted in the affirmative, so voted.
- Article 16. To transact any other legal and proper business to be brought before said meeting.** Mason noted that between the town and the school, the electric costs are about \$60,000 per year. He would like to see the town harvest electricity and make money. He asked that the Selectboard take this on as an endeavor, and how many years do we have to wait to be on the winning side. He also asked about pumping site 3 sewer to site 4 as there are new technologies being used all the time. The cost of rebuilding site 3 will be around \$350,000.00 Christine Meagher asked if the Town Report can be seen on line, and if not, can it be on line in the future. This will be looked into for next year. John White spoke as the EC Fiber Net representative. The main route of the cable is installed on Rt 100, Rt 73 and Rt 125. Over the next few months, we should

have high speed internet on those routes. By the end of 2019, all towns other than Woodstock and Montpelier should have high speed internet (they already have the option) He explained that a brochure will be sent out soon, and the towns that show the most interest will get internet on the “back roads”. He urged all to send their return cards back!

Mason asked about the road commissioner report which notes the increase of expenses over time. He would like to know what we can do about that, and how does this relate to water quality in the long run. He would like the voters to have more information so we can understand this. Also, he noted that the Trustees of Public Funds report on page 39 gives us no idea what to expect. There is no letter with the report that explains how the Trustees come up with their numbers. The investments are around 2 million dollars, and we pay \$15,000 in management fees to a Rhode Island bank, and he feels it should be brought back to Vermont. More discussion is needed, and more information is needed in the Town Report.

Adjournment: Martha made motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm, seconded by Mary Ann Schulze. So voted.

At this time, the presentation regarding the Act 46 Model 1 proposal was presented by Chris Mattrick and Andy West.

Who's Who in Local Government
A Publication of the Office of the Secretary of State ~ 2014

Serving in local office is a great way to give something back to our community. So why don't you take a turn? Here are the offices you can choose from:

Officials Elected at Town Meeting

Moderator ~ Runs the Annual and Special Town/School Meetings. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

Selectboard Member ~ General supervision and control over town; enacts ordinances, regulations and policies for town; oversees town property and personnel; prepares, presents and manages budget; oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing and reclassifying roads. Sits as local board of health, liquor control commission and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.

Town Clerk ~ Records, preserves and certifies the public records of the town. Issues dog, marriage, civil union and hunting and fishing licenses (in some towns) and motor vehicle, snowmobile and motorboat renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the Board of Civil Authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

Town Treasurer ~ Keeps the town and school accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted, and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

Lister ~ Appraises property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not oversensitive to criticism.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes ~ Collects delinquent taxes for the town and conducts tax sales. Should be good with numbers and also able to work with people who are in difficult circumstances. Should also have thick skin.

Trustee of Public Funds ~ Manages, invests and reports on real and personal property held in trust by the town. This includes cemetery trust funds. Should like investing money.

Cemetery Commissioner ~ Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. Terms are for five years.

Grand Juror ~ Helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement. (Generally not a very active position.)

Town Agent ~ Used to prosecute and defend suits. The selectboard now have that authority. Thus, the Town Agent's duty consists merely of assisting when litigation is in progress at the request of the Selectboard. (Generally not a very active position.)

Agent to Convey Real Estate ~ Executes deeds on behalf of the town

Local Officials Appointed by the Legislative Body

Constable (First & Second) ~ Appointed by the Selectboard. Operating under Vermont Statues, in some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure and arrest within the town. In other towns the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the First Constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

Planning Commissioners ~ Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan, making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation, and to participate in a regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a Development Review Board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

Zoning Administrator ~ Appointed by the Planning Commission with the approval of the Selectboard. Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the Zoning Ordinance.

Fire Warden ~ Appointed by the State Fire Commissioner with approval of the Selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires. Issues permits for open burning within the Town. Term is for five years.

Road Commissioner ~ Appointed by the Selectboard, the Road Commission has no independent authority, but assists the Selectboard in overseeing town highways. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

Regional Planning Commission Representative ~ Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans, but has no independent authority.

Health Officer ~ Appointed by the Commissioner of Health to a 3-year term upon recommendation of the Selectboard. Enforces rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

Town Service Officer ~ Appointed on or before April 15 of each year. Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.

Animal Control Officer (Poundkeeper) ~ Enforces ordinances and cares for the animals that are impounded within the town.

Humane Officer ~ Enforces State and Federal regulations surrounding the humane and proper treatment of all animals. Works closely with the Animal Control Officer and the Constables.

Emergency Management Coordinator ~ Responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the Town's committee that is formed for emergency management. The coordinator is under the direct control of the Selectboard but may coordinate his or her emergency management efforts with neighboring towns and cities and with the state emergency management division, and with the federal government.

Tree Warden ~ Plans and implements a shade tree preservation program for the purpose of shading and beautifying public places. Recommends the removal of diseased, dying or dead trees which create a hazard to public safety or threaten the effectiveness of disease or insect control programs.

Town of Rochester Elected Officials

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Dan McKinley	2018
Selectboard:	James Bowen	2018
	Doon Hinderyckx, Chair	2019
	Tom Schnabel	2020
Town Clerk	Joanne McDonnell	2019
Town Treasurer	Joanne McDonnell	2019
Listers:	Vacant – <i>Hanford Resignation (2016)</i>	2018
	Caroline Meagher	2019
	Louis Donnet	2020
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Rebecca Klein	2018
Library Trustees:	Jolanta Labejsza	2018
	Mary Sue Crowley	2019
	Anthony Goupee	2020
	Lyn Moltz	2021
	Barbara Shenton	2022
Trustees of Public Funds:	Barbara Dehart	2018
	Ann Pierce	2019
	Michael Harvey	2020
Cemetery Commissioners:	Thomas Paquette	2018
	Ross Laffan	2019
	Marvin C. Harvey	2020
	Joe Schenkman	2021
	Joan K. Hubbard	2022
Grand Jurors:	Barb Dehart	2018
	Sandy Haas	2018
Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits	Bill Matthews	2018
Agent to Convey Real Estate	Pat Harvey	2018
Justices of the Peace	Kevin Dougherty	Feb. 1, 2019
	Michael Harvey	Feb. 1, 2019
	Joan “Java” Hubbard	Feb. 1, 2019
	Rebecca Klein	Feb. 1, 2019
	Annette “Sugie” West	Feb. 1, 2019
Windsor-Rutland Rep. Windsor County Senators	Sandy Haas	
	Alison Clarkson	
	Richard McCormack	
	Alice Nitka	

Appointments

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer	Rebecca Klein	2018
Selectboard Clerk	Joanne McDonnell	2018
Administrative Asst. to Selectboard	Joan Allen	
First Constable	Mark Belisle	2019/3/20
Second Constable	Randy Brouillard	2019/3/20
Special Officer	Tom Simpson	2018
LEPC #12 (Local Emer. Plan. Comm)	Mark Belisle	2018
Planning Board & Board of Adjustment	David Curtis	2018
	Joan Pontious	2018
	Dan McKinley	2019
	Sandy Haas	2020
	Julie Martin	2020
	Eric Bowman	2021
	Greg White	2021
	Doon Hinderyckx	ex officio
Zoning Administrator	Doon Hinderyckx	2018
Fire Chief (elected by Fire Dept)	Terry Severy	2018/12
First (elected by Fire Dept)	Raymond Harvey	2018/12
Second (elected by Fire Dept)	Kevin Dougherty	2018/12
Fire Warden	Ray Harvey	June 30, 2022
Water Commissioners	Selectboard	2018
Sewer Commissioners	Selectboard	2018
Road Commissioner	Doon Hinderyckx	2018
Road Department:	Dan Gendron	
	Dana Spaulding	
	Tom Haynes	
Sewer Plant Operator	Terry Severy	2018
Assistant	Dan Gendron	2018
Water Plant Operator	Terry Severy	2018
Assistant	Dan Gendron	2018
On-Site Wastewater Officer	Doon Hinderyckx	2018
TRORC Transportation/Planning Rep.	Anni Mackay	2018
TRORC Transportation Adv. Comm.	Doon Hinderyckx	2018
TRORC Clean Water Adv. Comm.	Joan Allen	2018
Health Officer	John White	Oct. 31, 2018
Town Service Officer	Paula Dougherty	2018
Emergency Management Dir.	Vic Ribaud	2018
Emergency Management Alternate	Doon Hinderyckx	2018
Emergency Management Coordinator	Rob Gardner	2018
Energy Coordinator	Marvin Harvey	2018
Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Advisory Comm.	Marvin Harvey	2018
Recycling Coordinator	James Bowen	2018
Park Committee:	Martha Slater	2018
	Joanne McDonnell	2018
Recreation Committee:		2018
	Norm Christiansen	Martha Slater
	Barbara Shenton	Terry Paquette
	Dean Mendell	Carrie McDonnell
	Joe Schenkman	Rita Mailhot
	Jim Huntington	Meg Brown
		Walter Pruikmsa, Tennis
Animal Control Officer/ Poundkeeper/Humane Officer	Mark Belisle	2018

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Stagecoach Representative	Timothy Crowley	2018
White River Valley Amb. (WRVA) Rep	Vic Ribaldo	2018
WRVA Alternate	James Bowen	2018
Tree Warden	Norman R. Smith	2018
E-911 Maintenance	Angus McCusker	2018
Green-Up Day Coordinators	Donovan Piccuito/Desmond Piccuito	2018
Community Advisory Board	Marvin Harvey	2018
Budget & Finance Comm.	Lois Bond	Barb Dehart
	Robert Meagher	Vic Ribaldo
	Greg White	Nancy Woolley
	Selectboard Members	
Website Administrator	Norm Christiansen	2018
Kirkpatrick Scholarship Presenter		2018
Scenic By-Way Representative	Larry Plesent	2018
ECFiber Representative	John White	2018
Librarian	Jeannette Bair	
Auditors	Pace & Hawley, LLC	
Official Newspaper	<i>The Herald of Randolph</i>	2018

Dates to Remember

Selectboard Meeting	Second & Fourth Monday of month at Town Office. Other meetings at Town Office as warned.	6:15 PM
Planning Commission	First Tuesday of month at Town Office.	6:00 PM
Trustees of Public Funds	Meetings when needed	
Recreation Committee	Fourth Wednesday every other month at Town Office January, March, May, July, September, November	7:00 PM
Dog Licenses (State Mandated)	<p>On or before April 1: Rabies shots good for 3 years. Male & Female: \$11.00; altered: \$7.00</p> <p>After April 1, the fee is increased 50%: Male & Female \$15.00; altered \$9.00</p> <p><u>*After April 1 there is a \$5.00 fine for all unlicensed dogs.</u> <u>**No Exceptions**</u></p> <p>A leash and fouling law is in effect for the entire Town, not just the village area. See Ordinance at Town Office.</p>	
Recycling	First and Third Saturday of each month at Town Office parking lot.	
Property Taxes	<p>1/4 due on/before August 15, 2018; 1/4 due on/before November 15, 2018; 1/4 due on/before February 15, 2019; 1/4 due on/before May 15, 2019.</p> <p>Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months, and 1 ½% per month thereafter added.</p> <p>8% collection fee added May 16, 2019.</p> <p><u>Postmarks not accepted!</u></p>	

Water & Sewer User Fees: ¼ due January 31; ¼ due April 30; ¼ due July 31; ¼ due October 31. Due no later than the above effective dates. Interest at rate of 1% per month for 3 months and 1 ½% per month thereafter added for delinquent water/sewer fees.

Winter Parking Ordinance: No person shall park a motor vehicle on any street or in any public parking area within the Town of Rochester between the hours of 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM from November 1 to April 1 inclusive.

Town

Office Building	Bandstand & Parks, Lion's Club Picnic	Office Equipment
Library & Contents	Creamery Building	Emergency Shelter Generator
New Firehouse	Ballfield Lot & SkateSpace	10 K Generator
Old Firehouse	Wood Lots – Townline Rd & Cemetery	TS Irene Buy-outs

Road Department

2018 International Tandem Dump Truck, with 1-way plow, wing & sander
 2016 Ford F-350 4-Wheel Drive Pickup with Plow, with Stainless Sander
 2014 Western Star Tandem Dump Truck, 11 ft. 1-way plow, 10 ft. wing & sander
 2012 Ford 550 One-Ton Truck with 2-way Plow and Sander
 2011 Cat 140M Grader with wing
 2007 Downeaster Trailer
 2016 Cat 930 Loader
 1989 Eager Beaver Wood Chipper

One Way Plow	3,000 gallon Chloride Tank	500 gallon Poly Tank
Chain Saws (4)	2012 Power Pruner (1)	8 Radios
1 2014 Shandania Trimmer (Grass & Weed)	Snow Plow Blades ~ 4 sets	Grader Blades ~ 5 sets
Truck Chains	Loader (2) & Grader Chains (4)	Air Compressor
Forerunner Rock Rake	York Rake	Salt House
Salt	Chloride	Sand
Sand Screen	Pressure Washer	16 spare truck tires
Shop Metal Cut-Off Saw (1)	Culvert Cut-Off Saw (1)	10 Ton Floor Jack (2)
Cutting Torches (1 set)	AC Electric Stick Welder (1)	Jack
13 Drawer Tool Box (1)	Small Tools	Signs (26) Drill Press (1)
Hydraulic Hose Machine	Town Garage Building	1/3 Pump

Water Department

Well House, Reservoir & Miscellaneous Parts; 1/3 Pump

Sewer Department

3 Sites & Miscellaneous Equipment, including a Generator; 1/3 Pump

Fire Department

2000 Ford F550 4x4 Truck	2017 International Truck	
1985 GMC Tanker	2500 ft. 4" Hose, incl. other misc. Hoses, Tools & Equipment	
Fire Station	14 Scott 2.2 Air Packs	2 Chain Saws
2 Portable Pumps	2 Portable Tanks	2 Air Compressors
Jaws of Life	14 Port Radios, 3 Truck Radios, 28 Pagers	
1 Base Radio	1 Pressure Washer	1 Kohler Generator

Constable Inventory

2013 4x4 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab Cruiser	HP Computer/HP Printer	
Canon Laser Printer/Fax/Scanner	2 Mobile Radios (UHF & VHF-HI) (to install in office)*	
Canon M6 3600 Printer	Toughbook Laptop Computer (HSG Grant)*	
Laptop computer mount (in Vehicle)	2 Harris Portable Radios (UHF)(HSG 2014)*	
Sony VCR	Magnavox VHS/DVD Player	
19" Sylvania TV/VCR combo (VCR INOP)	2 VHF portable radios	
In-Car Camera System (GHSC)*	3 Body Cameras (GHSC)*	
Spartan Laptop*55 Large Cones (GHSC)*	Sign package (GHSC)*	
2 Motorola Mobil Radios (HSG 2014)*	2 Dual Antenna Radar Unit (GHSC)*	
2 Electric Flares Kits (GHSC)*	Handgun (.45 Cal. Auto)	
Datamaster Breath Testing Machine (GHSC)*	Miscellaneous Uniforms & Office Equipment	
DBL Fingerprint Board	GPS Portable System*	
3 Road Spike System (GHSC)*	2 Electric Flares Kits (GHSC)*	
Genesis Mobile Radar Gun, 1 Handheld Unit*	Laser Tech Laser Radar (GHSC)*	
Whelen Led Light bar/numerous LED lighting (gift)	Powerhouse Portable generator (GHSC)*	
3 Alcolmeters (GHSC)*	2 Sets scene lights (GHSC)*	3 Bullet Resistant Vests (HSG)*
2014 Wells enclosed Cargo Trailer* (for traffic signs, cones etc. for checkpoints and emergencies)		

*Governor's Highway Safety Council – Equipment Incentive

*All items received through grant funds

Utility Fund Treasurers Rpt

06-30-16

(Cash Basis)

Account	Budget	Actual
Bank Interest		
LSB Bank Interest	\$0.00	\$0.43
Sewer Reserve Bank Interest	\$0.00	\$22.88
Water Reserve Bank Interest	\$0.00	\$39.46
Total Bank Interest	\$0.00	\$62.34
Sewer Income Accounts		
Sewer Current Fees	\$63,300.00	\$55,380.74
Sewer Delinquent Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sewer Connection Fees	\$0.00	\$0.30
Sewer Interest	\$500.00	\$523.31
Cap Contrib from Gen Fund	\$0.00	\$16,717.99
Total Sewer Income	\$63,800.00	\$72,621.74
Water Income Accounts		
Water Current Fees	\$52,500.00	\$44,043.86
Water Delinquent Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water Connection Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water Interest	\$200.00	\$423.75
Water Misc Income	\$0.00	\$513.00
Total Water Income	\$52,700.00	\$44,980.61
TOTAL REVENUES	\$116,500.00	\$117,664.69
Sewer Expense Accounts		
Sewer Operator	\$19,000.00	\$20,073.75
Sewer Operator Asst	\$1,000.00	\$385.00
FICA/MEDI Expense	\$1,614.00	\$1,564.83
Sewer W/C, Unemployment	\$1,332.00	\$1,045.00
Sewer Engineering	\$3,500.00	\$2,146.40
Sewer Legal/Easements	\$0.00	\$1,276.26
Sewer Testing/Samples	\$2,500.00	\$1,288.82
Sewer Telemetry	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sewer Grounds Maint	\$4,000.00	\$1,550.24
Sewer Truck Reimbursement	\$1,430.00	\$1,375.00
Sewer Repairs	\$6,000.00	\$5,238.36
Sewer Tanks Maint	\$5,000.00	\$7,552.50
Sewer Generator Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00
Sewer Property/Liab Ins	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sewer Postage	\$200.00	\$0.00
Sewer Education	\$100.00	\$0.00
Sewer Permits/Licenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,460.25
Sewer Billing	\$500.00	\$1,000.00

Utility Fund Treasurers Rpt

06-30-16

(Cash Basis)

Sewer Supplies	\$500.00	\$699.59
Sewer Electricity	\$4,500.00	\$2,417.06
Sewer Special Projects	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Sewer Reserve Expense	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
Sewer Misc Expens	\$200.00	\$142.00
Total Sewer Expenses	\$58,476.00	\$50,215.06
Water Expense Accounts		
Water Operator	\$15,000.00	\$17,172.25
Water Operator Asst	\$1,000.00	\$674.63
FICA/MEDI Expense	\$1,304.00	\$1,365.04
Water W/C, Unempl Exp	\$1,066.00	\$1,045.00
Water Telemetering	\$500.00	\$0.00
Water Testing/Samples	\$2,500.00	\$1,337.50
Water Grounds Maint	\$900.00	\$461.58
Water Truck Reimbursement	\$1,430.00	\$1,265.00
Water Building Maint	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Water Equip Maint	\$8,000.00	\$3,340.21
Water Meter Reading	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Water Generator Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00
Water Property/Liab Ins	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water Postage	\$200.00	\$0.00
Water Heat-Pump H	\$1,300.00	\$1,001.65
Water Dues/Memberships	\$500.00	\$255.00
Water Education	\$500.00	\$174.00
Water Permit/Licenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,170.90
Water Billing	\$500.00	\$0.00
Water Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$777.39
Water Electricity	\$7,500.00	\$4,691.67
Water Equipment	\$500.00	\$0.00
Water Special Projects	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water Reserve Fund	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Water Misc Expense	\$0.00	\$4,270.00
Total Water Expenses	\$56,800.00	\$39,001.82
Depreciation Expense	\$0.00	\$63,333.00
Total Utility Expenses	\$115,276.00	\$152,549.88
Total Utility Revenue/Expense	\$1,224.00	-\$34,885.19

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
RESERVE ACCOUNTS
JUNE 30, 2016

<u>HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$153,582.28
Deposits:	Appropriations	\$70,000.00	
	Interest	<u>\$382.09</u>	
		\$70,382.09	\$70,382.09
Truck Purchase/Expense			\$13,339.42
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$210,624.95
<u>CRUISER FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$2,777.81
Deposits:	Interest	\$2.81	\$2.81
Expenses			\$0.00
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$2,780.62
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$3,173.24
Deposits:	Approp & Truck Sale	\$34,000.00	
	Interest	<u>\$31.44</u>	
		\$25,231.79	\$34,031.44
Expenses: New Truck			\$1,900.00
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$35,304.68
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$8,491.37
Deposits:	Interest:	<u>\$8.35</u>	\$8.35
Expenses:		677.41	\$677.41
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$7,822.31
<u>REAPPRAISAL FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$36,667.19
Deposits:	State of Vermont	\$8,228.00	
	Interest	<u>\$58.11</u>	
		\$8,286.11	\$8,286.11
Expense:			
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$44,953.30

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
RESERVE ACCOUNTS
JUNE 30,2016

<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$4,712.58
Deposits:	Appropriation	\$0.00	
	Interest	\$4.69	
		\$4.69	\$4.69
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$4,717.27
<u>REVOLVING LOAN FUND</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$8,049.77
Deposits:	Interest	\$8.02	\$8.02
Expenses:			\$0.00
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$8,057.79
<u>CEMETERY LOT SALES</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$3,861.51
Deposits:	Interest	\$3.89	
Lot Sales:		\$460.00	\$463.89
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$4,325.40
<u>CEMETERY RESERVE</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$21,088.68
Deposits:	Interest	\$26.32	
		\$26.32	\$26.32
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$21,115.00
<u>RECORD PRESERVATION</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$21,526.91
Deposits:	Transfer in	\$2,378.00	
	Interest	\$26.91	
		\$2,404.91	\$2,404.91
Expenses:		0.00	\$0.00
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$23,931.82

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
RESERVE ACCOUNTS
JUNE 30, 2016

<u>TOWN BUILDINGS</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$3,660.44
Deposits:	Appropriation	\$5,000.00	
Deposits:	Interest	\$5.05	
		<u>5,005.05</u>	\$5,005.05
Expenses:			\$6,721.98
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$1,943.51
<u>SEWER RESERVE ACCOUNT</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$17,908.83
Deposits:	Int & Appropriation	\$4,022.88	\$4,022.88
Expenses:			\$0.00
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$21,931.71
<u>WATER RESERVE ACCOUNT</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$25,830.49
Deposits:	Int & Appropriation	\$5,039.46	\$5,039.46
Expenses			
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$30,869.95
<u>P&Z RESERVE</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$3,039.89
Deposits:	Interest	\$3.05	\$3.05
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$3,042.94
<u>RAPID RESPONSE RESERVE</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/16			\$10,017.59
Deposits:	Interest	\$9.88	\$9.88
Expenses:	reimb town 1st response	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Ending Balance 06/30/17			\$7,427.47
<u>YOUTH SPORTS/REC RESERVE</u>			
Beginning Balance 07/01/15			\$2,899.99
Deposits:	Transfer In	\$0.00	
	Interest	\$2.90	\$2.90
Ending Balance 06/30/16			\$2,902.89

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER
GRANT REPORTS
June 30 2017**

VT AOT Bike Ped Grant-Complete	
Total Expenses	\$39,953.00
Total Income	<u>\$35,957.70</u>
Town Share	\$3,995.30
VTRANS Park and Ride-Complete	
Total Expenses this FY	\$2,921.14
Total Income this FY	<u>\$2,849.29</u>
Town Share	\$71.85
West Hill Emergency Grant-Complete	
Total Expense	\$1,000,048.23
Total Income	<u>\$971,448.41</u>
Town Share	\$28,599.82
GHSP Constables 2017 Incentives-Complete	
Total Expenses	\$6,045.24
Total Income	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
Town Share	\$45.24
GHSP Constable DUI Grant-Ongoing	
Total Expenses	\$1,084.32
Grant Income	\$1,304.55
Town Share	(\$220.23)
CDBG River Brook Park Grant-Complete	
Total Expenses	\$55,085.44
Total Income	<u>\$53,295.10</u>
Town Share	\$1,790.34

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Better Back Roads Grant	
Total Expenses	\$150.00
Total Income	<u>\$0.00</u>
Town Share	\$150.00
VCDP Park House Implementation Grant FY-17	
Total Expenses	\$92,176.00
Total Income	<u>\$92,176.00</u>
Town Share	\$0.00
GHSP Constables Vest Grant-Complete	
Total Expenses	\$1,598.00
Total Income	<u>\$1,598.00</u>
Town Share	\$0.00
Improved Projects-Maple Hill Culvert-Complete	
Total Expenses	\$131,542.98
Total Income	<u>\$131,543.00</u>
Town Share	\$0.02

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AS OF January 31, 2018**

NAME	TAX YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Andrews, Doris & Andrews, Michael	2016-2017 \$	764.40
Barron, Jenny	2014-2015	4.31
Barron, Jenny	2015-2016	672.38
Barron, Jenny	2016-2017	588.68
Bobkovs, Nina	2015-2016	71.72
Cran-Richards Cynthia	2016-2017	1,688.65
Drougas, James	2011-2012	3,224.56
Drougas, James	2016-2017	1,236.69 *
Gendron, Oscar	2016-2017	409.57
Grady, Tim	2016-2017	119.63 *
Grantham, Jeremy	2016-2017	12.09
Herman, Nathan	2016-2017	571.82
Jackson, Major and Didi	2016-2017	2,336.52
1081 Marsh Brook Road	2013-2014	4,517.26
1081 Marsh Brook Road	2014-2015	7,636.79
1081 Marsh Brook Road	2015-2016	6,769.73
1081 Marsh Brook Road	2016-2017	5,420.20
Putnam, Andrew and Nancy	2016-2017	1,662.21
Shebairo, Brian	2016-2017	7,252.83 *
Toro, Jose	2016-2017	1,140.53
Winnie, Gregory	2015-2016	6.50
Winnie, Gregory	2016-2017	36.00
TOTAL TAXES DUE	\$	46,143.07

* = Monthly Payment Plan

TOWN OF ROCHESTER	
DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCTS - 12/31/17 (*=PD/PARTIAL PMT)	
NAME	TOTAL DUE
Dugger, J.S.	\$ 156.01
Hill, Fayette	\$ 333.77
Hinderyckx, (RTA)	\$ 392.96
Holtz, Scott	\$ 124.96
Jensen, Judy (Merriam House)	\$ 505.49
Moramarco, Robert	\$ 505.75
Simmons, Stys et al	\$ 80.00
Sterling, Pamela	\$ 18.65
TOTAL DUE:	\$ 2,117.59

Trustees of Public Funds Report

As residents of Rochester and as elected Trustees of Public Funds we would like to share with you how fortunate we all have been to have the benefits of money given to the town by a few former residents. Once you see how helpful these gifts have been to our community we are hoping that you might consider contributing, in any amount, to the public funds yourselves, if not now, then in your will. In the past the town of Rochester has received almost \$500,000 in bequests which today are worth over \$1.5 million and from which over a 14 year period (ending in June) \$750,000 will have been distributed indirectly to all of you.

Specifically, a total of over \$410,000 will have been distributed to the town, 1/4 million to the school and the balance of \$59,000 to other organizations-most of which help the less fortunate in our community. These allocated dollars to the town and the school impact your tax rate—in a good way! With more funds given to the public funds and invested prudently even more monies can be distributed to the benefit of all Rochester residents. Something to think about!!

Trustees of Public Funds

Trustees (3) are elected officers of the town and serve a 3 year term, as governed by the Vermont Statutes (title 24 municipal and county governments, chapter 65). The powers and duties of the trustees and investment constraints are also detailed in these statutes. To wit, funds in trust “shall be under the charge and management of the three trustees,” (VT Statutes). The trustees should invest and distribute money in accordance with the wishes of the donor and/or estate. However, there are limitations of investments imposed by statutes-example cannot invest in bonds that are not rated (by a recognized rating system) as being in the 4 highest categories, and by the donor-example distribute monies to the poor.

Our Policies-Investment and Distribution of Funds

The trustees first obligation is to follow any directives as detailed by the donor’s gift or trust documents. Beyond that we have a policy as a guide to maintain principal at a level in keeping with the CPI index. Thus monies above that level and based on a 3-5 year moving average, are available to be distributed without invading principal. The actual amounts disbursed and the recipients of those monies are determined by the trustees.

In terms of investing the trust funds we have elected to follow a fairly conservative approach to preserve principal but allow for current income as well as long term growth. Thus we have a balanced portfolio with a range of 35-55% of the monies invested in bonds, 40-60% in high quality stock or equities and 0-20% in cash for liquidity.

To monitor the progress of our investments we get monthly statements from our Wealth Management Group of the People’s United Bank (formally Chittenden Bank) as well as meet with the managers 3-4 times a year or more, if required. These meetings are important for us to get their view on the marketplace, our investment strategy and discuss any modification to our policy that may be required going forward. These meetings are duly warned and open to the public.

Our Wealth Management Group

We have elected to continue working with People’s with which we have had a long term relationship. The main reason for “staying the course” is quite simple-we believe that “Group” has done an excellent job in managing and growing our trust funds for 29 years. With a performance of 8.23% return on investment over this period and a 7.83% return over the past 5 years their conservative portfolio of bonds, stocks and cash has indeed worked well for your public funds.

Addressing concerns over not working with a Vermont bank, during the last 15 years we have been guided by the same investment manager and most of the staff - all of whom live in Vermont. As of 2016 the bank is the 13th largest employer of full-time employees in the state. Chairs of 3 of the 4 committees that execute the corporate investment strategy live in Vermont! This is “pro-Vermont” business investing over \$500,000 in communities and organizations throughout the state. Though this regional bank’s home base may be in Connecticut, in our mind we are still working with a Vermont bank.

Summary

We trustees, Barb DeHart, Mike Harvey and Sandy Pierce, hope that the information in this report gives you a better understanding of our role as “Trustees of the Public Funds of Rochester.” But more importantly, we hope that you may consider adding to the Town’s investment pool which in turns adds to the overall well-being of our community.

Trustees of Public Funds

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1								
2	Fund Name	Cemetery	Guernsey	Forest	Kirkpatrick	Leland	Townshend -	Total funds w/out Cemetery
3								
4	Additions							
5	Lot Sales							
6	Perpetual Care	600						
7	Other	2013						
8	Total Contributions	2613						
9								
10	Investment Earnings							
11	Net Increase(decrease) in fair	9813						
12	market value of investments		312	2180	17452	9349	126521	155814
13	Interest and Dividends and other		67	473	3775	2023	27375	33713
14								
15	Total Earnings	20213	379	2653	21227	11372	153896	189527
16								
17								
18	Deductions							
19	Distribution to School						45000	45000
20	Distribution to Town	15000			5000		75000	80000
21	Distribution to Food Shelf					3000		3000
22	Distribution to Rebuild Rochester				1500	1800	6700	10000
23	Distribution to One Planet							
24	Distribution to Recreation Dept							
25	Management Fees	2103	27	194	1553	832	11256	13862
26	Distribution to Foreign Taxes						65	65
27								
28	Total Deductions	17103	27	194	8053	5632	138021	151927
29								
31	Change in net assets	3110	352	2459	13174	5740	15875	37600
32								
33	Net Assets Beginning 7/1/16	259615	2484	25261	186702	100560	1361340	1676347
34								
35	Net Assets Ending 6/30/17	262725	2,836	27720	199876	106300	1377215	1713947
36								
37				=				
38								
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SELECTBOARD REPORT

Our small town is facing some big challenges. Independent as we are in our mountain village there are pressures from the outside world which demand our attention, from the evolution of the climate to the ever increasing mandates from the state, the small number of employees, and the volunteers that assist the Selectboard in conducting the business of this town have their hands full.


Here are some of the tasks we were able to accomplish this past year:

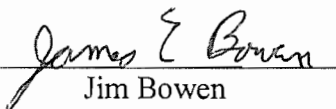
- We completed the repair on the West Hill slope failure with help from state emergency road funds.
- We received a grant for the design of the Mt. Cushman Road culvert replacement.
- We secured a state grant for improvements to Town Line Road in preparation for the upcoming Municipal Roads General Permit, as well as a state grant for improvements to North Hollow Road.
- In cooperation with the White River Partnership, major culvert projects were completed on Maple Hill and Marine Hill Roads.
- A culvert project on Wing Farm Road is scheduled for completion next summer.
- In town we completed the Park & Ride facility with a state grant.
- We completed construction of the new Riverbrook Park and held its public dedication ceremony.
- We assisted in the Park House renovation project.
- We completed the pedestrian and sidewalk scoping project (another state grant) which will lead to improvements in drainage and sidewalks in the Village.
- This spring we are set to renovate the Town Site 3 septic field behind the school.
- The volunteer Planning Commission has started work on required updates to the Town Plan and are on task to renew the downtown Village designation which some grant options have as a requirement.

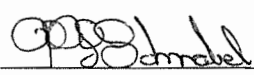
The volunteer Budget and Finance committee has been working overtime to try and keep our municipal tax burden in check. This is not easy. Every time the voters agree to bond for another project to maintain or enhance our town, we anchor ourselves to lines in the budget that cannot be adjusted, only paid for. Other line items, like our public building maintenance, fire department equipment or road mowing bear the scars of the cuts needed to keep the budget from rising as little as possible while doing what needs to be done.

This year we will require a legal budget which is more than has been paid for legal services in the last nine years. This is largely a result of two petitions received requesting the town to discontinue first a small portion and then a larger portion of Pine Gap Road. These petitions came in response to the new owners of a camp situated on 45 acres surrounded by National Forest inquiring about the use of this road for access to their property, a purpose for which this road has been used in the past. The historical value of this class 4 road, the absence of any other winter access to this landlocked property, as well as the town's investment in the two bridges on the lower end of this road, were major factors in the Selectboard decision not to discontinue Pine Gap Road above the property line of Mason Wade. The original petitions and the town's responses can be found at the town office for any and all to read. The town now has received an appeal to the Selectboard decision, claiming that Pine Gap Road does not actually exist. This, too, can be viewed at the town office. It behooves us to remember that we are all living in this town together. Let our actions work for the common good of us all.

In the Town Report Warning you will find a petitioned article to increase the size of the Selectboard from 3 to 5 members. This petition has been submitted by the same party who is suing the town to find that there is no Pine Gap Road. There is no question that there is plenty of work to go around. It is our hope that if this change is voted, that the intent will be to strengthen, not complicate the town's governance.


Doon Hinderyckx


Jim Bowen


Tom Schnabel

ROAD REPORT

This past year with the increase in our gravel budget we were able to add several inches of material to Brook Street, the upper half of Marsh Brook Road, North Hollow Road, Austin Hill Road, Middle Hollow Road, Maple Hill Road, and State Garage Road. This is a start, but only a small step towards what is needed to recover from many years of underfunding in this area.

Culvert projects on Maple Hill and Marine Hill roads were completed with funding help from the White River Partnership. As a result of the July high water event, an initial stabilization of a culvert on Bethel Mountain Road was made with emergency state road aid. A complete replacement of this culvert is scheduled for next summer and will require the closing of Bethel Mountain Road for a short period of time.

Last summer .47 miles of the Great Hawk Access Road were re-paved at a cost of \$63,715.65. Next summer the plan is to re-pave Middle Hollow Road and the top of Quarry Hill.

We continue to see increases in the costs of gravel, sand and salt, and our Highway budget reflects these higher prices for the same amount of material.

The Town Highway Department staffs a 3-man road crew, and as of mid-January has taken delivery of a new tandem truck, which was ordered in July and expected in the fall...Better late than never.

This statement applies to all of us in regards to winter travel. Rochester does **not** have a “Bare Roads” policy. This means that you can expect to be driving in snowy and/or icy conditions and we encourage everyone to make sure that vehicles are properly equipped to deal with our adventurous terrain. The increase of AirBnB and other venues has lured many visitors to our area, and those who rent their properties in this way are encouraged to take care to stress this point to their renters.

	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017		July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
100-6-10-00-300 General Town Income						
100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes	339,764.00	208,617.81	278,933.04	315,555.49	313,210.00	
100-6-10-00-300.010 Delinquent Taxes	0.00	142,514.21	25,000.00	53,358.94	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.015 Interest on Taxes	15,000.00	22,378.77	15,000.00	8,033.43	15,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.025 Pilot Pmt-Forest/Pa	5,000.00	5,207.45	5,000.00	5,322.23	5,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.031 Lister Education - State	392.00		392.00		392.00	
100-6-10-00-300.032 VT Equalization Study	0.00	968.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-300.035 State Current Use	50,000.00	53,819.00	50,000.00	55,840.00	50,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.045 Pilot Pmt-State Bld	2,000.00	2,669.00	2,000.00	2,358.00	2,300.00	
100-6-10-00-300.050 State Lease Land	10.00	10.00	10.00		10.00	
100-6-10-00-300.216 Insurance Settlements	0.00		0.00		0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.009 TOPF Forest Invest Inc		2,653.00	0.00		0.00	
Utilization of Gen Fund Balance	10,000.00		0.00		0.00	
Subtotal	422,166.00	436,184.24	376,335.04	440,468.09	385,912.00	
Additional Income-FY'19						
Annual Reappraisal funds from State			8,000.00			1,000.00
Utilization of FD Building Reserve funds			5,000.00			4,500.00
Utilization of Rapid Response Reserve Income						3,000.00
Utilization of Revolving Loan Rsrv			13,000.00			8,500.00
Subtotal						
100-6-10-00-303 TOPF						
100-6-10-00-303.010 Kirkpatrick Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
100-6-10-00-303.015 Townsend Hutch	75,000.00	75,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	65,000.00	
100-6-10-00-303.020 Forest Fund	80,000.00	80,000.00	48,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	
Subtotal						
100-6-10-00-304 Fees						
100-6-10-00-304.005 Animal Fines	100.00	58.00	50.00	20.00	50.00	
100-6-10-00-304.010 Bank Stmt Interest	500.00	9.58	500.00	64.27	100.00	
100-6-10-00-304.011 WRCU 001 Bank Interest	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.015 Fingerprinting Fees	300.00	50.00	200.00	50.00	50.00	
100-6-10-00-304.020 Building Permits	500.00	475.00	350.00	225.00	350.00	
100-6-10-00-304.025 Dog Licenses - Town Porti	1,400.00	1,252.00	1,400.00	78.00	1,300.00	
100-6-10-00-304.030 Driveway Const. Permit	50.00	350.00	50.00	210.00	50.00	
100-6-10-00-304.034 Fish & Game Postings	30.00	25.00	20.00	25.00	20.00	
100-6-10-00-304.035 Fleet Permit	275.00	390.00	275.00	30.00	275.00	
100-6-10-00-304.036 Green Mountain Passport	10.00	30.00	10.00	30.00	20.00	
100-6-10-00-304.040 Judicial Fines	7,000.00	5,490.00	10,000.00	3,706.04	6,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.045 Liquor Licenses-Town	600.00	485.00	700.00	0.00	500.00	
100-6-10-00-304.050 Marriage License-Town	50.00	245.00	50.00	110.00	100.00	
100-6-10-00-304.055 Record/Regular Copies	2,000.00	2,620.09	2,000.00	958.50	2,500.00	
100-6-10-00-304.060 Record Search	200.00	198.50	200.00	38.00	200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.065 Recording Fees	8,000.00	9,555.93	10,000.00	4,474.00	10,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.070 Youth Sports Income	3,300.00	2,464.50	1,200.00	810.00	1,200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.075 Refunds to Town	0.00	22.95	0.00	24.00	0.00	
100-6-10-00-304.080 Rent	475.00	365.00	475.00	77.50	200.00	
100-6-10-00-304.085 Subdivision P/Z Fees	50.00	25.00	50.00		50.00	
100-6-10-00-304.090 Vehicle Registration	175.00	157.00	175.00	77.00	175.00	
100-6-10-00-304.105 Utility Billing Reimburs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	

	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	
100-6-10-00-304.299 Rec Program Grants	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
100-6-10-00-304.301 Rec Program Donations	0.00	1,066.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
100-6-10-00-304.302 General Donations	0.00	1,100.00	0.00		1,000.00	
100-6-10-00-304.999 Misc Income	1,000.00	1,258.50	0.00	360.16	200.00	
Subtotal	27,015.00	28,693.09	28,705.01	11,367.49	25,340.00	
100-6-10-00-306 Cemetery Income						
100-6-10-00-306.005 Sale of Cemetery Lots	200.00		200.00			
100-6-10-00-306.011 Cemetery Income-Other	0.00	973.18	5,000.00		1,000.00	
100-6-10-00-306.015 Trustee Inc-Cemetery Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00	
100-6-10-00-310.010 Cemetery Donations	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Subtotal	15,200.00	15,973.18	15,200.00	0.00	11,000.00	
100-6-10-99- Grant Income						
100-6-10-99-106.002 VCDP Architect-Park House	0.00	92,176.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-106.003 VCDP Pk Hse Implement				406,136.00		
100-6-10-99-107.002 CDBG New Pk Constr Grant	0.00	49,517.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-108.000 Homeland Security FD	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-108.001 Homeland Sec Grant Consta	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-109.002 Constables 2016 Incentive Gr	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-109.003 Constables 2017 Incentive Gr.	0.00		0.00	6,000.00	0.00	
100-6-10-99-109.004 DUI Grant		1,304.55		695.45		
100-6-10-99-110.002 MPG Town Plan 2017-2018		1,598.00				
100-6-10-99-116.000 Dept Public Safety Grant				11,594.62		
100-6-10-99-118.000 CWRLF Sewer Loan Inc				424,426.07		
Subtotal	0.00	152,596.52	0.00	481,240.05	0.00	514,752.00
Total Income	544,381.00	713,447.03	481,240.05	876,261.65	514,752.00	
EXPENSES						
100-7-10-10 Finance Expenses						
100-7-10-10-330.002 Courthouse Bond Exp	3,964.00		3,940.00	3,940.00	3,659.00	
100-7-10-10-330.007 Firehouse Mortgage Princ	12,310.00	9,307.31	9,714.62	4,200.54	10,097.37	
100-7-10-10-330.008 Firehouse Mortgage Int	5,798.00	8,796.25	8,388.94	4,851.24	7,998.19	
100-7-10-10-330.015 USDA Sewer Bond Princ	1,888.00	1,993.90	2,049.11	2,041.00	2,105.84	
100-7-10-10-330.016 USDA Sewer Bond Interest	2,194.00	2,088.10	2,032.89	1,976.16	1,976.16	
100-7-10-10-330.020 LOC Interest Payments		6,731.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-7-10-10-330.025 VMBB Refi Bond-Principal	27,012.00	27,997.41	29,019.32	29,019.32	30,078.52	
100-7-10-10-330.026 VMBB Refi Bond-Interest	22,492.00	21,469.47	20,428.91	10,479.26	19,350.37	
100-7-10-10-330.027 RPL Phase 3 Bond Principa	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	
100-7-10-10-330.028 RPL Phase 3 Bond Interest	2,530.00	4,954.14	4,858.07	2,457.10	4,730.50	
100-7-10-10-330.029 Site 3 Bond Exp-Principal					14,831.00	
100-7-10-10-330.030 Site 3 Bond Exp-Interest						
100-7-10-10-331.000 Prior Year Bal Corrects	0.00		0.00	-297.00		
Subtotal	86,938.00	92,088.28	89,181.86	65,441.46	103,576.95	
100-7-10-20 Capital Purchase Expense						
100-7-10-20-830.005 Grader Lease-Principal	37,981.00	38,580.27	0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-20-830.000 Grader Lease - Interest	1,833.00	1,234.57	0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-20-830.001 Fire Truck Lease - Principal	13,772.00	13,771.75	14,225.00	14,224.79	14,692.74	
100-7-10-20-830.002 Fire Truck Lease - Interest	5,263.00	5,263.45	4,811.00	4,810.41	4,342.46	
100-7-10-20-830.003 930M Loader Lease-Principal	0.00	23,693.60	23,693.60	20,732.45	21,198.94	
100-7-10-20-830.004 930M Loader Lease-Interest	0.00	0.00	2,961.15	2,961.15	2,494.66	
Subtotal	58,849.00	82,543.64	45,690.75	42,728.80	42,728.80	
		general				

TOWN OF ROCHESTER GENERAL FUND - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017		July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
	FY 17		FY 18		FY 19	
100-7-10-21 Salaries						
100-7-10-21-110.000 Salaries Asst Clerk/Treas	15,067.00	15,647.50	16,045.00	8,778.00	16,628.00	
100-7-10-21-110.005 Salaries Animal Control	500.00	500.00	500.00		500.00	
100-7-10-21-110.015 Salaries Health Officer	800.00	627.77	875.00	294.00	893.00	
100-7-10-21-110.020 Salaries Housekeeping	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00		3,500.00	
100-7-10-21-110.030 Salaries Selectboard	20,828.00	20,828.00	21,141.00	11,120.06	21,564.00	
100-7-10-21-110.035 Salaries Town Clerk	16,171.00	16,170.78	16,407.00	9,098.18	16,735.00	
100-7-10-21-110.040 Salaries Town Treasurer	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	812.50	1,500.00	
100-7-10-21-110.041 Selbd Secretary	21,320.00	16,753.63	21,642.00	7,954.00	22,075.00	
100-7-10-21-110.050 Selbd Admin Asst	80,186.00	76,027.68	82,110.00	38,556.74	83,895.00	
Subtotal						
100-7-10-22 Library Expenses						
100-7-10-22-890.000 Library Exp Transfer Out	36,300.00	36,300.00	37,000.00	20,522.50	40,625.00	
Subtotal	36,300.00	36,300.00	37,000.00	20,522.50	40,625.00	
100-7-10-25 General Office Expenses						
100-7-10-25-533.000 Bank Charges	25.00	236.85	25.00		25.00	
100-7-10-25-330.000 Office Outside Audit	8,250.00	8,250.00	8,700.00	7,877.67	8,500.00	
100-7-10-25-330.005 Website Management	350.00	607.57	350.00	350.00	350.00	
100-7-10-25-333.000 Legal Services	3,000.00	6,446.79	3,000.00	1,683.70	7,500.00	
100-7-10-25-340.000 Tax Mapping	800.00	800.00	800.00		800.00	
100-7-10-25-410.000 Office Electricity	2,000.00	2,072.73	2,000.00	1,024.74	2,200.00	
100-7-10-25-411.000 Office Water/Sewer	320.00	430.79	320.00	75.00	320.00	
100-7-10-25-421.000 Office Trash Removal	200.00	147.00	200.00	68.00	0.00	
100-7-10-25-440.000 Office Equip/Rep/Rental	1,800.00	1,319.42	1,300.00	1,105.68	2,250.00	
100-7-10-25-530.000 Office Telephone	2,000.00	2,243.92	2,000.00	1,072.61	2,000.00	
100-7-10-25-531.000 Office Postage	3,000.00	2,842.45	2,500.00	748.16	2,500.00	
100-7-10-25-540.000 Office Printing/Adv	2,500.00	2,758.11	3,000.00	130.37	3,000.00	
100-7-10-25-565.000 Meetings/Education	500.00	275.00	250.00	115.00	150.00	
100-7-10-25-580.000 Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-25-610.000 Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,348.86	2,000.00	1,097.57	2,000.00	
100-7-10-25-624.000 Office Fuel	3,500.00	1,909.22	3,000.00		2,000.00	
100-7-10-25-641.000 Office Computer/Software	1,000.00	3,122.03	1,000.00	140.05	1,000.00	
100-7-10-25-641.005 Computer Disaster Recover	620.00	671.96	1,000.00	692.12	1,180.00	
100-7-10-25-740.000 Office Equipment	0.00	158.00	1,275.00		200.00	
100-7-10-25-990.000 Miscellaneous	100.00	668.33	100.00		100.00	
Subtotal	31,965.00	37,309.03	32,820.00	16,180.67	36,075.00	
100-7-10-26 Buildings & Grounds						
100-7-10-26-422.000 Sidewalk Plowing	4,200.00	4,044.96	4,200.00	2,142.87	5,000.00	
100-7-10-26-430.000 Bldg/Grounds-General M/R	0.00	7,170.64	0.00	325.00	0.00	
100-7-10-26-430.005 Bldg./Ground Athletic Fie	2,000.00	1,753.80	2,221.44	1,480.96	2,260.00	
100-7-10-26-430.025 Bldg./Grnd Office Repairs	500.00	1,269.80	500.00	350.00	500.00	
100-7-10-26-430.026 Bldg./Grounds Office Mowing	708.00	692.18	888.54	592.36	905.00	
100-7-10-26-430.035 Bldg./Grounds Window Clean	150.00	150.00	150.00	75.00	150.00	
100-7-10-26-430.040 Bldg/Grnds-Town Trash Exp						
100-7-10-26-440.000 Bldg./Ground Port. Toilet	1,500.00	1,889.00	1,700.00	1,686.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-26-532.000 Bldg./Ground Alarm Monito	550.00	272.50	550.00		0.00	
100-7-10-26-622.000 Bldg./Ground Street Light	10,000.00	8,632.40	8,500.00	3,784.04	8,000.00	
Subtotal	19,608.00	25,875.28	18,709.98	10,436.23	20,465.00	

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	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017		July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
100-7-10-27 Solid Waste						
100-7-10-27-421.000 Solid Waste Charges	12,620.00	12,620.12	12,620.00	12,551.78	12,620.00	12,620.00
100-7-10-27-660.000 Solid Waste Recycling	14,400.00	13,800.00	3,600.00	4,800.00	14,400.00	14,400.00
Subtotal	27,020.00	26,420.12	16,220.00	17,351.78	27,020.00	27,020.00
100-7-10-28 General Employee Expenses						
100-7-10-28-210.000 Health Insurance	34,370.00	36,047.00	7,788.00	3,739.39	7,787.88	7,787.88
100-7-10-28-210.001 HRS Excise Tax Exp		18.55			20.00	20.00
100-7-10-28-210.002 Hickcock/Boardman Mgmt.	0.00	950.00	280.00	225.00	280.00	280.00
100-7-10-28-210.005 Life/Disability Ins	1,668.00	1,636.23	400.92	200.46	633.72	633.72
100-7-10-28-210.010 HRA Transfer Out	1,300.00	3,312.44	476.00		577.31	577.31
100-7-10-28-220.000 Social Security	6,060.00	18,677.89	5,823.00	3,292.26	5,959.00	5,959.00
100-7-10-28-230.000 Municipal Retirement	9,603.00	9,629.81	2,065.00	1,156.74	2,106.00	2,106.00
100-7-10-28-250.000 Unemployment Compensation	189.00	1,185.00	171.00	65.52	174.11	174.11
100-7-10-28-260.000 Worker's Comp	327.00	2,288.00	335.00	282.75	242.00	242.00
Insurance Discounts & Credits	-3,145.00		-5,036.00		-2,623.00	-2,623.00
Subtotal	50,372.00	73,744.92	12,302.92	8,962.12	15,157.02	15,157.02
100-7-10-29 Dues & Fees						
100-7-10-29-490.000 County Tax	7,254.00		7,182.00	7,182.00	6,970.00	6,970.00
100-7-10-29-560.000 Green Mtn Economic Dev	561.00	561.00	561.00		556.50	556.50
100-7-10-29-560.005 Two Rivers-Ottauquechee	1,560.00	1,560.00	1,606.00	1,606.00	1,652.00	1,652.00
100-7-10-29-560.010 VLCT Dues	2,195.00	2,203.00	2,278.00	2,278.00	2,280.00	2,280.00
Subtotal	11,570.00	4,324.00	11,627.00	11,066.00	11,458.50	11,458.50
100-7-10-30 General Town Expenses						
100-7-10-30-310.000 Animal Control Exp	700.00	699.98	500.00	187.70	500.00	500.00
100-7-10-30-340.000 Emergency Management	1,500.00	2,205.69	2,200.00		2,200.00	2,200.00
100-7-10-30-424.000 Cemetery Upkeep	13,000.00	22,616.43	10,000.00	9,060.00	10,680.00	10,680.00
100-7-10-30-460.000 Forest Service Rd Agr Exp	0.00	0.00	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,300.00
100-7-10-30-495.001 Repeater Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	300.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
100-7-10-30-520.000 Property Insurance	34,947.00	38,037.00	10,122.00	7,257.00	8,169.00	8,169.00
100-7-10-30-520.001 Prop Insurance-Library	0.00	0.00	2,874.00	2,317.00	0.00	0.00
100-7-10-30-820.000 Site 4 Loan Repmt	733.00	733.03	733.00		0.00	0.00
100-7-10-30-950.000 Kirkpatrick Scholarship	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
100-7-10-30-960.000 Granville First Response					4,500.00	4,500.00
Subtotal	54,080.00	67,492.13	31,929.00	20,121.70	30,549.00	30,549.00
100-7-10-43-430 Park Expenses						
100-7-10-43-430.000 Repairs-Park	250.00	64.95	100.00		100.00	100.00
100-7-10-43-430.001 Park Mowing Exp	1,530.00	864.00	1,920.54	1,280.36	1,921.00	1,921.00
100-7-10-43-430.002 Park-Tree Maintenance	500.00	2,550.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00
100-7-10-43-430.003 Park Lawn Maintenance	1,000.00	700.18	0.00		0.00	0.00
100-7-10-43-430.004 Tri-Town Youth Raking	500.00	500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00
100-7-10-43-430.006 Park-Electricity	325.00	200.55	325.00	125.74	250.00	250.00
100-7-10-43-430.007 Misc Exp-Park	450.00	190.00	300.00		200.00	200.00
100-7-10-43-430.008 Skatespace/Winterfest	1,600.00	1,804.79	2,060.00	884.90	2,800.00	2,800.00
Subtotal	6,155.00	6,874.47	6,705.54	2,468.00	7,271.00	7,271.00

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	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017		July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
	FY 17		FY 18		FY 19	
100-7-10-44-346 Recreation Dept						
100-7-10-44-346.001 Summer Concerts	2,700.00	2,699.00	2,500.00	2,575.00	2,600.00	
100-7-10-44-346.002 July 4th Parade Expenses	350.00	92.60	350.00	60.00	100.00	
100-7-10-44-346.003 Youth Sports Expenses	2,560.00	2,930.28	3,060.00	958.64	2,000.00	
100-7-10-44-346.004 Misc Exp-Recreation	500.00	15.94	650.00	55.94	400.00	
100-7-10-44-346.005 Rec Dept Salaries	3,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00	
100-7-10-44-346.006 Salary Expenses	443.00		0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-44-220.000 Social Security	0.00		92.00		92.00	
100-7-10-44-250.000 Unemployment	0.00		6.00		6.00	
100-7-10-44-260.000 Work Comp	0.00	146.00	68.00	74.00	68.00	
100-7-10-44-346.007 One Planet Scholarship	0.00		1,920.00	1,920.00	1,920.00	
Subtotal	9,753.00	7,083.82	9,846.00	5,643.58	8,386.00	
100-7-10-60 Constable Expenses						
100-7-10-60-110.000 Constable Salary	22,646.00	19,013.45	23,300.00	9,942.85	22,425.00	
100-7-10-60-431.001 Salary Expenses	3,477.00	1,615.00	0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-60-220.000 Social Security	0.00		1,742.00	747.86	1,716.00	
100-7-10-60-250.000 Unemployment	0.00		115.00	43.68	112.00	
100-7-10-60-260.000 Work Comp	0.00		1,945.00	1,718.47	2,007.00	
100-7-10-60-431.000 Constable Equipment exp	300.00	852.19	300.00	629.49	400.00	
100-7-10-60-432.000 Constable Cruiser Expense	600.00	271.58	750.00	1,626.61	1,250.00	
100-7-10-60-520.000 Constable Prop/Auto Ins	0.00		8,026.00	6,676.00	8,100.00	
100-7-10-60-530.000 Constable Cell/Office	2,400.00	2,608.31	2,000.00	607.63	2,000.00	
100-7-10-60-565.000 Constable Training	100.00	123.50	80.00	75.00	80.00	
100-7-10-60-610.000 Constable Supplies/gear	550.00	651.10	500.00	358.60	500.00	
100-7-10-60-626.000 Constable Cruiser Gas	2,200.00	1,681.20	2,200.00	666.77	1,700.00	
100-7-10-60-655.000 Constable Special Service	150.00	577.50	0.00		0.00	
Subtotal	32,423.00	27,393.83	40,958.00	23,092.96	40,290.00	
100-7-10-70 Fire Dept. Expenses						
100-7-10-70-110.000 Fire Dept. Salaries	4,750.00	4,285.00	5,000.00	4,060.00	5,000.00	
100-7-10-70-430.000 FD Building Rep/Maint	500.00	815.00	500.00		500.00	
100-7-10-70-431.000 Fire Dept Air Compressor	800.00	595.00	700.00	595.00	700.00	
100-7-10-70-431.001 Air Pack Replacement	5,000.00	3,600.00	5,700.00		4,300.00	
100-7-10-70-432.000 Fire Dept. Truck Maint	2,000.00	923.67	2,000.00	130.33	1,500.00	
100-7-10-70-520.000 FD Prop/Auto Insurance	0.00		6,304.00	5,506.00	6,300.00	
100-7-10-70-530.000 Fire Dept. Phone/Internet	1,300.00	1,621.48	300.00	501.89	400.00	
100-7-10-70-532.000 Fire Dept W/S, Alarm	700.00	324.70	700.00	482.60	500.00	
100-7-10-70-540.000 Fire Dept. Printing/Adv	50.00		100.00		100.00	
100-7-10-70-560.000 Fire Dept Dues	500.00		500.00	340.00	500.00	
100-7-10-70-565.000 Fire Dept. Meetings/Edu	1,500.00	198.00	500.00		500.00	
100-7-10-70-610.000 Fire Dept. Hoses	1,000.00	2,836.45	1,500.00	1,910.27	2,000.00	
100-7-10-70-610.005 Fire Dept. Clothing/Gear	3,500.00	6,252.42	3,000.00	667.94	4,000.00	
100-7-10-70-610.015 Fire Dept. Small Tools	1,500.00	1,861.05	2,500.00	187.20	2,500.00	
100-7-10-70-610.020 Fire Dept Supplies/Repair	2,000.00	3,646.02	2,500.00	2,845.56	3,000.00	
100-7-10-70-622.000 Fire Dept Electricity	1,600.00	1,652.18	1,600.00	717.95	1,800.00	
100-7-10-70-626.000 Fire Dept Gas/Oil/Grease	1,000.00	665.11	1,000.00	171.21	1,000.00	
100-7-10-70-626.001 Fire House Heat	2,500.00	1,481.28	1,600.00	180.32	1,700.00	
100-7-10-70-740.000 Fire Dept. Radios/Pagers	3,500.00	3,691.32	3,500.00		2,000.00	
100-7-10-70-990.000 Fire Dept. Miscellaneous	300.00		300.00		300.00	
100-7-10-70-430.001 Workers Comp	1,684.00	1,614.00	1,615.00	1,072.00	1,301.00	
Subtotal	35,684.00	36,062.68	41,419.00	19,368.27	39,901.00	

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	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017		July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	Budget
100-7-10-80 Listers Expenses						
100-7-10-80-110.000 Listers Salaries	2,000.00	3,903.25	3,000.00	1,413.75	5,000.00	
100-7-10-80-110.001 Listers Salary Expense	258.00	298.59	258.00		0.00	
100-7-10-80-220.000 Social Security	0.00		153.00	108.15	382.00	
100-7-10-80-260.000 Work Comp	0.00		9.00		21.50	
100-7-10-80-530.008 Listers Telephone	450.00	427.63	450.00	174.97	0.00	
100-7-10-80-565.000 Listers Meetings/Education	200.00	270.00	300.00		450.00	
100-7-10-80-580.000 Listers Mileage	70.00	338.12	50.00	166.92	300.00	
100-7-10-80-610.000 Listers Supplies	200.00	215.00	200.00		250.00	
100-7-10-80-990.000 Listers Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00			
Subtotal	3,178.00	5,452.59	4,420.00	1,863.79	6,403.50	
100-7-10-82 Planning/Zoning Expenses						
100-7-10-82-540.000 P/Z Printing/Adv	300.00	52.10	300.00		300.00	
100-7-10-99-110.002 Town Plan Expenses						
100-7-10-82-990.000 P/Z Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00		650.00	
Subtotal	300.00	52.10	300.00	0.00	950.00	
Grant Expenses:						
100-7-10-99-106.003 VCDP-Park Hse Implem	0.00		0.00	406,136.00	0.00	
100-7-10-99-106.002 VCDP-Architect-Park Hse	0.00	92,176.00	0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-99-107.002 CDBG New Park Grant Exp	0.00	55,085.44	0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-99-109.002 Const. 2016 Incentive Gr	0.00	8,424.00	0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-99-109.003 Cons 2017 Incentive Gr	0.00	5,103.83	0.00	941.41	0.00	
100-7-10-99-110.002 MPG Town Plan 17-18						
100-7-10-99-116.000 Constable DPS Vest Grant	0.00	1,598.00	0.00		0.00	
350-7-10-xxx.xxx CWRLF Sewer Loan Exp		0.00				
Grant Expense Subtotal	0.00	162,387.27	0.00	407,077.41	0.00	
Total Expenses	544,381.00	767,431.84	481,240.05	710,882.01	514,751.77	

TOWN OF ROCHESTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SELECTBOARD BUDGET REPORT

	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017		July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	FY 19
HIGHWAY INCOME						
100-6-10-00-300.005 Current Taxes	329,158.00	340,120.98	369,203.88	213,602.63	390,689.08	
100-6-10-00-300.040 State Aid to Roads	108,000.00	109,078.54	108,000.00	54,505.60	108,000.00	
100-6-10-00-300.055 Forest Service Rd. Agree.	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,300.00		2,300.00	
100-6-10-00-300.205 Pittsfield W/M	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00		2,200.00	
100-6-10-00-300.210 Fed PILT FS Land-Hwy	20,000.00	31,503.00	20,000.00		25,000.00	
Subtotal	461,658.00	485,202.52	501,703.88	268,108.23	528,189.08	
Grant Income						
100-6-10-99-102.000 AOT Bike/ Ped Grant	0.00	1,496.14	0.00	5,172.12	0.00	
100-6-10-99-102.001 VTRANS Park & Ride		2,849.29			0.00	
100-6-10-99-103.002 Improv Proj Maple Hill Inc.	0.00	131,543.00	0.00	235,274.37	0.00	
100-6-10-99-115.000 West Hill Slide Grant Inc		895,875.15	0.00		0.00	
Subtotal	0.00	1,031,763.58	0.00	240,446.49	0.00	
Utilization of Highway Fund Balance	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	19,000.00	
Subtotal Highway Income	471,658.00	1,526,966.10	511,703.88	508,554.72	547,189.08	
HIGHWAY EXPENSES						
100-7-10-50-110.000 Highway Regular Time	113,100.00	117,234.51	114,795.00	54,028.68	116,625.40	
100-7-10-50-130.000 Highway Overtime	15,000.00	20,052.15	15,000.00	6,808.48	15,000.00	
100-7-10-50-130.001 Salary Expenses	21,258.00	11,028.00	0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-50-210.000 Highway Health Insurance	0.00		31,718.00	11,348.09	27,500.00	
100-7-10-50-210.001 Hickock/Boardman Mgmt.	0.00		840.00		840.00	
100-7-10-50-210.005 Life/Disability Ins	0.00		980.88	569.58	981.00	
100-7-10-50-210.010 Health Equity HR	0.00		1,950.00		650.00	
100-7-10-50-220.000 Social Security	0.00		9,929.00	4,629.22	10,069.00	
100-7-10-50-230.000 Municipal Retirement	0.00		7,139.00	3,408.56	7,239.40	
100-7-10-50-250.000 Unemployment	0.00		260.00	92.82	264.00	
100-7-10-50-260.000 Work Comp	0.00		13,031.00	11,663.00	12,412.28	
100-7-10-50-411.000 Garage-Water/Sewer	200.00	178.30	200.00	48.10	200.00	
100-7-10-50-411.005 Town of Braintree W/M	6,000.00	4,012.47	6,000.00	3,423.66	6,000.00	
100-7-10-50-421.000 Trash Removal	250.00	257.20	250.00	35.00	0.00	
100-7-10-50-424.000 Mowing/Brush Removal	6,000.00	8,950.00	0.00		16,000.00	
100-7-10-50-430.000 Garage-Bldg Maint/Repair	3,000.00	2,325.09	3,000.00	10.58	3,000.00	
100-7-10-50-431.000 EQ Parts/Repairs/Supplies	29,200.00	36,462.39	35,000.00	9,352.22	35,000.00	
100-7-10-50-431.005 Town Garage Radio Expense	500.00	705.30	500.00		700.00	
100-7-10-50-441.010 Town of Stockbridge W/M	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	
100-7-10-50-442.000 Equipment Rental	2,000.00	55.04	0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-50-450.000 Contracted Srvc-Ditching	13,000.00	3,282.50	8,000.00	1,010.00	13,400.00	

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100-7-10-50-460.000 Bridge & Bandrails						33.30			0.00
100-7-10-50-460.005 Culverts & Bands	13,000.00	1,181.20				1,413.00	7,000.00		7,000.00
100-7-10-50-460.015 Resurfacing	30,000.00	63,715.65					40,000.00		50,000.00
100-7-10-50-520.000 Hwy Prop/Auto/Liab Ins	0.00						10,111.00	7,558.00	7,558.00
100-7-10-50-530.000 Garage-Telephone	400.00	427.78					400.00	174.91	450.00
100-7-10-50-540.000 Advertising	400.00	103.92					200.00	140.39	200.00
100-7-10-50-565.000 Highway - Education	300.00	45.00					300.00	0.00	300.00
100-7-10-50-610.000 Gas. Oil. Grease	38,000.00	23,618.12					30,000.00	6,570.77	30,000.00
100-7-10-50-610.005 Small Tools	750.00	1,522.09					750.00	867.84	1,500.00
100-7-10-50-610.010 Supplies	1,200.00	160.42					1,000.00	93.27	200.00
100-7-10-50-610.015 Clothing Allowance	1,200.00	1,192.79					1,500.00	450.63	1,800.00
100-7-10-50-611.000 Chloride	7,000.00	5,040.00					7,500.00	2,724.20	8,000.00
100-7-10-50-611.005 Salt	32,500.00	34,392.67					40,000.00	7,973.70	40,000.00
100-7-10-50-622.000 Garage-Electricity	1,500.00	1,804.88					2,000.00	700.89	2,000.00
100-7-10-50-624.000 Garage-Heat	3,500.00	3,743.82					3,500.00	170.68	4,000.00
100-7-10-50-650.000 Gravel	85,000.00	84,202.57					85,000.00	59,502.10	92,000.00
100-7-10-50-650.005 Sand	25,000.00	19,910.88					31,000.00	21,338.97	33,500.00
100-7-10-50-651.000 Paint Crosswalks	300.00	511.28					500.00	-230.77	550.00
100-7-10-50-651.005 Road Signs & Posts	1,500.00						750.00	98.85	750.00
100-7-10-50-655.000 Spec Proj-W Hill Slide	19,000.00						0.00		0.00
100-7-10-50-655.000 Spec Proj-N Hollow Culv	0.00	485.20					0.00		0.00
100-7-10-50-655.003 Ditching	0.00	5,400.00					0.00		0.00
100-7-10-50-990.000 Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00						100.00	0.00	0.00
Grant Expenses	471,658.00	453,501.22					511,703.88	216,008.72	547,189.08
Subtotal									
100-7-10-99-100.000 BBR Grant Exp	0.00	150.00					0.00		0.00
100-7-10-99-102.000 VT AOT Bike/Ped Expenses	0.00	7,409.19					0.00		0.00
100-7-10-99-102.001 VTRANS Park & Ride	0.00	2,849.29					0.00	71.85	0.00
100-7-10-99-102.002 VTRANS Fed Grant-Beth Mt	0.00	131,542.98					0.00	8,600.00	0.00
100-7-10-99-103.002 Improv. Prj Maple Hill Exp	0.00	924,006.22					0.00	23,052.00	0.00
100-7-10-99-103.003 Marine Hill Culv Exp	0.00						0.00	258,647.90	0.00
100-7-10-99-115.000 West Hill Slide	0.00						0.00		0.00
100-7-10-99-114.002 FEMA July 2017 Beth Mt	0.00	775.50						2,174.25	0.00
100-7-10-99-117.000 USFS Rd Culverts Exp	0.00	1,066,733.18							0.00
Subtotal Grant Expenses	0.00	1,520,234.40					0.00	292,546.00	0.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	471,658.00	1,520,234.40					511,703.88	508,554.72	547,189.08

TOWN OF ROCHESTER APPROPRIATIONS AND VOTED ARTICLES - SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017		July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018		July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Proposed Budget	
100-7-10-91 Appropriations						
100-7-10-91-950.001 American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
100-7-10-91-950.003 Capstone Community Action	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
100-7-10-91-950.015 Central VT Council on Agi	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-7-10-91-950.020 Clara Martin Center	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	2,066.00	
100-7-10-91-950.022 One Planet (RES)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-7-10-91-950.025 Green Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
100-7-10-91-950.029 Orange Cty Parent Child C	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
100-7-10-91-950.030 Quintown Senior Center	9,144.00	9,144.00	9,380.00	9,380.00	9,380.00	
100-7-10-91-950.035 Stagecoach	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	
100-7-10-91-950.045 Visiting Nurses VT/NH	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	
100-7-10-91-950.050 White River Partnership	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00	
100-7-10-91-950.051 WRVA Rescue Svcs	68,318.00	62,635.50	68,340.00	34,170.00	71,757.00	
100-7-10-91-950.055 Windsor Co Partners	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	
100-7-10-91-950.060 Women Safe Inc	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	500.00	
100-7-10-91-950.064 VACD Dry Hydrant Prog					100.00	
100-7-10-91-950.065 VT Trails & Greenways	0.00		35.00	35.00	0.00	
100-7-10-91-950.070 Safeline	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	500.00	
Subtotal	93,503.00	87,820.50	93,546.00	59,376.00	96,428.00	
100-7-10-92 Rsvr Transfrs/Voted Articles						
100-7-10-92-000.001 Cemetery Res Trsf Ou	0.00		0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-92-000.002 Emerg Mgmt Rsv Trsf	0.00		0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-92-000.003 FD Bldg Rsv Trsf Out	0.00		0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-92-000.004 FD Equip Rsv Trsf Ou	15,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.02	15,000.00	
100-7-10-92-000.005 Hwy Equip Rsv Trsf O	70,000.00	70,000.00	80,000.00	40,006.02	60,000.00	
100-7-10-92-000.006 Planning Rsv Trsf Ou	0.00		0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-92-000.007 Record Pres Rsv Trsf	0.00		0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-92-000.008 Cruiser Rsv Trsf Out	0.00		0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-92-000.010 Tennis Rsv Trsf Out	0.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	
100-7-10-92-000.011 Library Rsv Trsf Out	0.00		0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-92-000.013 HRA-Transfer Out	0.00		0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-92-000.014 Town Building Res Trsf Ou	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.04	15,000.00	
100-7-10-92-000.015 Reappraisal Res Trsf Out	0.00		0.00		0.00	
100-7-10-27-660.000 Solid Waste Recycling			10,800.00		0.00	
100-7-10-22-890.000 Library Expenses			4,045.00		0.00	
Subtotal	90,000.00	90,000.00	125,845.00	55,006.08	91,000.00	
Total Voted Articles and Appropriations	183,503.00	177,820.50	219,391.00	114,382.08	187,428.00	

ROCHESTER TOWN GENERAL ACCOUNT
Summary of Budget, Revenue and Expense

	FY 17		FY 18		FY 19
	Voted Budget	Actual 12 months	Voted Budget	Actual 6 months	
Rochester Town					
REVENUE:					
Property Taxes:	339,764	208,618	278,933	315,555	313,210
Non-Tax Revenue:	204,617	504,829	202,307	560,706	201,542
TOTAL REVENUE: [Prop + Non-tax revenue]	544,381	713,447	481,240	876,262	514,752
					7%
EXPENSE:					
Total Finance Expenses:	86,938	92,088	89,182	65,441	103,577
Total Capital Purchase Expense:	58,849	82,544	45,691	42,729	42,729
Total General Town Salaries:	80,186	76,028	82,110	38,557	83,895
Library Expense:	36,300	36,300	37,000	20,523	40,625
General Office Expense:	31,965	37,309	32,820	16,181	36,075
Buildings and Grounds:	19,608	25,875	18,710	10,436	20,465
Solid Waste:	27,020	26,420	16,220	17,352	27,020
General Employee Expenses:	50,372	73,745	12,303	8,962	15,157
Dues and Fees:	11,570	4,324	11,627	11,066	11,459
General Town Expenses	54,080	67,492	31,929	20,122	30,549
Park Expenses	6,155	6,874	6,706	2,468	7,271
Recreation Dept. Expenses:	9,753	7,084	9,846	5,644	8,386
Constable Expenses:	32,423	27,394	40,958	23,093	40,290
Fire Department Expenses:	35,684	36,063	41,419	19,368	39,901
Listers Expenses:	3,178	5,453	4,420	1,864	6,404
Planning/Zoning Expenses:	300	52	300	0	950
Grant Expenses:		162,387	0	407,077	0
Grand Total GEN. FUND EXPENSE:	544,381	767,432	481,240	710,882	514,752
					7%
HIGHWAY:					
REVENUE:					
Property Taxes:	329,158	340,121	369,204	213,603	390,689
Non-Tax Revenue:	142,500	1,186,845	142,500	294,952	156,500
Total REVENUE:	471,658	1,526,966	511,704	508,555	547,189
					6%
EXPENSE:					
Highway Expenses	471,658	453,501	511,704	216,009	547,189
Highway Grant Expense	0	1,066,733	0	292,546	0
Total HIGHWAY EXPENSE:	471,658	1,520,234	511,704	508,555	547,189
					6%
APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:					
Total Community Requests:	93,503	87,821	93,546	59,376	96,428
Total Voted Articles:	90,000	90,000	125,845	55,006	91,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:	183,503	177,821	219,391	114,382	187,428
					-17%
Total Income: X + Y + C	1,199,542	2,418,234	1,212,335	1,499,198	1,249,369
Total Expense : A + B + C	1,199,542	2,465,487	1,212,335	1,333,819	1,249,369
					3%
Audit Reconciliation FY 17	Total Income	\$ 2,418,234	\$ 2,465,487	\$ 2,465,487	Total Expense
	Fund Bal Utilization	(10,000)	(10,000)	(129,612)	reserve funds, HRA
	Cemetery fund	(15,000)	(15,000)	155,300	Capital Lease Loader
	Audited Income	\$ 2,393,234	\$ 2,393,234	\$ 2,491,175	Audited Exp

BUDGET AND TAX SUMMARY						
	FY '17	FY '18	FY '19	Proposed More or (Less) than last Year's Budget		
	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed			
General Town Budget	544,381	481,240	514,752	33,512		7.0%
General Town Revenue (non-tax)	(204,617)	(202,307)	(201,542)	765		-0.4%
Town Funds Required	\$ 339,764	\$ 278,933	\$ 313,210	34,277		12.3%
Highway Budget	471,658	511,704	547,189	35,485		6.9%
Highway Revenue (non-tax)	(132,500)	(132,500)	(137,500)	(5,000)		3.8%
Utilization of Highway Fund Balance	(10,000)	(10,000)	(19,000)			0.0%
Highway Funds Required	\$ 329,158	\$ 369,204	\$ 390,689	21,485		5.8%
Community Agencies Requests	93,503	93,546	96,428	2,882		3.1%
Voted Articles	90,000	125,845	91,000	(34,845)		-27.7%
Appropriation Funds Required	\$ 183,503	\$ 219,391	\$ 187,428	(31,963)		-14.6%
Grand Total Budget and Appropriations: X + Y + C	\$ 1,199,542	\$ 1,212,335	\$ 1,249,369	\$ 37,034		3.1%
Grand Total Property Tax Required: A + B + C	\$ 852,425	\$ 867,528	\$ 891,327	\$ 23,799		2.7%
FY 19 Budget Article and Property Tax Summary						
Town and Highway Budget Article:					To raise from taxes:	
X. General Town Budget:	514,752				A. Town Funds Required:	313,210
Y. Highway Budget:	547,189				B. Highway funds required:	390,689
Total amount for Town Budget Article:	\$ 1,061,941				Total amount to raise from taxes for Town and Highway:	\$ 703,899
C. Proposed Appropriations and Voted Articles:	\$ 187,428					\$ 187,428
Grand Total Appropriations, Town, and Highway Budgets:	\$ 1,249,369				Grand Total of Property Tax to be raised:	\$ 891,327

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	
Water Income	Budget	Actual	Budget	6 months	Budget	
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			
Total Water Income	52,700.00	45,020.50	52,700.00	19,446.32	44,443.00	
Water Expenses						
	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	
Total Water Expense	56,800.00	39,501.82	49,969.00	32,162.86	44,407.00	

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
Sewer Income						
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			
Total Sewer Income	63,800.00	55,926.63	63,800.00	27,594.05	55,918.00	
Sewer Expenses						
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	
Total Sewer Expense	58,476.00	49,715.06	52,426.12	30,390.37	52,315.50	

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 4th 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

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	
Total Revenues		63,330.00	65,278.45	65,650.00	35,531.39	72,036.15
Expenses						
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
Total General Expenses		63,330.00	57,348.60	66,394.82	25,559.82	67,036.15
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
Total Expenditures		63,330.00	72,963.72	66,394.82	25,559.82	72,036.15

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

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 nd 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 50th 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.

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.

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 47th 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.

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-6th 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.

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 Conservation 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

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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 (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 2nd 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/>

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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.

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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.

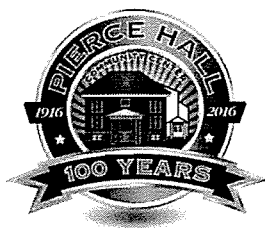
Park House is many things to many people, including a community center and an historical landmark, but above all, it is home to up to 16 residents seeking out companionship, assistance, and community. Residents of Park House are as diverse as all of our community's members. Some live on fixed incomes 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

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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, 4th 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 4th 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 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

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!

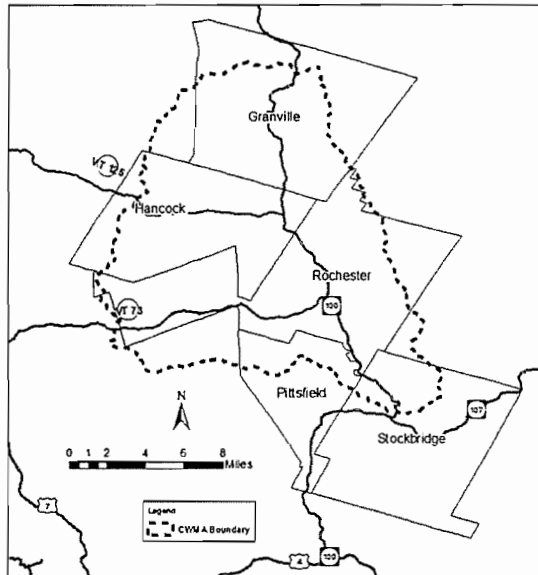
RHS is assisting the Rochester School in providing historical information for an exhibit to recognize the closure of Rochester's Middle and High Schools. It is hoped that many Alumni will join the 2018 graduating class at this final Rochester School graduation on the park.

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, 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 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

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.

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.

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

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.**

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.

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 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-6th 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
802-763-7775, ext 4

ROCHESTER LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

RECEIVED APR 25 2017

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):

Doon Hinderyckx
4/20/17

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 1st.

Response and Recovery Guidelines

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

1) Establish an Incident Command Structure and make appropriate local decisions			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
a. Identify the Incident Commander			<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"/>	

2) Delegate Authorities to Incident Commander and request Declaration if appropriate			<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"/>	

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

4) Alert the general population and evacuate as needed			<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"/>	

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

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)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Time
Notify the American Red Cross that shelters are needed				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Contact Shelter Manager				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shelter Name	Physical Address/Location of the Shelter	Shelter Phone # and Manager Name	# of occupants	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rochester Elementary School	222 South Main St	Janice McCann 802 767-3667		<input type="checkbox"/>	Opened:
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Closed:
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Opened:
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Closed:
				<input type="checkbox"/>	Opened:
				<input type="checkbox"/>	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!



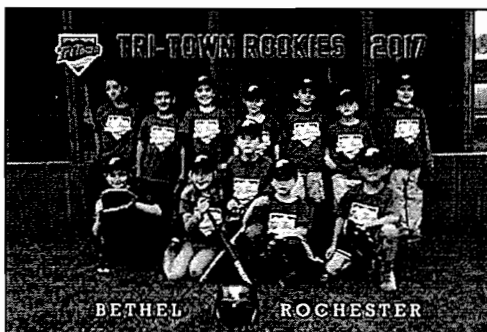
Youth Sports

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(Thraikill) Anne	Thraikill 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