

*~Town of Bridgewater~*

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*2016 Annual Report*

*Town & School District*

*(For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016)*

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## *Dedication*



The Town of Bridgewater very respectfully dedicates this town report to David Jenne. David came to work for the town highway department in May of 1988 and retired at the end of July, 2016. For 28 years, David plowed, sanded and maintained our roads to the very highest standards. We could always count on David to be out on the roads during storms usually before most of us are out of bed. David's dedication to the town and citizens was very evident in the pride he took with the trucks and machinery that he drove. We are very thankful and proud to have had David's service for 28 years and wish him all the best in "retirement".

## **Town Reminders:**

Fast Trash at the Town Garage – Saturday mornings - 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Direct questions to: ABLE Waste Management 672-3569

- ❖ **January 01, 2017 - April 3, 2017** - Remember to License your Dog/Wolf Hybrid  
Call the Town Clerk if you have questions.
  
- ❖ **March 7, 2017** Town Meeting Day 9:00 a.m. BVS Multi-purpose room
  
- Town Office:**  
 WUHS Budget Vote - Australian Ballot 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
 ACT 46 Unified Union School District Vote –Australian Ballot -7:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.  
 Unified Union School District Board Members Vote –Australian Ballot -7:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.
  
- ❖ **April 1, 2017** Property Assessment Date – Property is assessed each year as  
of this date.
  
- ❖ **April 15, 2017** File State Form - HS 122 for residency declaration.
  
- ❖ **May 1, 2017** Liquor License Renewal Date.
  
- ❖ **June 2017** Lister Grievances
  
- ❖ **August 2, 2017** Tax Bills mailed.
  
- ❖ **November 1, 2017** Property Taxes Due – Please remember that taxes paid after  
this date are considered late, and subject to interest & penalty charges.

**Town Permits required:****PERMIT FEES:**

Permit and application fees shall be established by the Selectboard of the Town of Bridgewater, and shall be assessed by the Selectboard or their representative.

**ACCESS / CURB CUT AND RIGHT OF WAY EXCAVATION**

(Creating a driveway or road or altering existing driveway or road which accesses on to a town road)

A. Permit Application and Inspection Fee	\$105.00
B. Modification of existing driveway	20.00
C. Culvert replacement/addition	20.00
D. Installation of water/power lines	20.00

**\* SEPTIC**

As of July 1, 2007 – State Permits required- Call 802-885-8855 with any questions.

**GUVSWD LANDFILL STICKER / COUPON**

A. Windshield Sticker	20.00
B. Coupon	43.00

**PERMIT TO BURN BRUSH**

Ken Tarleton, Warden 672-3061

- \* **FLOOD ZONE** - You must apply to build or alter an existing structure in a flood plain area.  
NO building in Flood Way Area.  
Contact Town Office for Application & Permit Fee information.

\* **Reminder**-Please keep your E-911 signs clean and visible. If your sign is missing, contact Steve Hill, our 911 Coordinator.

## **Bridgewater Annual Town & School Meeting March 1, 2016**

The 2016 Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Norman (Nope) Martin, Chairman, who asked for nominations for a school and town moderator. Andy Bird nominated Bill Berry. No other nominations. Bill Berry was elected moderator for the ensuing year.

Bill made the following announcements:

- \* Location of exits and bathroom facilities. Grange Members are selling refreshments.
- \* Town Meeting procedure and reminded the audience that in order to vote, they must be checked off the checklist and stamped at the entrance.
- \* Australian Ballot vote at the Town Office for the Woodstock Union High School Budget & Presidential Primary. Polls are open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. A rabies clinic will be held at the Bridgewater Mill on March 12<sup>th</sup>. from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was said and a moment of silence was held.

Meeting was suspended to allow Representative Job Tate to give an update of legislative acts. Job spoke to the issues going on in Montpelier and his thoughts for the top 5 priorities that they should be working on; State spending, reduce the property tax burden, affordable/quality health care, economic development and reducing the burden of new legislation on municipalities. Fielded questions regarding the Universal Recycling Act #148 and #584 Logging Bill which will have an impact on anyone owing property. Does not think that this bill will get much support.

Article 2: Hank Smith moved and Andy Bird seconded to accept all reports as submitted. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 3: Motion made by Hank Smith and seconded by Andy Bird to appropriate the sum of **\$4,900.** to support the home health maternal and child health and hospice care provided to patients in homes and community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT/NH. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 4: Motion made Andy Bird and seconded by Greg Jenne to appropriate the sum of **\$300.** to the Woodstock Area Job Bank. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 5: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Howard Jonas to appropriate the sum of **\$5,570.** to run the Thompson Senior Center. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 6: Motion made by Greg Jenne and seconded by Andy Bird to appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.** to Woodstock Recreation Center. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 7: Motion was made by Hank Smith and seconded by Greg Jenne to appropriate the sum of **\$750.** to support the programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 8: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Hank Smith to appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.** to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA). Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 9: Motion made by Hank Smith and seconded by Greg Jenne to appropriate the sum of **\$1,500** to support the programming of the Ottauquechee Community Partnership (OCP) and OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 10: Motion was made by Andy Bird and seconded by Greg Jenne to allow the Treasurer to assume the duties of collector of current taxes as per 17 V.S.A. 2646. Motion carried.

Article 11: Motion was made by Andy Bird and seconded by Heather Kennedy to authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$180,000.00 to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department (to replace the 2008 Western Star) to be paid from the Equipment Sinking Fund. Motion carried.

Article 12: Motion made by Andy Bird and seconded by Hank Smith to see if the Town will vote to raise **\$778,367.98** pay its current expenses and pay any part of its debt. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 13: Motion made by Hank Smith and seconded by Andy Bird to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay current expenses. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 14: Motion made by Heather Kennedy and seconded by Owen Astbury to see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Current Tax Collector for collection on August 3, 2016 and to be paid on or before Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 15: The following Town Officers were elected as required by law.

- a. Selectboard (3 yrs.) Mary Oldenburg was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Mary Oldenburg. Motion carried
- b. Town Clerk (3 yrs.) Nancy Robinson was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Nancy Robinson. Motion carried.
- c. Town Treasurer (3 yrs.) Victoria Young was nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Victoria Young. Motion carried.
- d. Lister (3 yrs.) Victoria Young nominated. Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried.
- e. Cemetery Commissioner (3 yrs.) Coleman Hoyt. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- f. Town Constable (1 yr.) Mike Sawyer. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- g. Town Agent (1 yr.) Coleman Hoyt. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- h. Grand Juror (1 yr.) Coleman Hoyt. Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried
- i. Trustee of Public Funds (1 yr.) Henry (Hank) Smith Clerk instructed to cast one ballot. Motion carried

Article 15: Other business – Alice Paglia speaking on behalf of the Grange presented the body with information regarding welcome signs to be placed on the east and west end of Bridgewater and on RT 100A.

This has been a project that the Grange has been working on for a few years. Approx. costs of the 3 signs is \$4,000.00.

Grange has half the money and is ready to proceed with ordering signs. Donations would be appreciated for the balance of the money. Coleman Hoyt spoke of the care and upkeep needed to town and private cemeteries. Any volunteer help would be appreciated.

Jodi Pindt reported that the Bridgewater Celebration B-B-Q will take place on August 20<sup>th</sup>. or 27<sup>th</sup>. Donations would be greatly appreciated to cover the fireworks and other expenses. Solar Launch meeting will be held at the Bridgewater Mill on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Greg Jenne reminded people that when Greening Up or doing any roadside trash pickup to be careful of needles and other hazardous materials.

Being no further discussion, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Town portion of this meeting at 10:05 am. Motion carried.

School portion of meeting came to order at 10:20 am.

Article 2: Andy Bird moved and Greg Jenne seconded to accept all reports of the School District.  
Motion carried.

Article 3: Motion made by Greg Jenne and seconded by Andy Bird to appropriate the sum of \$1,540,907.00 as the amount necessary for the support of the Prosper Valley Joint School beginning July 1, 2016 with Bridgewater's estimated portion being \$692,565.00. Discussion of increase in budget, primarily due to teacher salary increases, increases in health care (7.9%) budget for Pre-K and lower CLA. There are currently 81 students enrolled at Prosper Valley School, 36 from Bridgewater. Finance Director Richard Seaman gave a brief explanation of equalized pupils vs actual student count. School Principal, Lisa Sjostrom spoke to the effect of the joint school on the students – children seem happy, learning and thriving. Many more educational advantaging and “specials”. Does not expect that Prosper Valley School will have Pre-K in house as only a small number (5 or 6) are anticipated. Children can go to a number of other state qualified Pre-K places in the immediate area. Fund have been budgeted to up to 10 hours a week to cover Pre-K charges. Vote was taken by paper ballot as per Joint School Agreement. Yes-62 and No-6. Motion carried.

Article 4: Motion made by Greg Jenne and seconded by Andy Bird to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 as the amount necessary for the operation of the Bridgewater School District, as a legal entity with continuing responsibilities for the year beginning July 1, 2016. Seth Shaw explained that these were funds to stay within the Bridgewater School District to cover any unexpected costs i.e. legal or otherwise not already in the budget. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 5: Bridgewater Village School Director 3 year term: Seth Shaw was nominated. Being no other nominations the clerk was asked to cast one ballot for Seth Shaw. Motion carried.

Article 6: Woodstock Union High School Director 3 year term: Sheryl Phelps was nominated and declined. Sandy Sawyer was then nominated. Being no other nominations, the clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Sandy Sawyer. Motion carried.

Article 7: Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Bridgewater School Directors to transfer a previously established Building Maintenance Reserve Fund in the amount of \$2,588.35 to the Town of Bridgewater for the purpose of maintaining the Bridgewater Village School building. Motion carried.

Article 8: Motion was made by Steve Tarleton and seconded by Andy Bird to authorize the school directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Question raised as to limit of how much could be borrowed. Richard Seaman, Financial Director explained and would have to be paid back within the same year. Motion carried by voice vote.

Article 9: Other business: Seth Shaw thanked several people for their assistance with the move and transition to the Pomfret School last summer. A presentation of Act 46 was given by Justin Shipman. A committee has been formed and is working on bringing this to vote at next year's town meeting.

Being no other school business, the Selectboard took questions regarding the future of the Bridgewater School building. No decisions to date. Result of last summer's survey; 142 were returned. 84 for option #2 to convert building and 48 for #3 to sell. Funds have been donated for engineering/structural survey. Any options for the building will go to the voters.

Being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn the town/ school meeting at 12:00 pm . Motion carried.

William Berry, Moderator

Norman Martin II, Chair

Nancy Robinson, Clerk

89 legal voters were in attendance

Woodstock Union High School Budget Vote: Yes – 180 No – 104 Blank-12

**WARNING FOR  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bridgewater Village School on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 6:30 pm to transact the following business:

1. Elect a Selectboard Member to fill an unexpired three year term until Annual Town Meeting in March.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Bridgewater authorize the Selectboard to demolish the Bridgewater Village School Building located at 7313 US RT 4?
3. Shall the voters establish a reserve fund for the un-expended balance of the fiscal year 15/16 Bridgewater Village School funds to be used for future building expenses?

Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016

Norman Martin II, Chair  
Mary Oldenburg

**BRIDGEWATER SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bridgewater Village School on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 6:30 pm to transact the following business:

Moderator Bill Berry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Announcements of procedure, exits, bathrooms and request to turn off cell phones was made.

Article 1: To elect a Selectboard member to fill an un-expired term until the Annual Town Meeting in March. Nominations were made for Sheryl Phelps, Lynne Bertram and Warren Blanchard Jr.

Bill explained procedure of vote since more than 2 people were nominated.

First vote – Sheryl Phelps 29, Lynne Bertram 39 and Warren Blanchard Jr. 20, no one received majority so second vote was taken. Sheryl Phelps 28, Lynne Bertram 40 and Warren Blanchard Jr., 20, again no one received majority so third vote was taken. Sheryl Phelps 32, Lynne Bertram 46 and Warren Blanchard Jr 12. Lynne Bertram was declared the winner with the majority vote.

Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Bridgewater authorize the Selectboard to demolish the Bridgewater Village School Building located at 7313 US RT 4? Andy Bird moved the question and Charles Astbury seconded the motion. Brian Bontrager than moved to table the article for 60 days so that more information could be obtained. Moderator Bill Berry did not accept this motion as he felt that people were here to discuss the school and wanted to give them a chance to discuss the motion as warned. Discussion ensued as to costs of demolition (approx.\$100,000), building upkeep, might selling building be a better option, project would be bid out, need for updated fire station building, community building.

At this point Bill asked if Brian Bontrager wanted to put his amendment to table the article for 60 days back on the floor. Brian moved and Melissa Walker seconded the motion. Jim Bulmer moved the question. Voice vote was taken, to close to call. Paper ballot was then taken. Yes – 35 No-50. Motion to table vote for 60 days was defeated. Back to main motion to demolish building. Paper ballot was taken Yes-47 No-37. Motion carried.

Article 3. Shall the voters establish a reserve fund for the un-expended fiscal year 15/16 Bridgewater Village School Funds? Motion was moved and seconded. Town Treasurer, Vicky Young explained that approx. \$51,000 was left from last year's school budget line item after expenses were paid. This amount also includes an insurance settlement due to frozen pipes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Being no further business, the motion was made to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm.

William Berry  
Moderator

Norman (Nope) Martin,  
Selectboard Chair

Nancy Robinson  
Town Clerk

91 legal voters attended meeting

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

<b>Moderator:</b>	
William Berry	2016-2017
<b>Town Clerk:</b>	
Nancy Robinson	2016-2019
<b>Town-School Treasurer:</b>	
Victoria Young	2016-2019
<b>Selectboard:</b>	
John Timken	2014-2017 *
Lynne Bertram	2016-2017
Norman Martin II	2015-2018
Mary Oldenburg	2016-2019
<b>Bridgewater School Director:</b>	
Jennifer Gieseke	2015-2017 *
Joshua Gregg	2016-2017
Justin Shipman	2015-2018
Seth Shaw	2016-2019
<b>WUHS Director:</b>	
Brian Bontrager	2014-2017 *
Perrin Worrell	2016-2017
Sandra Sawyer	2016-2019
<b>Listers:</b>	
Tom Standish	2014-2017
William Young	2015-2018
Victoria Young	2016-2019
<b>Cemetery Commissions:</b>	
Paul Hutt	2014-2017
Jim Bulmer	2015-2018
Coleman Hoyt	2016-2019
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector:</b>	
Joni Kennedy	2015-2018
<b>Town Constable:</b>	
Mike Sawyer	2016-2017
<b>Grand Juror:</b>	
Coleman Hoyt	2016-2017
<b>Town Agent:</b>	
Coleman Hoyt	2016-2017
<b>Trustee of Public Funds:</b>	
Henry Smith	2016-2017

- Resigned – Lynne Bertram voted to replace
- Resigned – Joshua Gregg appointed
- Resigned – Perrin Worrell appointed

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

**Health Officer:**

Kathleen Paglia 2018

**Deputy Health Officer:**

Edwin Earle 2017

**Road Commissioner:**

Norman Martin II 2017

**Fence Viewers:**

Clifford Geno 2017

Andy Bird 2017

Owen Astbury 2017

**Tree Warden:**

Gerry Hawkes 2017

**Poundkeeper:**

Woodstock Animal Care 2017

**Forest Fire Warden:**

Kenneth Tarleton 2017 (state appointment)

**Weigher of Coal:**

John Timken, Jr. 2017 \*

**Inspector of Lumber:**

Norman (Nope) Martin 2017

**Planning Commission:** (4 year terms)

Owen Astbury 2019

Lynne Bertram 2018

Brian Bontrager 2019

Bruce Maxham 2020

Roy Wardwell 2018

**E 9-1-1 Coordinator:**

Steve Hill 2017

**Emergency Management Coordinator:** 2017

Josh Maxham

**Board of Civil Authority/Justice of the Peace: (Terms Expire 2/01/19)**

Jim Bulmer

Gregory Jenne

Gloria Martin

Jerry Oppenheimer

Donna Williamson

- Resigned

## TOWN WARNING 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet in the basement of the Bridgewater School in said town on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business, viz:

1. To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.
2. To accept all reports as submitted in the 2016 Annual Report
3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$4,900.** to help support the home health, maternal and child health and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for VT and NH. (see report page 45)
4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$300.** to the Woodstock Area Job Bank. The Woodstock Area Job Bank is a free, not for profit, job referral service that serves the greater Woodstock area and beyond. It is our mission to connect individuals who are seeking work with area employers seeking workers. (see report page 50)
5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$5,750.** as the Town's share of service for the Woodstock Area Council on Aging to run the Thompson Senior Center. (see report page 49)
6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** to the Woodstock Recreation Center for waiver of non-resident charges for the Woodstock Recreation Activities for all residents of Bridgewater. (see report page 46)
7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$750.** to support programming of the Spectrum Teen Center. Our objective is to engage teens in healthy activities and provide them with a safe and drug free environment. The Spectrum Teen Center strives to make youth feel supported, welcomed and included along with giving them a sense of belonging. There is no charge to attend our regularly scheduled program. (see report page 48)
8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.** to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Bridgewater in responding to the emergency needs of the community, and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need. (see report page 51)
9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.** to support the programming of the Ottauquechee Community Partnership (OCP) and OCP's Mentor and Buddy Program These programs help keep youth in the WCSU area drug free, engaged in healthy activities, and provided with opportunities for leadership and personal growth. (see report page 47)
10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by property taxes, the sum of **\$3,500.** for the Norman Williams Public Library to help support the operations and maintenance of the library and its provision of services to residents of the Town of Bridgewater. (see report page 52) \* will also cover library cards
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise **\$15,000.00** to be used toward research and engineering plans for a new community building to include a handicap accessible meeting room, fire station and rescue squad.

12. To see if the Town will vote a budget of **\$1,209,660.00** of which **\$702,831.57** shall be raised by taxes and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax sufficient to pay its current expenses and any part of its debt.
13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money to pay current expenses.
14. To see if the Town will vote to place its taxes or any part thereof in the hands of the Collector of Current Taxes for collection on or before August 2, 2017 and to be paid on or before November 1, 2017 1<sup>st</sup>. Wednesday)
15. To elect all Town Officers as required by law:
  - a. Selectperson – three years
  - b. Lister – three years
  - c. Cemetery Commissioner – three years
  - d. Town Constable – three years
  - e. Town Agent - one year
  - f. Grand Juror – one year
  - g. Trustee of Public Funds – one year
16. To do any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Bridgewater, VT this 24th. day of January, 2017

Bridgewater Selectboard:

Norman Martin II, Chairman  
Mary Oldenburg  
Lynne Bertram

**WARNING FOR  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Bridgewater School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Bridgewater School, located in Bridgewater, Vermont, in said district, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of transacting business not involving voting by Australian ballot.

The legal voters of the Bridgewater School District of Windsor County, Vermont, are hereby further warned and notified to meet at the Bridgewater Town Office on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, convening at 7:00 A.M. at which time the polls will open and continuing until 7:00 P.M. at which time the polls will close, for the purpose of transacting during that time voting by Australian ballot.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 2:** To accept the reports of the Bridgewater School Directors for the school accounts and take action thereon.

**ARTICLE 3:** To elect one School Director to the Bridgewater School Board for a term of three years.

**ARTICLE 4:** To elect one School Director to the Woodstock Union High School District #4 for a term of three years.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters of the Bridgewater School District approve the Prosper Valley Joint Board to expend one million, six hundred fifty thousand, six hundred ninety five dollars (\$1,650,695) which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the support of the Prosper Valley Joint District School for the year beginning July 1, 2017? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,425 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 18.1% higher than spending for the current year. It is estimated on the basis of current information that the Bridgewater Village School District assessment will be seven hundred twenty eight thousand, twenty four dollars (\$728,024) and that the Pomfret School District assessment will be nine hundred twenty two, six hundred seventy one dollars (\$922,671) of the total Joint School budget.

*(NOTE: This Article must be voted from the floor without amendment, by paper ballot, pursuant to the Prosper Valley Joint School Board Agreement.)*

**ARTICLE 6:** To authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

**ARTICLE 7:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

## **ARTICLES TO BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the voters of the Bridgewater School District vote to form the Windsor Central Unified Union School District (“New Unified District”) on the following terms:

1. A.) The Town School Districts of Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Plymouth, Reading, Killington and Woodstock (hereinafter referred to as the “Town School Districts”) are advisable districts for the establishment of the New Unified District.

B.) The Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School District shall also be considered an advisable district for the formation of the New Unified District but its interests are represented by the voters of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Town School Districts.

C.) The Woodstock Union High School District shall also be considered an advisable district for the formation of the New Unified District but its interests are represented by the voters of each of the Town School Districts (except Plymouth).

D.) If the New Unified District or a Modified Union District is created, then the Town School Districts that vote in favor of the merger and the Woodstock Union High School District shall be referred to herein as the “Forming Districts.”

2. If the voters of the six (6) Town School Districts that are currently members of the Woodstock Union High School District vote to approve the merger, the New Unified District will be established. If the voters of at least four (4), but not all, of the Town School Districts that are currently members of the Woodstock Union High School District vote to approve the merger, a modified unified union school district will be established to be known as the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District (“Modified Union District”).

3. The New Unified District or Modified Union District will operate grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12.

4. A.) If all town school districts vote to establish the New Unified District it shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of eighteen (18) individuals elected by Australian ballot by the voters of the municipalities in which they reside. Each municipality within the New Unified District shall be guaranteed at least two resident representatives.

Based on the 2010 census, the new unified union board will consist of two (2) representatives residing in and representing Barnard; two (2) residing in and representing Bridgewater; two (2) residing in and representing Killington; two (2) residing in and representing Pomfret; two (2) residing in and representing Plymouth; two (2) residing in and representing Reading; and six (6) residing in and representing Woodstock.

B.) If a Modified Unified Union School District is formed, any Pre-K-6 districts that are members of the Woodstock Union High School that vote NO will be referred to as Non-Member Elementary Districts (NMED). Board representation in the Modified Union District will be proportional as provided in sub-section 4. A above, including full proportional representation from each NMED. Board members from each NMED will have voting powers for all general Modified Union District actions, but will recuse themselves from consideration and voting upon programmatic, budgetary, personnel, or building matters of the Modified Union which correlate to grades operated by the NMED.

5. The New Unified District or Modified Union District shall assume all capital debt as may exist on June 30, 2018, including both principal and interest, of the Forming Districts that joined the new union district. It shall also assume any and all operating deficits, surpluses, and fund balances of the Forming Districts that may exist on the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds, specific endowments or other restricted accounts, including student activity and related accounts, identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the New Unified District or Modified Union District, and will be applied for established purposes unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.

6. A.) No later than June 30, 2018, the town school districts that voted to join the new union district and the Woodstock Union High School District will convey to the New Unified District or Modified Union District, for the sum of one dollar, and subject to the encumbrances of record, all of their school-related real and personal property, including all land, buildings, and content.

B.) In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the New Unified District or Modified Union District Board of Directors determines, in its discretion, that continued possession of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the town school districts will not be used in direct delivery of student educational programs, the New Unified District or Modified Union District shall offer for sale such real property to the town in which such real property is located, for the sum of one dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes, and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants required by Vermont law, in addition to costs of capital improvements subsequent to July 1, 2018.

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

7. The provisions of the Report and Formation Plan approved by the State Board of Education on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, which is on file at the offices of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union shall govern the New Unified District.

**ARTICLE 9:** To elect one School Director to the Windsor Central Unified Union School Board for a term of one year, expiring March 2019.

**ARTICLE 10:** To elect one School Director to the Windsor Central Unified Union School Board for a term of three years, expiring March 2021.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Seth Shaw, Chair  
Justin Shipman  
Joshua Gregg

## Selectboard's Report

2016 continued to be a positive and quiet year for the Town of Bridgewater. There were no untoward events to interfere with the lifestyle we have come to embrace and enjoy. There were a number of ongoing initiatives that continued to be successfully addressed.

Board member, John Timken resigned due to work commitments and Lynne Bertram was voted in at a special town meeting held in November. We thank John for his 4 years of service to the town and welcome Lynne.

The Bridgewater Highway Department under the direction of Randy Kennedy, Road Foreman continues to keep our roads well maintained. The Selectboard and Road Foreman are developing and initiating a long range plan to replace/upgrade culverts, grade and cut ditches as well as do some tree cutting where necessary on roads that have required repeated maintenance over the years. We wished long time employee (28 years) David Jenne well with his retirement and have hired Tyler Waters to the highway department.

The town has moved forward with the process of closing down the school. As discussed at last year's town meeting, the board hired an independent engineering firm to inspect and report on the building's needs to bring it into state compliance, an independent realtor also inspected the building and made findings as to an approx. sales price and a quote was obtained of an approx. cost of demolition of the building. The results of these findings were put together and sent to every taxpayer/ legal voter last August. An informational meeting was held in October to discuss these findings as well as to bring to the public the need of a new handicap accessible building to hold public meetings and to incorporate the needs of the fire department. Those at the informational meeting indicated that they were interested in a new building and gave the Selectboard the go ahead (taken by straw vote) to move forward with the removal of the existing building. A special town meeting was held at the end of November, where a vote was taken to demolish the school building (91 legal voters attended this meeting). The board is currently in the process of working to determine what might be salvageable and will be putting the demolition project out to bid in the near future.

The Selectboard has put an article on the town meeting warning asking the voters to approve the expense of \$15,000 to be used toward research and engineering of a new community building which will house the fire station and rescue squad. If approved, the Selectboard or representatives thereof will be working with the Fire Department to develop plans and costs to bring to the voters by next town meeting.

The municipal website ( [www.bridgewater.vt.gov](http://www.bridgewater.vt.gov) ) remains an important resource for all residents. All meeting agendas, minutes and the town calendar are updated and posted to the site on a regular basis, as regulated by State Statute.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility continues to operate under the competent management of Simon Operating Services. The board has strived to maintain the annual user fee while keeping the treatment plant functioning properly and state compliant.

The Recreation Field is once again used by the Men's Softball League during July and August. We would like to report that new tables and benches have been purchased and placed on the field as well as the replacement of the parking lot fence. The drainage ditch around the tennis court has been repaired. The "boat" has been stained using volunteer time and materials.

The Historical Society continues to make improvements to The Brick Schoolhouse as well as hosting informative and enjoyable lectures. The website, which can be found at [www.bridgewaterhistory.org](http://www.bridgewaterhistory.org) , provides interesting insights into Bridgewater's heritage.

The Fire Department and Neighbors Helping Neighbors banded together to plan and execute a very successful annual Bridgewater celebration. They have been able to bring the community this event by getting donations from local businesses and generous supporters. We thank everyone for their support of this wonderful day!

The Town thanks the Bridgewater Grange and supporters for their time and contributions for the Welcome to Bridgewater signs located on each end of RT 4 and on RT 100A.

Once again, the Selectboard owes a huge debt of gratitude to all of the employees, elected and appointed officials, volunteers, and you, the townspeople that make Bridgewater such a great town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman (Nope) Martin, Chairman  
Mary Oldenburg  
Lynne Bertram

## ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT 2016

This year, I would like to begin this report by saying "Thanks very much and Happy Retirement" to David Jenne for 28 years of dedicated service to the Bridgewater Highway Department. The Selectboard hired Tyler Waters to join our crew last August. Tyler has done a good job so far and I am pleased with his willingness to learn so many new things.

Last winter was quite mild so we were able to do some more work on the old shop. We've been insulating the walls and ceilings in the unfinished section a little at a time.

We also did a lot of maintenance and equipment repairs which is an ongoing challenge as highway equipment becomes more and more high tech. The grader was also sent down to Nortrax for a new motor, clutch replacement, and brake repairs. This big investment should get us through a few more years (hopefully) before any major problems.

Spring arrived and I applied for four grants. Three were to the Better Back Roads Program of which one grant was received. It was for a storm water runoff mapping study by Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission. Two other applications were for a bank stabilization project on the Little Sherburne Rd. and a road widening project on Cox District Rd. near Phelps Rd., both of which we did not get. We did get funding for our fourth application by VTRANS for paving on the Bridgewater Center Rd. from Rte. 4 to Jenne Rd. That work was done in late August.

Along with normal grading and ditching, we did a lot of gravelling. We put gravel on Bridgewater Hill Rd., Little Sherburne Rd., Laber Rd., Grandma Am's Rd., Atwood Lane, Baker Hill Rd., Maple Valley Rd., Fancher Rd., Chateauguay Rd., Bridgewater Hollow Rd., and Dailey Hollow Road. Next, we began cutting and chipping brush on the North Bridgewater Rd., Cox District Rd., Goldcoast Rd., Phelps Rd., and Perkins Road. We will be doing more gravelling and brush cutting next summer and, if all goes well, we would also like to fix the pavement on Curtis Hollow Rd./Blanchard Rd. I expect we'll also have to buy quite a bit of material to restock our sand and salt supplies after a lot of icy weather so far this winter.

During the summer, part of the proposed bank project on the Little Sherburne Rd. got worse and that went out to bid. Martin Excavating was the low bid and was hired to do that out of pocket. There was also a bank slide on Wayside Rd. one weekend and the Selectboard hired Martin Excavating to fix that as well.

A note on equipment: After a very long wait, we finally got the new Western Star truck which replaces the 2009 Western Star w/ underbody grader. We got a good trade-in for the old truck.

I think our roads, equipment, and buildings are in good shape and always aim to keep them that way. My thanks to the highway crew: Pete & Tyler, the Selectboard, and the Taxpayers for your support and help this year.

Respectfully,  
Randy Kennedy  
Bridgewater Road Foreman

## REPORT OF THE LISTERS TO THE TOWN 2016

The Board of Listers report to the Town that:

- The Municipal Grand List increased from \$1,789,209.17 to **\$1,794,769.37**.
- The Education Grand List (Non-Resident) increased from \$1,755,067.85 to **\$1,765,151.22**. This increase is attributable principally to new construction and renovation of existing properties.
- **The net result of assessed values in both Grand List was an overall increase of \$1,986,155.00**

**For the 2016 Tax year -No property owners lodged Grievances with the Listers.**

We would report to the Town for the year 2016-According to the State Sales Study determination - that our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) has dropped from 92.13 to **89.31** -- indicating that our listed values of property in Bridgewater are within 89% accurate as measured by actual property sales when compared with the assessed values of properties sold in the past three years. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) –determined by the State to be **19.9%** an increase from previous 17.02% for 2016. These two percentages indicate that the Town is heading in the direction of a full revaluation. As history has shown us, the Town does a full revaluation every ten years. The last full revaluation was done in 2007 – with a statistical Market Update done in 2013.

By Statute- if the CLA drops below 80% or the COD goes above 20% - the Town is mandated to do a full revaluation. Depending on the sales in 2017- we may be starting the revaluation process by next year.

As always, the objective of your Board of Listers is to maintain a fair and equitable system of property valuation and we encourage everyone to come in and review your assessment at any time.

Lister Board:

Thomas K. Standish

Victoria L. Young

William G. Young

DOG LICENSES  
07/01/2015-06/30/2016

145 @ \$ 9.00 (Neutered)	\$ 1,305.00
64 @ 11.00 (Late Neutered)	704.00
23 @ 13.00 (Un-Neutered)	299.00
16 @ 17.00 (Late Un-Neutered)	272.00
 Totals:	
248	\$2,580.00
Sent to State:	1,240.00
Town Share	\$1,340.00

All dog and wolf-hybrids, six months of age or older, Must be licensed each year on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Proof of rabies vaccination, (a current rabies certificate), is required for licensing.

Cats and Ferrets are also required to have a rabies vaccination. Even though we do not license them, we do request a copy of the rabies certificate to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

LIQUOR LICENSES

3 @ \$ 70.00	\$ 210.00
4 @ 115.00	460.00
 Totals:	
7	\$670.00

## Vital Statistics

### DEATHS

NAME	AGE	DATE	BURIED/CREMATION
Charles W. Gaede II	70 yrs.	10/3/2015	Cremation
Norma Brownell	68 yrs.	10/15/2015	Cremation
Jeffrey G. Robinson	55 yrs.	12/1/2015	Cremation
Jeffrey F. Andrews	66 yrs.	2/24/2016	Cremation
June L. Johnson	75 yrs.	3/9/2016	Mt. Pleasant
Marjorie E. Bridge	94 yrs.	4/1/2016	Cremation
Winona A. Kennedy	88 yrs.	5/12/2016	Cremation

### BIRTHS

(Names not listed due to confidentiality)

### CIVIL MARRIAGES

Applicant A	Applicant B	DATE	PLACE
Stephanie Kalinowski	Justin Sterling	08/15/2015	Woodstock
Anastasia Fournier	Joshua Gregg	08/15/2015	Pittsfield
Victoria Woods	Dennis Samatulski	08/29/2015	Bridgewater
Linda Canepari	Brian Bontrager	05/23/2016	Bridgewater

BUDGET SUMMARY	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	% Change
	2015/2016	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	
<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	622,531.00	605,353.73	602,886.00	622,660.00	3.17%
Warned Articles:	<u>18,858.00</u>	<u>18,858.00</u>	<u>17,020.00</u>	<u>20,700.00</u>	21.62%
Total Expenses:	641,389.00	624,211.73	619,906.00	643,360.00	3.78%
Non-Tax Revenue:	310,830.00	332,854.61	309,880.00	336,280.00	
Sub-Total:	330,559.00	291,357.12	310,026.00	307,080.00	
Surplus/Deficit	<u>0.00</u>	<u>44,238.05</u>	<u>1,136.94</u>	<u>44,238.05</u>	
<b>Amount to be raised in Taxes:</b>	<b>330,559.00</b>	<b>335,595.17</b>	<b>308,889.06</b>	<b>262,841.95</b>	<b>-14.90%</b>
<b>Highway Expenses:</b>	563,030.00	530,225.24	581,510.00	566,300.00	-2.61%
Surplus/Deficit	0.00	34,310.38	20,031.08	(34,310.38)	
Non-Tax Revenue:	<u>(91,000.00)</u>	<u>(92,505.62)</u>	<u>(92,000.00)</u>	<u>(92,000.00)</u>	
<b>Amount to be raised in Taxes</b>	<b>472,030.00</b>	<b>472,030.00</b>	<b>469,479.00</b>	<b>439,989.62</b>	<b>-6.28%</b>
<b>Total General &amp; Highway Expenses:</b>	1,204,419.00	1,154,436.97	1,201,416.00	<b>1,209,660.00</b>	
Non-Tax Revenue:	(401,830.00)	(425,360.23)	(403,016.94)	(428,280.00)	
Surplus / Deficit	<u>0.00</u>	<u>78,548.43</u>	<u>1,136.94</u>	<u>78,548.43</u>	
<b>Town Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>802,589.00</b>	<b>807,625.17</b>	<b>778,368.06</b>	<b>702,831.57</b>	<b>-9.70%</b>
<b>Schools:</b>					
Payments to Schools	1,647,521.00	1,647,521.00	1,624,499.00		
Net to State	812,496.60	812,496.60	1,107,841.08		
Town Retains	<u>5,712.75</u>	<u>5,712.75</u>	<u>6,161.92</u>		
<b>Total Schools:</b>	<b>2,465,730.35</b>	<b>2,465,730.35</b>	<b>2,738,502.00</b>		

	FY- 2017	FY-2018	% Change
School Tax Rate is: (Actual) Resident - \$1.6898		*Estimated - Resident - \$ 1.7748	+ 5.03%
Town Municipal Tax Rate to be: (Actual) -.4355		*Estimated - .3915	-10.10%
*Combined estimated Tax Rate to be: (Actual) \$2.1253		*Estimated - \$2.1663	<b>+1.93%</b>
*(using current GL)			

(Please note-these are estimates only – These numbers could change based on the State set Education rates – Residential / Non-Residential- and property valuation changes to the Grand List for April 2017)

<b>General Account</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2016</b>	<b>Actual FY-2016</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2017</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Current Taxes (General Fund)	330,559.00	335,595.17	308,889.06	262,841.95	-14.91
Current Use Reimb.	65,500.00	70,234.00	65,500.00	70,000.00	
Interest on Taxes	11,000.00	24,080.51	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Federal & State PILOT Pym	8,500.00	8,744.30	8,500.00	8,700.00	
Clerk Fees	12,500.00	14,103.00	12,500.00	13,000.00	
Traffic Fines	205,000.00	202,006.44	205,000.00	226,000.00	
Dog Licenses	1,300.00	1,340.00	1,200.00	1,300.00	
Liquor Licenses	700.00	670.00	700.00	700.00	
Interest on Investments	250.00	894.38	400.00	500.00	
Box Rent	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	
Flood Permits	-	450.00	-	-	
Act 68 -Town Retains	6,000.00	5,712.75	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Prev. Year Deficit/Surplus	-	-	1,136.94	44,238.05	
Insurance Refund	-	285.50	-	-	
Misc./Donation/Reimb.	-	<u>4,253.73</u>	-	-	
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>641,389.00</b>	<b>668,449.78</b>	<b>619,906.00</b>	<b>643,360.00</b>	<b>3.78%</b>
<b>General Account Expenses</b>					
<b>WAGES</b>					
Clerk Wages	35,308.00	35,308.00	35,854.00	36,400.00	1.52
Treasurer Wages	35,308.00	35,308.00	35,854.00	36,400.00	1.52
Selectmen	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Listers	4,000.00	1,970.48	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Constable	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	
Treasurer School Stipend	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	
Health Officer Stipend	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	
Fire Warden Stipend	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	
Misc. Wages	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Travel Reimbursement	<u>425.00</u>	<u>374.54</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Wages:	80,041.00	77,961.02	81,208.00	82,300.00	1.34%
<b>BENEFITS</b>					
FICA-Medi Taxes	7,000.00	7,011.38	7,000.00	7,200.00	
Insurances	31,500.00	30,986.25	33,500.00	31,000.00	
VMERS	2,000.00	1,981.35	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Training/Seminars	500.00	526.00	500.00	550.00	
Work. Comp. Ins.	<u>315.00</u>	<u>319.00</u>	<u>325.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>	
Total Benefits:	41,315.00	40,823.98	43,325.00	41,100.00	-5.14%
<b>OFFICE EXPENSE</b>					
Gen. Office Supplies	3,200.00	2,907.41	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Clerk Supplies	3,300.00	3,054.24	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Treasurer Supplies	1,500.00	1,755.99	1,500.00	1,600.00	
Lister Supplies	250.00	338.04	300.00	350.00	
Election Expense	200.00	85.00	500.00	200.00	
Computer/Copier Contracts	4,500.00	4,899.28	6,500.00	6,500.00	
Telephone	1,600.00	2,016.05	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Electricity	8,000.00	8,636.86	9,000.00	9,000.00	

	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	% Change
Heat	4,500.00	1,869.85	4,000.00	3,000.00	
Sewer Fee	1,485.00	1,485.00	1,500.00	1,590.00	
Total Office Expense:	28,535.00	27,047.72	31,300.00	30,240.00	-3.39%
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>					
Advertising	150.00	140.00	150.00	150.00	
Printing/Town Report Exp.	2,400.00	2,205.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
VLCT Dues & Fees	2,000.00	2,072.00	2,000.00	2,100.00	
Legal Services	5,000.00	1,280.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Flood Admin. Expense	-	355.00	-	-	
Audit Services	10,000.00	9,675.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Dog Pound	300.00	200.00	300.00	300.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	9,400.00	8,560.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Southgate House Maintenance	6,000.00	3,905.11	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Southgate House Repairs	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Sewer Upgrade Bond Payment	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	8,750.00	
County Taxes	14,570.00	14,565.46	15,100.00	15,243.00	
GUVSWD Assessment	11,840.00	11,840.40	11,240.00	10,296.00	
Recycling Program	5,500.00	5,406.00	5,625.00	5,746.00	
Southgate House Reserved Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Memorial Day Flags	225.00	109.00	250.00	250.00	
Two-Rivers Regional Plan.	1,245.00	1,245.00	1,282.00	1,320.00	
Cemetery	13,400.00	13,400.00	15,000.00	28,000.00	
Office Capitol Exp.	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Landfill Monitoring/Testing	4,500.00	4,500.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	
Green Up VT	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Misc./Bank Fees	400.00	441.79	450.00	450.00	
Reappraisal Sinking Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
E-911 - Signs	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Southgate Project	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Operating Expenses:	119,230.00	104,699.76	118,197.00	132,655.00	12.23%
<b>Emergency Services</b>					
<b>SHERIFF &amp; CONSTABLE</b>					
Constable Exp./Travel	150.00	-	150.00	150.00	
Sheriff's Dept.	205,000.00	207,490.50	205,000.00	226,000.00	
Police Liab. & Work. Comp. Ins.	<u>400.00</u>	<u>512.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>	
Total Sheriff & Constable Expense:	205,550.00	208,002.50	205,750.00	226,750.00	10.21%
<b>FAST SQUAD/AMBULANCE</b>					
Fast Squad Appropriation	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Fast Squad Liab.&Work Comp. Ins.	1,600.00	1,150.00	1,200.00	1,300.00	
Woodstock Ambulance Assessment	28,100.00	28,080.00	29,020.00	29,955.00	
Ambulance Bills Uncollected	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Dispatch Services	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>936.00</u>	<u>1,410.00</u>	
Total Fast Squad/Ambulance Exp.	33,700.00	33,230.00	35,156.00	36,665.00	4.29%
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Fire Dept. Appropriation	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	12,250.00	

	<b>Budget FY - 2016</b>	<b>Actual FY-2016</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2017</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Fire Dept. Ins.	10,000.00	9,440.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Fire Dept. Work. Comp.	1,500.00	1,492.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Fire Truck Improvements	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Fire Truck Bond Expenses	15,310.00	15,000.00	-	-	
Fire Truck Bond Interest	-	306.75	-	-	
Dry Hydrant Program	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Fire Department Expenses:	54,160.00	53,588.75	37,950.00	37,950.00	0.00%
Total Emergency Services Expenses	293,410.00	294,821.25	278,856.00	301,365.00	8.07%
Total General Account Expenses:	562,531.00	545,353.73	552,886.00	587,660.00	6.29%
<b>WARNED APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
Woodstock VNA	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	
Woodstock Council on Aging	5,408.00	5,408.00	5,570.00	5,750.00	
Woodstock Recreation Dept.	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Woodstock Job Bank	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
Spectrum Teen Center	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	
Ottauquechee Comm. Partners	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
SEVCA	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Norman Williams Public Library	-	-	-	<u>3,500.00</u>	
Total Warned Appropriations:	18,858.00	18,858.00	17,020.00	20,700.00	21.62%
<b>BVS OPERATING EXPENSE</b>					
BVS Building Exp.	60,000.00	60,000.00	50,000.00	20,000.00	
Research & Engineering	-	-	-	15,000.00	
Total BVS Operating Expenses:	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>	
Total General Fund Expenses:	641,389.00	624,211.73	619,906.00	643,360.00	3.78%
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	44,238.05	-	-	
<b>HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>					
Current Taxes (Highway)	472,030.00	472,030.00	469,479.00	439,989.62	-6.28
St. of VT -Highways	91,000.00	91,194.63	92,000.00	92,000.00	
Permit Fees	-	580.00	-	-	
VLCT-Reimb.	-	-	-	-	
Interest on Investments	-	730.99	-	-	
Prior Year Surplus/(Deficit)	-	-	<u>20,031.08</u>	<u>34,310.38</u>	
Total Revenue:	563,030.00	564,535.62	581,510.08	566,300.00	-2.62%
<b>Payroll &amp; Benefits</b>					
Highway Salaries	126,000.00	121,354.70	128,000.00	126,000.00	-1.56
FICA /Medi. Taxes	9,650.00	9,210.31	9,800.00	9,800.00	
Benefits	48,000.00	44,029.34	50,000.00	45,000.00	
Work. Comp. Insurance	11,000.00	10,892.00	11,000.00	11,500.00	
Unemployment	280.00	310.00	310.00	300.00	-3.23
VMERS	<u>6,800.00</u>	<u>6,680.01</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	
Total Payroll & Benefits:	201,730.00	192,476.36	206,110.00	199,600.00	-3.16%
<b>GARAGE</b>					
Phone	2,400.00	2,742.24	2,600.00	2,600.00	

	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	% Change
Electricity	1,000.00	865.19	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Heat	4,500.00	2,719.14	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Building & Liability Ins.	8,000.00	8,200.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	
Equipment Ins.	7,000.00	7,203.00	7,400.00	7,400.00	
Professional Liability Insurance	2,200.00	2,180.00	2,200.00	2,500.00	
Mileage Reimb/Med Test	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	
Misc.	-	210.00	-	-	
Total Garage Expenses:	25,300.00	24,119.57	26,400.00	26,700.00	1.14%
<b>MAINTENENCE</b>					
Equipment Hired	16,000.00	16,015.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	
Equipment Fuel	35,000.00	25,349.78	35,000.00	30,000.00	
Equipment Repairs	14,000.00	6,543.66	14,000.00	10,000.00	
Materials	100,000.00	130,829.36	100,000.00	100,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance	15,000.00	20,980.99	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Class 4 Road Maintenance	5,000.00	2,728.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Total Maintenance Expenses:	185,000.00	202,446.79	187,000.00	178,000.00	-4.81%
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>					
Yearly Projects	85,000.00	42,057.52	85,000.00	85,000.00	
Total Special Projects:	85,000.00	42,057.52	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.00%
<b>CAPITOL RESERVES</b>					
Building Improvements	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Equipment Reserve Fund	60,000.00	60,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	
Bridge Reserve Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Total Capital Reserves:	66,000.00	66,000.00	77,000.00	77,000.00	
Total Highway Fund:	563,030.00	527,100.24	581,510.00	566,300.00	-2.62%
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	37,435.38	0.08	-	
<b>SEWER DEPT. REVENUE</b>	-	-	-	-	
Quarterly Fees	76,500.00	78,244.81	79,360.00	78,096.69	-1.59
Delinquent Interest	545.00	1,829.37	500.00	500.00	
Previous Year Surplus	765.00	-	-	3,488.31	
Misc.	-	2.25	-	-	
Total Sewer Revenue:	77,810.00	80,076.43	79,860.00	82,085.00	2.79%
<b>SEWER DEPT. EXPENSES</b>					
Plant Labor	53,160.00	53,160.00	54,760.00	56,410.00	3.01
Supplies	1,000.00	1,787.09	1,500.00	2,000.00	
Electricity	3,500.00	3,883.22	3,500.00	4,000.00	
Heat	1,000.00	565.83	1,000.00	750.00	
Phone	300.00	360.15	300.00	375.00	
Administrative Fees	300.00	200.00	200.00	300.00	
Outside Testing	4,000.00	4,265.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	
Outside Labor	-	100.00	-	-	
Chemicals	500.00	611.74	500.00	550.00	
Maintenance	4,000.00	3,327.98	4,500.00	4,500.00	

	<b>Budget FY - 2016</b>	<b>Actual FY-2016</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2017</b>	<b>Budget FY - 2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Sludge Disposal	6,500.00	4,455.00	6,000.00	5,000.00	
Property & Liability Insurance	2,050.00	2,050.00	2,100.00	2,200.00	
Sinking Fund Appropriation	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	
Misc.	-	<u>322.11</u>	-	-	
Total Sewer Expenses:	77,810.00	76,588.12	79,860.00	82,085.00	2.79%
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	3,488.31	-	-	
<b>Recreation Fund</b>					
Donations	2,500.00	7,260.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Interest on Investments	<u>2,610.00</u>	<u>1,938.84</u>	<u>2,610.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Rec Field Revenues:	5,110.00	9,198.84	5,110.00	4,500.00	
Recreation Field Expense					
Account Maintenance Fee	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	
Rec. Field Electricity	250.00	199.07	250.00	200.00	
Insurance	100.00	89.00	100.00	100.00	
Grounds Maintenance	4,710.00	5,151.27	4,710.00	4,150.00	
Reserve for Field Equipment	-	<u>2,187.12</u>	-	-	
Total Rec Field Expenses:	5,110.00	7,626.46	5,110.00	4,500.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	1,572.38	-	-	
<b>Cemetery Fund Revenues</b>					
Appropriations	13,400.00	13,400.00	15,000.00	28,000.00	
Sale of Lots	1,000.00	2,800.00	300.00	-	
Cemetery Corner Stones	-	400.00	-	-	
Donations	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	-	
Total Cemetery Revenues:	15,400.00	16,800.00	15,400.00	28,000.00	
Cemetery Fund Expenses					
Mowing	12,000.00	16,000.00	13,400.00	26,000.00	
Maintenance/Clean up	1,400.00	1,577.50	2,000.00	1,000.00	
Corner Stones	-	400.00	-	-	
Repairs (Stones & Road)	2,000.00	-	-	-	
Misc.	-	410.00	-	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Cemetery Expenses:	<u>15,400.00</u>	<u>18,387.50</u>	<u>15,400.00</u>	28,000.00	
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	(1,587.50)	-	-	
<b>Hazard Mitigation Grants</b>					
Total Hazard Mitigation Grants:	-	<u>337,146.58</u>	-	-	
Hazard Mitigation/Buyout					
Total Hazard Mitigation Expense	-	<u>337,146.58</u>	-	-	
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	0.00	-	-	

	Budget FY - 2016	Actual FY-2016	Budget FY - 2017	Budget FY - 2018	% Change
<b>School Revenue</b>					
Homestead Education Tax	712,339.60	712,339.60	813,241.08		-
Non-Residential Education	935,181.40	935,181.40	811,257.92		-
Non Resident Ed Liab to State	812,496.60	812,496.60	1,107,841.08		-
Retained by Municipality	<u>5,712.75</u>	<u>5,712.75</u>	<u>6,161.92</u>		-
	2,465,730.35	2,465,730.35	2,738,502.00		-
<b>School Expenses</b>					
Payments to Schools	1,647,521.00	1,647,521.00	1,624,499.00		-
ACT 68 - Net Payment to State	812,496.60	812,496.60	1,107,841.08		-
ACT 68 - Town Retains	<u>5,712.75</u>	<u>5,712.75</u>	<u>6,161.92</u>		-
Total School Fund:	2,465,730.35	2,465,730.35	2,738,502.00		-

#### Designated Fund Balances:

Current Year	Balance	7/1/15	Appropriations	Income	Expenses	6/30/16
<b>General Fund:</b>						
Town Reappraisal	45,777.96		5,000.00	7,182.00	3,600.00	54,359.96
Fire Truck Improvements	88,143.42		15,000.00	0.00	0.00	103,143.42
Southgate House	13,184.17		10,000.00	0.00	0.00	23,184.17
Planning Comm.	4,453.43		0.00	0.00	0.00	4,453.43
Office Capitol	1923.89		500.00	0.00	0.00	2,423.89
Veteran's Monument	1,431.88		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,431.88
Landfill	1,101.23		4,500.00	0.00	2,683.37	2,917.86
E-911 Road Signs	2,055.28		500.00	0.00	444.58	2,110.70
Encumbered Projects	947.13		0.00	0.00	0.00	947.13
BVS Building Reserve	0.00			51,301.00	0.00	51,300.98
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>159,018.39</b>		<b>35,500.00</b>	<b>58,483.00</b>	<b>6,727.95</b>	<b>246,273.42</b>
<b>Highway Restricted Funds:</b>						
Excess Flood Money	182,341.84		0.00	730.99	0.00	183,072.83
Bridge	136,377.76		5,000.00	0.00	2,944.04	138,433.72
Highway Equip.	6,666.21		60,000.00	0.00	54,094.08	12,572.13
Salt Shed & Bldgs.	19,975.05		1,000.00	0.00	1,370.83	19,604.22
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>345,360.86</b>		<b>66,000.00</b>	<b>730.99</b>	<b>58,408.95</b>	<b>353,682.90</b>

**Town Indebtedness:**

<b>Compensated Absences</b>	<b>10,223.00</b>
<b>Sewer Upgrade Loan Payable</b>	<b>26,250.00</b>
<b>Freightliner '12</b>	<b>14,897.00</b>
<b><u>Freightliner '14</u></b>	<b><u>45,724.00</u></b>
<b>Total Indebtedness:</b>	<b>97,104.00</b>

**BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2015**  
**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

**ASSETS:**

Checking Account	447,575.66
Due to other funds:	-432,360.40
Health Equity	12,477.46
Pre-Paid Assets	5,664.71
Landfill Coupons	524.00
Landfill Stickers	0.00
Petty Cash	100.00
AR-Delinquent Taxes due	<u>75,938.68</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>109,920.11</b>

**LIABILITIES:**

Accounts Payable	69,722.30
AFLAC Deductions	359.62
Pre-paid Taxes	3,178.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	709.81
St. of VT- Dog Licenses	130.00
<b>Total Liability</b>	<b>74,099.73</b>

**TOTAL FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund Balance Prior Year</b>	<b>-8,716.66</b>
<b>Total Fund Balance Current Year</b>	<b><u>44,537.04</u></b>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>35,820.38</b>

**Total Liability, Fund Balance** **109,620.11**

**HIGHWAY ACCOUNT****Assets:**

Due from General Account	-21,962.65
<u>Flood-FEMA Reimb.CD</u>	<u>183,072.83</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>161,110.18</b>

**Liabilities:**

Flood Reimb. Restricted	203,836.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>203,836.00</b>

<b>Fund Balance Prior Year:</b>	<b>-82,967.21</b>
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance</b>	<b>2,806.00</b>
<b>Fund Balance Current Year</b>	<b><u>37,435.38</u></b>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>-42,725.82</b>

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE** **161,110.18**

## SEWER ACCOUNT

<b>Assets:</b>	
Due from General Account	17,802.52
AR-Delinquent Sewer Taxes	21,934.98
<u>Capitol Assets-Infrastructure</u>	<u>241,868.00</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>281,605.50</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Pre Paid Taxes	247.50
A/D Infrastructure	241,868.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>242,115.50</b>
<b>Fund Balance:</b>	
<b>Fund Balance Prior Year</b>	<b>5,274.74</b>
<b>Fund Balance Restricted</b>	<b><u>30,726.95</u></b>
<b><u>Total Prior Years Fund Balance</u></b>	<b><u>36,001.69</u></b>
<b>Current Year Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>3,488.31</u></b>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>39,490.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>281,605.50</b>

## RECREATION COMMITTEE ACCT.

<b>Assets:</b>	
Due from General Fund	15,128.56
Robert Thomas Sec. Investment	35,949.00
Fidelity Invest.	<u>37,070.27</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>88,147.83</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
None	0.00
<b>Fund Balance:</b>	
Fund Balance Prior Year	80,284.32
Undesignated Fund Balance	6,291.13
Total Prior Year Fund Balance:	86,575.45
Current Year Fund Balance	<u>1,572.38</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>88,147.83</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>88,147.83</b>

## CEMETERY FUND

<b>Assets:</b>	
Due from General Fund	36,430.31
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>36,430.31</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
<u>Cemetery Reserved-Corner Stone's</u>	<u>1,010.00</u>
<b>Fund Balance:</b>	
<b>Fund Balance Prior Year</b>	<b>37,007.81</b>
<b>Current Year Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-1,587.50</u></b>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>35,420.31</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>36,430.31</b>

\*The numbers presented in this report of FY 2015-2016 have been audited by Pace & Hawley CPA, the Town's contracted audit firm. The complete audit report is available for inspection at the Town Office.

**Explanation of 2015 Grand List  
Town Fiscal Year 2015/2016**

Fair market and Listed Value of  
Real Estate and Personal Property  
Taxable Parcels: 779  
Acres: 29,394.48

**Municipal Grand List: 1,773,507.71**  
**Education Grand List: 1,746,335.15**

	<b>Municipal</b>	<b>Homestead</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>Total Education Listed Value:</b>
Real Property	191,687,700.00	67,671,856.00	124,015,844.00	191,687,700.00
PP & Cable	3,230,316.00		422,100.00	422,100.00
(-)Vet Exempt.	30,000.00	30,000.00		30,000.00
(-) Vet Exempt>10K	30,000.00	30,000.00		
(-) Land Use Exempt.	17,311,345.00	3,492,668.00	13,818,677.00	17,311,345.00
(-) Non-Approved Contracts	195,900.00			
(-) Special Exemptions (2)			134,940.00	134,900.00
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<b>Grand List:</b>	<b>1,773,507.71</b>	<b>641,491.88</b>	<b>1,104,843.27</b>	<b>1,746,335.15</b>

**STATEMENT OF CURRENT TAXES**

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2016

Taxes Billed:

<u>R.E. &amp; P.P.</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>		<u>Grand list</u>	<u>Taxes Raised</u>
Local Agreement	.0020	+ / -	1,773,507.71	3,547.00
<b><u>Amounts to be Raised in Taxes:</u></b>				
Municipal	.4530	+ / -	1,773,507.71	803,400.67
Homestead Ed.	1.5610	+ / -	641,191.88	1,000,900.74
Non-Residential	<u>1.5854</u>	+ / -	1,102,884.27	<u>1,748,512.69</u>
				3,557,870.71

**Total Taxes Raised: 3,557,870.71**

**Resident Tax Rate: \$2.0160**

**Non-Resident Tax Rate: \$2.0404**

**Receipts:**

<b>School Taxes Paid:</b>	<b>2,460,017.60</b>
<b>Highway Taxes:</b>	<b>472,030.00</b>
<b>Town Taxes:</b>	<b>335,595.17</b>
<b>Town Retains:</b>	<b>5,712.75</b>
<b>State Tax Credits (net)</b>	<b>283,005.58</b>
<b>State Penalty's- Late Filed</b>	<b>1,509.61</b>

**Net Taxes after adjustments: 3,557,870.71**

**\* Note: Due to ACT 68 - Amounts Billed and Amounts received change over the course of the year – Late filed HS 122's change the totals of the Grand List – thus changing the amounts due causing either a shortfall or collecting more than anticipated.**

## Delinquent Tax Collectors Report

January, 2017

Dear Bridgewater Residents,

I always like to take a moment to say thank you once again for the opportunity to serve as the Delinquent Tax Collector for the Town of Bridgewater. I thoroughly enjoy working with the taxpayers and community members and always enjoy meeting new people.

I'd like to share with you the progress that has been made in the collection of delinquent taxes. In November of 2015 **\$183,778.49** in property taxes became delinquent for the fiscal year 2015-2016 and as of January 9, 2017 all but **\$31,345.02** has been collected for that tax year. The balance on all the remaining delinquent property taxes which are listed in this year's town report (which lists totals as of June 30, 2016) is currently at **\$11,589.34** as of January 9, 2017. This is the combined total of tax years 2013 and 2014. I will be moving forward with the tax sale process on a number of properties which will help resolve several of these delinquent accounts. It has been a very busy year.

This past November 2016, the new property tax year for the fiscal year 2016-2017 became due. An amount of **\$163,085.18** in property taxes became delinquent. This amount is down **\$20,693.31** from last year's delinquent property taxes 2015-2016 which is listed above. As of January 9, 2017 approximately half of the amount due (**\$80,444.25**) has been collected over the past two months bringing the balance down to **\$82,640.93** for this current tax year 2016-2017 as of January 9, 2017. Many of the taxpayers have payment arrangements or installment agreements to resolve these delinquent accounts.

I hope to continue to lower the amount of delinquent taxes in our town and continue to serve as the towns Delinquent Tax Collector for the Town of Bridgewater. If you ever have any questions or if I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Joni Kennedy  
Delinquent Tax Collector  
P.O. Box 372  
Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035  
672-3402

## Delinquent Sewer Report

Delinquent Sewer Taxes	FY '15 & '16 totals:
Bellimer, Lyle	pp
Blanchard, Warren Sr. & Brian	pp
Bruck, Gina	pp
Caizzi, Lawrence	*
Carr, Samuel	pp
Federal National	*
Goudreau, Shari	pp
Greenough, Ronald	*
Herdegen, Gillian	*
Mattsson, Claus	pp
Old Mill Marketplace	*
Testa, Glen	*
<u>Wheeler, Angela</u>	pp
<b>2015 Total:</b>	<b>4,664.05</b>
<b>2016 Total:</b>	<b><u>17,270.92</u></b>
<b>Total: as of 06/30/16</b>	<b>\$21,934.97</b>

**Total Does Not Include Interest & Penalty charges.**

\* = Paid in full after June 30, 2016

pp=partial payment

### Delinquent Tax Report – FY's 2013 - 2015

Delinquent Tax List	Totals:	*
Almonte, John		pp
Anderson, Steven		
Andrews, J.F.		pp
Bellimer, Lyle		
Biamonte, David		*
Bixler, Parker & McGonagle		pp
Blanchard, Warren Sr. & Brian		pp
Bridge, Edwin Est.		pp
Brooks, Rodney		pp
Bruck, Gina		pp
Burton, David		*
Carbino, Theodore		
Dayton, Bonnie		
Hoisington, Anthony		
Hoyt, Eric (04-011.003)		*
Hoyt, Eric (04-011.004)		*
Hoyt, Eric (04-017)		*
Joyce, Michael		pp
Kelly, William		*
Mattsson, Claus (02-037)		pp
McLeod, Andrew		pp
Mingarelli, Ronald (04-011)		pp
Mingarelli, Ronald (04-011.006)		*
Morse, Ronald		*
O'Reilly, Thomas		*
Ogden, Deborah		*
Potwin, Jason		*
Prior, David		
Scholfield, Edward		*
Teeter, Claudia (03-027)		
Teeter, Claudia (02-096.002)		
Testa, Glenn (01-049)		
Testa, Glen (02-066)		*
Webb, Joyce Estate (07-003)		pp
<u>Worth, David</u>		pp
<b>2013 Total:</b>	<b>1,538.50</b>	
<b>2014 Total:</b>	<b>12,749.31</b>	
<b>2015 Total:</b>	<b><u>59,085.16</u></b>	
<b>Total of All Years:</b>	<b>\$73,372.97</b>	

**Balance As of June 30, 2016**

**(Does Not Include Interest & Penalty charges)**

**\* = Paid in full after June 30, 2016    pp= partial payment**

## **Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report 2016**

The B.V.F.D. responded to a total of 52 incidents in 2016. Forty of these incidents were in Town calls and the remaining twelve incidents were mutual aid provided to our neighboring Departments. The in-town calls consisted of seven motor vehicle accidents, fourteen fire alarm activations, two carbon monoxide detector activations, three unintentional alarms, two propane leaks, one V.S.P. assist, five manpower assist for the Bridgewater FAST Squad, one brush fire, two oil/fuel spills, and one structure fire for a total of 285 hours spent on scene. The B.V.F.D. spent 542.5 hours training and 415 hours maintaining our equipment, station, and dry hydrants. We received mutual aid from Woodstock, Plymouth, and Killington Fire Departments.

Of the twelve mutual aid calls the B.V.F.D. responded to we went to Woodstock for two structure fires, one smoke in the house, one grass fire, one smoke detector activation, and one DHART landing for a total of 41 hours. We went to Killington for one structure fire, one propane leak, and three stand-bys for a total of 63 hours. We went to West Windsor for station coverage for 31.5 hours.

The Chicken B-B-Q at the Town Celebration and the Ham Supper held at the Bridgewater Congo Church were a success and we look forward to hosting them again in the coming year as well as the annual Father's Day Fishing Derby.

We are always looking for more members, anyone that is interested is encouraged to stop at the Station any Monday night after 6:30pm or speak with any current member for more information.

The Department has started preliminary investigation into a potential new station. At this time we are looking into several options for exact location, size, and what the overall construction will be. We look forward to continue working with the Town as we move forward with this project.

We would like to remind everyone to remember to replace the batteries in their Smoke and or Carbon Monoxide alarms at least twice a year if they require it, some of the newer alarms have a sealed battery good for ten years. A good way to remember this is to do it when you change the time on your clocks for daylight savings time. It is also important to check the manufacturing date of the alarm itself, as they do expire after a certain point. It is very important to make sure that your 9-1-1 sign is visible year round, that is your lifeline to us, if we cannot find you, we cannot help you.

The Department is still working with Fire Pro-Tec in selling quality fire extinguishers as well as refurbishing some older models. If anyone is interested please stop by the Station on any Monday night after 6:00pm, or speak with a current member.

As always the Department would like to thank the Community for their continued support and donations, making it possible for us to continue to help support all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Zach Bowley, President

## Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department 2016

### BRIDGEWATER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2016

#### RECEIPTS:

General Donations/Misc.	\$ 2,964.43
Fund Drives	\$ 17,010.00
Coin Drops	\$ 8,873.32
Chix BBQ/ Raffle	\$ 3,856.50
Ham supper	\$ 2,648.00
General Acct interest	\$ 14.64
Fire Extinguishers sales	\$ 593.25
Town Appropriation	\$ 12,250.00
Grants	\$ 7,560.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 55,770.14</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Building repairs/replacement	\$ 5,137.36
Communications	\$ 475.41
Fire gear/ equipment	\$ 5,283.85
Fire extinguishers sales	\$ 261.91
Fund raiser expenses	\$ 2,920.91
Membership dues	\$ 710.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 972.01
Office expense/postage	\$ 924.35
Equipment repairs/maint	\$ 1,927.83
Supplies	\$ 116.05
Telephone	\$ 1,186.49
Training	\$ 1,607.26
Truck expenses-Fuel/repairs	\$ 6,934.47
Electric	\$ 1,159.11
Fuel oil/ propane	\$ 2,107.93
Sewer expense	\$ 500.00
Trash pickup	\$ 188.00
Transfer to Building fund	\$ 15,000.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 47,412.94</b>

#### BANK ACCOUNTS

<b>Checking- general acct</b>	\$ 42,474.81
<b>Bunker gear reserve acct</b>	\$ 16,249.95
<b>Bldg fund reserve acct</b>	\$ 46,099.75
<b>Auxiliary account</b>	\$ 3,644.65

#### CHECKING- GENERAL ACCT

JAN 1, 2016 BEGIN BALANCE	\$ 34,117.61
Receipts	\$ 55,770.14
Disbursements	\$ 47,412.94
<b>DEC 31, 2016 END BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 42,474.81</b>

#### BUNKER GEAR RESERVE

Jan 1, 2016 Begin Balance	\$ 16,232.21
Receipts- interest income	\$ 17.74
Dec 31, 2016 End Balance	\$ 16,249.95

#### BUILDING FUND RESERVE

Jan 1, 2016 Begin Balance	\$ 31,000.00
Receipts- transfer from ckg	\$ 15,000.00
Receipts- interest income	\$ 99.75
Dec 31, 2016 End balance	\$ 46,099.75

#### AUXILIARY ACCOUNT

Jan 1, 2016 Begin balance	\$ 2,435.26
Receipts	\$ 2,997.00
Disbursements	\$ 1,787.61
Dec31, 2016 End Balance	\$ 3,644.65

**Report of the Bridgewater Cemetery Commission  
For the year 2016**

There are 13 burial grounds in Bridgewater, of which:

**6** are Town Cemeteries (*Mount Pleasant, Baker Hill, Topliff, Bridgewater Hill, Mendell and North Bridgewater*) These are regularly mowed at Town expense.

**2** more Town Cemeteries (*Kellogg and Angell*) in remote, off-road locations, and

**5** Private family Cemeteries on private land (*Pratt, White, Woodward, Josselyn, Martin*)

We inspect all 13 Cemeteries regularly, and encourage others to visit them as well, especially those in beautiful, historic locations.

While the Town pays for the cost of mowing the six Cemeteries listed above, it does not pay the considerable cost of repairing fallen or damaged gravestones. Those costs are the responsibility of the Cemetery Commissioners, and are paid from the Cemetery Savings Account, which is funded by the sale of burial plots -- and by tax-deductible contributions.

Our three-year mowing contract ended in 2016, so when we began the procedure of requesting bids for a new three-year mowing contract, we learned of a new ruling by the State of Vermont to require all contractors to Towns to have Workers Comp insurance. This took us all by surprise, since none of those bidding on our mowing contract (except one) carried, or wanted to carry, that expensive insurance. We had to award the new mowing contract to that one bidder, whose prices were double what we had been paying. Therefore, the extra cost of mowing our Cemeteries resulted directly from that new ruling by the State of Vermont. Unfortunately, because of Bridgewater's use of Fiscal Year accounting, it was impossible for the Town to pay for all of that extra mowing expense within the then past Fiscal Years, so much of this unexpected additional expense will have to come from the Cemetery Savings Account. We encourage you to consider a tax-deductible donation to help us restore that important Account.

The price for a single burial plot in one of Bridgewater's Town Cemeteries is still a bargain at \$ 350, plus a nominal amount for corner stones, remaining competitive with neighboring Towns. We have ruled that two cremated remains can be placed in one Bridgewater Town plot. Because we are beginning to run out of space in our Cemeteries, we are pleased to report that due to a proposed generous donation of adjacent land by the Atwood family, a neighbor of the North Bridgewater Cemetery, we are in the process of negotiating for the addition of some new attractive space to that beloved, historic Cemetery, which will be identified as its John and Lucille Atwood Annex, in their memory. We are most grateful to the Atwood's.

James Bulmer  
Coleman Hoyt  
Paul Hutt

Bridgewater Cemetery Commissioners

## **Geno-Robinson American Legion Post # 11 – Bridgewater, Vermont**

Our Purpose: to provide Patriotic Services to the Town of Bridgewater

Our History: Chartered August 1, 1919, one of Vermont's oldest Posts

Named in honor of: William Geno of WW I and Clyde Robinson of WW II

Our Membership: includes Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force veterans of Bridgewater

2016 was another of our busy years of providing United States Flags:

We placed decorative Flags on utility poles along Route 4 through Bridgewater, aided by the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department, and with generous donations from many, especially from the Bridgewater Congregational Church.

We placed gravestone Flags on over 200 veterans' graves in 13 Bridgewater Cemeteries in May... (Over 10 per cent of Bridgewater's graves are occupied by veterans) ... and removed those flags in November, saving them for Memorial Day 2017, when they will be handed out to children and viewers of the Woodstock parade, in which we participate, after providing Bridgewater's own Memorial Day services earlier in the day at our WW I and WW II memorials on the grounds of the Town Office. We lend our Color Guard Flag for the annual Town Meeting in March, and we presented a Flag to the new Prosper Valley School serving Bridgewater and Pomfret, after an appropriate dedication service.

It is our privilege to perform Military Remembrance Burial Services for all veterans, with prayers by our Chaplain, a rifle salute, and the presentation of a folded flag to the next of kin. We had the honor of providing only one such service in 2016, at an off-road location in Bridgewater for Major Jeffrey Frederick Andrews, a decorated US Army Ranger in the Special Forces.

Our ranks are thinning due to age, and we would welcome new members in Post # 11, to enjoy our companionship, help us to serve the Town and its citizens, and enjoy our free lending library of books and films of military, naval and patriotic subjects.

Richard Brackett, Commander  
Coleman Hoyt, Chaplain and past Commander  
John Griggs, past Commander

## **Bridgewater Historical Society**

### Report to the Town for 2016

The Historical Society continues to thrive. With help from our volunteers we were open 22 Saturdays from May to October. Donations, membership fees, gifts, and sales of merchandise support the Historical Society. We would like to thank the Town, our volunteers and our members for all of their help and support this past year. Listed below are some highlights of 2016:

BHS participated in the Vermont History Expo with the exhibit "Downstream: Wool, Lumber and Gold".

We created an exhibit on the North Bridgewater School, using photographs and memorabilia from the Atwood family.

The headstone for a previously unacknowledged Civil War vet, Hartwell Frink 1899, was reset.

BHS hosted speakers: Laura Purdy "Eugenics in Vermont", Walter Houghton "Aviation in Vermont, Jere Daniell "The Machine Tool Industry in Springfield VT, Peter Thompson "The Geological Effects on Agriculture in Bridgewater".

The cataloguing of school photos and posting on Facebook continues.

Updating of records on the Josselyn Cemetery and grounds keeping in the North Bridgewater Cemetery was completed.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade from Prosper Valley School visited. Eight students heard Ernest Kendall's mill tales and then enjoyed a scavenger hunt.

Newsletters were published in May and November, along with our annual "Historic Photographs of Bridgewater Calendar".

A donation was made to the Bridgewater Grange to help with the new "Welcome to Bridgewater" signs.

The exhibit "Downstream" was shown at the Bridgewater Celebration Day in August.

We look forward to 2017 and another successful season. Please visit our web site [www.bridgewaterhistory.org](http://www.bridgewaterhistory.org)

Polly Timken  
President

## GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUVSWMD) is composed of 10 Upper Valley towns. The GUVSWMD, established in 1992, provides an integrated system for waste management for both solid waste and unregulated hazardous waste through recycling and reuse programs, food diversion and composting. The District also provides special collection events for bulky waste, household hazardous waste, paint, electronics, tires, and fluorescent bulbs. In addition, GUV offers technical assistance, outreach, and education programs to area residents, businesses, schools, and municipalities.

In 2016, the District refinanced its bonds which resulted in \$180,000.00 reduction in interest payments. In addition to the refinancing of the bonds, the Board of Supervisors voted to contract with the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission to provide administrative, management and operational services to the District in an effort to reduce operating costs.

Direct services provided by GUV to Bridgewater and District residents in fiscal year 2016:

- Events were held in Woodstock, Bridgewater, Sharon, Strafford, Thetford, and Vershire where we collected 1,564 tires; 6.85 tons of scrap metal; 8 tons of electronics; 12 tons of “big” trash/construction & demolition debris; hundreds of fluorescent bulbs and thousands of batteries.
- 319 GUV residents (117 from Thetford) participated in household hazardous waste events held in Thetford in September 2015 and Hartford in June 2016. 7.15 tons of hazardous material were collected, including 967 gallons of paint.

In FY 16, Ben Bradley and Jim Masland (Alternate) were Thetford representatives to the GUV Board of Supervisors. We thank them for their ongoing service and support of our work.

Tips to remember:

- The next household hazardous waste collection will be Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Hartford Recycling Center.
- Recycle **paint** and **all batteries** (except vehicle/lawn mower) throughout the year. Visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) or [www.call2recycle.org/vermont/](http://www.call2recycle.org/vermont/) for more info.
- Leaves, yard waste and clean wood were banned from landfill trash as of July 1, 2016.
- Food scraps will be banned from landfill trash as of July 1, 2020.

The District’s annual “Green Guide” will be available at Town Meeting and then at your Town Clerk’s office or at [www.guvsd.org](http://www.guvsd.org). Contact GUV at 802-674-4474 or [hgillett@swcrpc.org](mailto:hgillett@swcrpc.org).

## **TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION (TRORC)**

### **TRORC 2016 YEAR-END REPORT**

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. 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 to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. The following are highlights from 2016:

#### **Technical Assistance**

In 2016, TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls. A number of our towns incorporated a new flood resiliency element that is required for all plans adopted after July, 2014. Many towns have improved and clarified implementing regulations, easing permitting by making results more predictable. Collaborative efforts to improve town plans, zoning, and other ordinances demonstrate a regional commitment to foster vibrant, resilient towns and villages.

#### **Emergency Management & Preparedness**

Our LEPC #12 efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the region. With TRORC's help, all thirty member towns successfully completed annual updates to Local Emergency Operations Plans, which are critical components to disaster response efforts. Further, we have been working diligently with numerous TRORC towns to update Hazard Mitigation Plans, often in tandem with the remaining TS Irene property buy-outs in the region.

#### **Regional Energy Plan**

With funding from the Vermont Department of Public Service, TRORC is drafting a Regional Energy Implementation Plan outlining a total energy pathway to implement the goals and policies of the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan at the regional level. The Plan sets regional targets for specific energy conservation, generation and fuel switching strategies to help the state meet 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. The Plan outlines specific strategies for conservation, energy efficiency and reduced use of fossil fuels and identifies regional energy resources and areas with potential for renewable energy projects. TRORC will work with a number of towns on Enhanced Energy Plans that meet the new state standards and recommendations.

#### **Transportation**

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 Bridgewater this year, we assisted with several flood damaged buyouts as a result of T.S. Irene. TRORC secured Better Roads Grants for Cox District Road and Little Sherburne Road, as well as for a Road Erosion Inventory. TRORC assisted VTrans with outreach for the US4 paving project between Woodstock and Killington.

*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*



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**Town report information for Green Up Day, May 7, 2016**

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

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

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover seventeen percent the budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and the services of two part-time employees. Sixth grader Blake Clark says "I think we should keep this tradition going forever and ever!" Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away.

**Mark your calendar: May 6, 2017 Green Up Day, 47 years of tradition!**

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

## **Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2016 Overview**

### *Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**  
***Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Bridgewater, VT***

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, 2015 and June 30, 2016, VNH made 812 homecare visits to 40 Bridgewater residents. This included approximately \$34,600 in unreimbursed care to Bridgewater residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 598 home visits to 30 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 64 home visits to 4 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 139 home visits to 5 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 11 home visits a resident 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.

Bridgewater'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.

Sincerely,

  
 Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

## **Woodstock Recreation Center, INC.**

The Woodstock Recreation Center (WRC) is 70 years old in 2017. There have been many positive changes over the years; I will give a brief timeline below:

- In August of 1958 the first “small” pool was built, with funding from the Woodstock Rotary club.
- In June 1968 the “big pool” was built
- In February 2007 a major renovation project was completed removing the bowling alley and adding a Fitness Center and dance studio where many fitness classes, dance classes, and other programs are taught today.
- Included in this renovation is a new teen center  
(This used to be the old gym)
- In April 2008 the construction of a new “big pool” began.
- The small pool is still used today.
- In June 2009 the new “big pool” was ready for use.
- In 2010 the lower level of WRC was fully renovated with new bathrooms, showers, floors, walls, electrical, and plumbing.
- In August 2011 Tropical Storm Irene came through with flood waters filling the small pool with silt, entering the lower level of WRC and rising to 5ft. In the theater.
- This amounted to over 250,000.00 in damages.
- The lower level of WRC had to have all the recently completed renovations ripped out from 4ft and below due to water damage. This was all repaired within two months.
- The Theater had so much water and silt, all of the electrical, plumbing, and heat was ruined, the entire lower level had to be gutted from the ceiling down, there was no heat, or electricity in the building.
- In October 2012 all repairs to the theater were complete. The theater was again habitable and rainbow preschool moved back in and all classes resumed upstairs.
- In 2015 The original wood floors in the theater were refinished and the exterior side doors replaced.
- In 2016 the Carpet in the front office was replaced with wood, and we replaced two treadmills as well as two pieces of weight lifting equipment in the gym.

The WRC is home of the Spectrum teen center, and the Options program. Both of these valuable entities rent from the Woodstock Rec Center. The teen center has a teen lounge with games and electronics. The teen center has had many special events at the WRC and utilizes the little theater for its dances. The options program is an alternative education program for Woodstock high school students where 12 to 15 students are taught daily. This gives students who have a difficult time learning in the school environment an incredible opportunity to learn in an environment that will enable them to do well and earn their diploma.

The Bridgewater community is a vital part of what we offer here at the Woodstock Rec Center, with a total of 12 Bridgewater resident children signed up for our summer camp program over 8 weeks, 6 in basketball, 9 in soccer, 9 in baseball, 4 in lacrosse, and numerous families in our swim lesson, swim team, and pool membership program. For adults and teens, we have an average of 40 Bridgewater residents using our fitness center and 15 who regularly take fitness classes.

Your continued community support and input is invaluable to us, we hope you continue to see the benefit in your partnership with the WRC. Please contact Gail Devine Executive Director, for further details or to offer your support, contribution, or expertise.

#### Current WRC Staff:

Gail Devine – Executive Director  
 Joel Carey – Assistant Director  
 Kerri Elkouh – Office Administrator

The staff and board of the WRC are committed to the goals that have been set forth and continue to strive toward improvements that will benefit the entire community.

Sincerely,  
 Gail Devine  
 Executive Director

#### Current Board members:

Chair,– Dave Doubleday - Vice,– Kent McFarland, Secretary, Jim Giller – Treasurer, Sarah Weiss – Select board Rep. Preston Bristow – board members at large: - Tom Emery - Emma Schmill .



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## **2016 Annual Report**

OCP organizes and manages the Mentor and Buddy Program for the WCSU district and offers youth empowerment training to schools, adults, and students through The VT Youth Action Network. OCP is 1 of 6 partners comprising the Windsor County Prevention Partners (WCPP) delivering environmental prevention practices across the county.

Examples of our work this past year include:

- Continued to increase the number of mentoring matches and recruit / train caring, quality mentors and established the Barnard Buddy Program, at Barnard Academy
- Distributed over 1,000 RX drug prevention materials through Woodstock Pharmacy
- The Vermont Youth Action Network (VYAN) led the 2nd Annual statewide Youth Summit - an enriching training for middle and high school youth who are passionate about tobacco prevention
- Coordinated Drug Take Back Day with Sheriff Chamberlain whereby 783 pounds of medications were collected across Windsor County
- Collaborated with Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission and Health Connections of the Upper Valley to draft a policy guide for use by town administrators, planners, and health advocates.

- **Board of Directors**

- **Kathy Astemborski, Chair Robbie Blish, Vice-Chair  
Emma Schmill, Co-secretary Crys Szekely, Co-secretary  
Jonathan Wilson, Treasurer Marie Anderson Susan Ford**

- **OCP Staff**

- **Melanie Sheehan  
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- *OCP's mission is to inspire youth and adults to positively engage in their community.*

- *As a 501c-3 organization, OCP thrives through donations and town support!  
Thank you for your financial contribution.*



January 12, 2017

The Spectrum Teen Center would like to once again thank the town's people for your continued support of our program by approving our request for town appropriations last year. Your support has been incredibly valuable to our program. For 20 years Spectrum has been serving teens in grades 9-12 living in the Windsor Central Supervisory Union. There is **no charge** for teens to participate in our regularly scheduled program.

The Spectrum Teen Centers home base is the downstairs of the Woodstock Recreation Center. The Spectrum offers activities and events on the weekends, September through June that serves teenagers in our community and offers safe and healthy events where teens feel included and valued. Our program provides a safe social outlet and allows teens to come and spend time with their friends, meet new friends, and engage in healthy, creative and fun activities.

This year we have teamed up with Artistree in Pomfret to do "Branch Out" Teen Nights once a month. These events offer fun, food and artsy activities for all teens. Some themes have been an Open House, Open Studios, Halloween crafts, Story Slam and recently Holiday Gift Making. These events are well attended are offered free to all teens.

We have also joined forces with Pentangle, and are offering a FREE Teen Movie Night once a month at the Town Hall Theater. Our first movie, "Deepwater Horizon" was a hit with over 60 teens in attendance. The second movie was "Coming through the Rye" where teens watched the movie and then stayed to ask questions with the director of the film. We had over 30 students in attendance. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we will be offering our third FREE Movie Night and will be showing Rogue One: A Star Wars Story in 3D. We also recently featured a FREE Teen Pizza Night at Pizza Chef where we had over 50 teens in attendance. We look forward to planning new and exciting teen events in this New Year!

Thank you for your time and consideration. Your support is so important to our program and the teens in our community. The Spectrum Teen Center would greatly appreciate if your town would once again approve our request for town appropriations.

Sincerely,

Heather Vonada & Joni Kennedy, Co-Directors

[hvonada@wcsu.net](mailto:hvonada@wcsu.net) & [jkennedy@wcsu.net](mailto:jkennedy@wcsu.net)

Spectrum Teen Center

**The Woodstock Area Council on Aging  
(The Thompson Center)**

*Your First Resource for Aging in our Community*

The Thompson continues to provide daily meals, rides, and other resources for Bridgewater residents at home on a daily basis and more than 90 Bridgewater residents are registered in our system and participate regularly at the Center for meals, exercise, programs, by volunteering, and much more.

As the local resource and advocate for more than 1,500 seniors in Pomfret, Barnard, Bridgewater, Woodstock, and surrounding communities, The Thompson is so much more than our building located in West Woodstock.

The Thompson encourages and enables all those in our area to “age well.” We are a vibrant community of active participants, energetic volunteers, dedicated staff, expert advisors and teachers, and generous donors. Together, we enrich the experience of aging in our area through meals, exercise, speakers and classes, transportation, and a myriad of other activities and opportunities for socialization.

Our challenges—and needs—increase as the senior population in our area continues to grow in size and in age. Meals served increased more than 1,000 meals last year to 18,836 meals served! Transportation needs and participation in exercise and other program has increased as well. This year alone, we’ve had more than 30,000 unique interactions with participants, guests, and volunteers.

Your continued support will help to ensure the success of this valuable community resource. Please contact us at [info@thompsonsniiorcenter.org](mailto:info@thompsonsniiorcenter.org) or 457-3277 with any questions or needs. You can also see the menu and program calendar online at [www.thompsonsniiorcenter.org](http://www.thompsonsniiorcenter.org) or find us on Facebook. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanna Jones, Executive Director

## **The Woodstock Area Job Bank**

*“Bringing together people who need work  
with people who need workers.”*

Since 1974 the Woodstock Area Job Bank has helped people in our community by matching those looking for work with those having jobs to be done.

Today the jobs listed vary from full-time professional to hourly household work – and everything in between. This valuable referral service has always been offered free of charge.

### **What’s happening at the Job Bank?**

- We provide individuals in our community with valuable work experience, exposure to new work environments, and opportunities to sharpen their skills.
- We provide businesses and families the opportunity to connect with workers in our community and even serve as mentors on the job.
- We support volunteers! We’re continuing our effort to promote volunteer opportunities in the area.
- We maintain an interactive website that allows employers to post jobs directly online AND the ability for job-seekers to register their skills online.
- We’re collaborating with area nonprofits to better serve our community, ease donor fatigue and share common resources.

### **How are we doing?**

- Our requests for workers continue to grow each year. There are over 500 active job seekers on our list. In 2016 employers posted 640 jobs.
- The Job Bank serves job-seekers, volunteer-seekers and employers throughout the greater Woodstock area.

### **How are we funded?**

This year our funding request to the Town of Bridgewater remains level with last year.

While we do receive some funding from area towns - Woodstock, Hartland, Bridgewater, Barnard, Pomfret and Reading - our budget is limited. These funds will help toward operating expenses as we continue offering in-person, online, and telephone resources and strive to expand service hours.

*The Woodstock Area Job Bank is a 501 c-3 organization  
We thank the voters of Bridgewater for supporting  
this worthy organization!*

**Board of Directors:** Sara Norcross, President Michelle Fields, Secretary Ann Marie Boyd, Treasurer Susanne Lodge  
Patrick Fultz Leo Lacroix Kathleen Robbins

### **Staff**

Elizabeth Craib, Director

### **Location:**

Woodstock Town Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30-2:30  
Closed Thursdays  
Fridays by appointment

## **Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)**

### **Southeastern Vermont Community Action**

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes, and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Weatherization, Head Start, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Resolution (fuel, utility, food, and housing assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Income Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Bridgewater we have provided the following services during FY2016:

**Weatherization:** 2 homes (3 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$55,137

**Family Services:** 12 households (24 people) received 60 services (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition information, referral to & assistance with accessing needed services) valued at \$606

**Fuel & Utility Assistance:** 6 households (12 people) received 6 assists valued at \$3,179

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of state, federal, private and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Bridgewater for their support.

Stephen Geller  
Executive Director



Funding Request Information for the Town Of Bridgewater  
January 2017

Since 1883 many Bridgewater residents have been active patrons of the Norman Williams Public Library. Through that history the Town of Bridgewater and the Norman Williams Public Library have proudly partnered to further the literary health of our broader community. NWPL would like to strengthen this partnership by working more closely with the Town of Bridgewater while providing a full range of library service to Bridgewater residents.

With our community partners the library promotes digital literacy, a vital life skill through our one-to-one tutorials and classes from which more than 1,500 library patrons have benefited in the past four years. Visits to the library are at an all-time high of more than 70,000 annually, which is attributable in part to our more than 400 free programs. Monthly attendance often exceeds 1,000 participants. The library has card holders from many surrounding towns who borrow 49,000 books annually from our collection of 55,000 books and information resources. Today, approximately 140 Bridgewater residents are active NWPL library card holders. We hope this number will grow.

All library programs are offered free of charge. Programs include author readings and story hours. Classes range from memoir writing, history, poetry, the classics, and religion to how to use your iPad. Our community has been informed by world leaders in all disciplines, from the environment and the judiciary and the arts.

The children and youth library provides story times, craft programs and after school movies and STEM classes. The children's courtyard has a flowering "secret garden" with wooden sculptures of a dog playing a guitar and Pooh-Bear going down a slide with a red fish.

We thank the many Bridgewater residents who are so active with our library. These patrons add greatly to our library and communities. With your help we can keep the library as an institution that is broadly valued by the Bridgewater community as a destination for all forms of creative learning.

We would like to encourage more Bridgewater residents to become active members of the NWPL library. As a first step, if Bridgewater voters approve the library's current request for financial support, NWPL will provide Bridgewater residents with library cards without additional charge. We will renew our request for support on an annual basis so that Bridgewater residents can continue to be NWPL library card holders without having to pay a fee. We look forward to seeing you at the library!

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marinello and Chris Lloyd, Co-Chairs of the Board of Trustees

**State of Vermont  
Department of Health  
White River Junction District Office**

**Phone: 802-295-8820  
Fax: 802-295-8832  
Toll Free: 888-253-8799**

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

**Supported healthy communities:** Windsor County Prevention Partners (WCPP) is in their fourth year of working together to support substance abuse prevention especially underage drinking prevention and prescription drug misuse prevention. In 2015, WCPP received \$130,000 from the state Partnerships for Success grant to support this work across Windsor County.

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

**Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease:** In 2015 we responded to [264](#) cases of infectious disease in [Windsor](#) County. In 2015, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide.

**Aided communities in emergency preparedness:** In July of 2016, we participated in a large-scale exercise in [Brattleboro](#) to practice our procedures for distributing medicine to keep people from getting sick in case of a public health emergency. For 2016/17, \$[10,000](#) will fund training for Emergency Medical Services and Upper Valley Medical Reserve Corps. In addition, \$[49,359](#) will support emergency preparedness capabilities at [Gifford Medical Center](#).

**State of Vermont  
Department of Health**  
[White River Jct. District Office](#)  
[118 Prospect Street, Suite 300](#)  
[White River Jct., VT 05001](#)  
[www.HealthVermont.gov](http://www.HealthVermont.gov)

### Joan Jenne Memorial Scholarship Fund

Balance July 1, 2015		\$ 1,534.73
Interest Earned	\$ 1.19	
CD Interest	\$ 294.00	
Withdrawal from CD	\$ 1,000.00	
		\$ 1,295.19
Total Receipts:		\$ 2,829.92
Disbursements:		
15/16 Scholarships	\$ 750.00	
Balance as of June 30, 2016		\$ 2,079.92
Assets:		
Certificate of Deposit	\$27,000.00	
1.05%		
Committee Members		
David Jenne    Henry Smith		
Nancy Robinson		

## **Report of the Superintendent January 2017**

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, Taxpayers and Staff of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union:

Typically I use this opportunity to reflect on the past school year, think about accomplishments and challenges, and contemplate new strategies to accomplishing our goals in the next school year. This year, however, is different as I am retiring from my position as your Superintendent and from a long career in Vermont public school education that began in 1974. I hope that a reflection on the past six years at Windsor Central will assist the communities as they move forward, and the new Superintendent who will begin on July 1, 2017.

During my tenure, we have worked to create structures that support our goals of equity, cohesiveness, high academic standards, and professional practice. These goals were established by the Windsor Central Boards in 2011 and structures were designed to spawn collaborative and cooperative efforts to create rigorous and relevant learning opportunities for all students. Continuous embedded professional development that is supportive, common for all teachers, and designed to raise the quality of instructional practice; curriculum adoption or development that is designed to guarantee all students equal access to rigorous and relevant learning; assessments that inform instruction and guide student support; and the cultivation of an Administrative Team that focuses on student learning and educational leadership. These activities and structures have all been designed to ensure students from any of our elementary schools have equal opportunity to be successful at our middle and high school and beyond.

Examples of progress in these areas include:

- Collaborative opportunities for teachers from all schools to work together on curriculum and instructional practice.
- Professional training for Principals in educational leadership.
- A coordinated PreK-8 standards-based reading and writing curriculum and a pathway for 9-12 curriculum.
- Coordinated PreK-8 standards-based mathematics curriculum and programs that prepare students for continued mathematics in 9-12.
- Coordinated and cohesive support to teachers in PreK-8 literacy instructional practice provided by professional on-site coaches.
- Coordinated and cohesive support to teachers in PreK-12 mathematics instructional practice provided by professional on-site coaches.
- Development of standards-based PreK-12 NGSS science curriculum.
- The initial development of a uniform local assessment system upon which the system can build.
- The opportunity and support for teams of teachers to work together to lead and grow in the areas of science, technology, and literacy.
- A system-wide supervision and evaluation system of teachers, administrators, and support staff.

We were fortunate in the fall of 2016 to participate in the Vermont Agency of Education *Integrated Field Review* that is designed to evaluate how schools are doing relative to the Vermont School Quality Standards. While the feedback noted many of the above accomplishments, and commended us on our supportive schools and communities, it noted that we still have work to do to address the considerable variability of student learning opportunities and student achievement across and within our schools. This situation works against the goals of equity and opportunity. The school district and supervisory union boards are aware of and are constructively addressing this challenge. In addition, an Act 46 Planning Committee appointed by the Windsor Central boards undertook a study of the variability that exists within our supervisory union as they contemplated whether or not to move to a more unified governance structure could better serve our schools and students.

The Act 46 Planning Committee was formed last fall to contemplate the formation of a new unified union school district. The Committee formed as a response to 2015 legislation requiring Vermont school districts to explore merger opportunities within a supervisory union and with neighboring districts if fitting. The WCSU Committee had Board appointed representation from each of our six school districts and, with a grant from the Vermont Agency of Education, received support for their work from a consultant. Sherry Sousa, Director of Instructional Support Services, and I also advised and supported the work of the committee.

Over the past months, the Committee has looked at the strengths and needs of each school district by analyzing programs, resources including staffing, and student performance data. They established “Guiding Principles for Unification” that are the touchstones for future development. From this examination, there appear to be many positive opportunities that would result from a merger including some financial advantage from sharing resources and restructuring in ways that would maintain strong student cohorts and sustainable student-to-staff ratios. In addition, a merger would provide some tax incentives for the first few years and protect the small schools grants that three of the districts could stand to lose without a merger. As with any change, there are also challenges that require compromise. We hope the voters from each of our communities will study the issues and recommendations articulated in a Final Report so they can make an informed decision regarding the future of the schools. The Report can be found on the WCSU website at <https://www.wcsu.net> and at your Town Clerk’s office.

I am proud of the work our teachers and administrators have done to grow their practice for the benefit of our students. They have been open to expand their thinking in response to the changing needs of kids and families. The teachers and administrators have worked tirelessly with the Windsor Central boards to provide exciting learning opportunities to the local schools and communities. I wish everyone the best in the years to come, and thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Superintendent of Schools.

Respectfully,

Alice Thomason Worth  
Superintendent/Director of Education

## WCSU Board Chair's Annual Report

Your Board of School Directors is comprised of twenty-four members who are elected throughout the supervisory union and serve without salary. The Board sets policy, approves the supervisory union's budget and expenditures, and sets goals for the future.

Board actions are governed by state and federal laws and a specific philosophy dedicated to provide quality education in an atmosphere of mutual respect among students, faculty and parents. The philosophy of the Board emphasizes the mastery of basic skills, problem solving skills, self-discipline, a positive self-concept, aesthetic appreciation, community partnerships, and specific educational goals to be accomplished by the superintendent each year. Board meetings are held monthly and citizens are invited to share their opinions and concerns at the meetings.

			Term Expires	Home Phone #	Year Elected
<b><u>BARNARD</u></b>					
Chip Davis *	P.O. Box 1126, Barnard, VT 05031	chip@rowingnews.com	2019	234-4054	2015
Heather Little	4107 VT Route 12, Woodstock, VT 05091	hhlittle@gmail.com	2018	234-2199	2016
Kim White	618 Rhoades Hill Rd., Bethel, VT 05032	kmwhite.814@gmail.com	2017	234-5229	2016
<b><u>BRIDGEWATER</u></b>					
Seth Shaw *	P.O. Box 7, Bridgewater Corners, VT 05035	west.hahs@gmail.com	2019	672-1008	2013
Justin Shipman	7429 Route 4, Bridgewater, VT 05034	jshipman@tgroupusa.com	2018	672-4455	2014
Joshua Gregg	7383 US Route 4, Bridgewater, VT 05034	josh@spacecadetllc.com	2017	770-2900	2016
<b><u>KILLINGTON</u></b>					
Jennifer Iannantuoni*	604 Schoolhouse Rd., Killington, VT 05751	jennifer.iannantuoni@yahoo.com	2019	422-5402	2007
Laura McKenna	P.O. Box 273, Killington, VT 05751	sunup@vermontel.net	2018	422-2038	2015
Walter J. Findeisen, Jr.	265 Telefon Trail, Killington, VT 05751	findeisen@vermontel.net	2017	422-4458	2008
<b><u>PITTSFIELD</u></b>					
Kristin Sperber*	P.O. Box 539, Pittsfield, VT 05762	kristin.sperber@myfairpoint.net	2018	746-8487	2007
Ray Rice	P.O. Box 805, Killington, VT 05751	rayrice@gmail.com	2017	917-301-3483	2008
AJ Ruben	1575 Upper Michigan Road, Pittsfield, VT 05762	ajbecca@myfairpoint.net	2019	613-746-8613	2007
<b><u>POMFRET</u></b>					
Jody Eaton *	540 Log Cabin Drive, Woodstock VT 05091	jjeaton@myfairpoint.net	2018	457-1747	2012
Seth Westbrook	P.O. Box 43, South Pomfret, VT 05067	sethwestbro@gmail.com	2019	457-7062	2016
Patti Kuzmickas	1811 High Pastures Rd., Woodstock, VT 05091	pakdvm@aol.com	2017	457-7172	2016
<b><u>READING</u></b>					
Justin Sluka*	3967 Tyson Road, South Reading, VT 05153	justin.sluka@gmail.com	2018	484-8957	2008
John Philpin	P.O. Box 57, Reading, VT 05062	philpin@myfairpoint.net	2019	484-7235	2005
Donna Martin	3089 Tyson Rd., Reading, VT 05062	bryantgrynder@gmail.com	2017	299-9985	2016
<b><u>WOODSTOCK</u></b>					
Paige Hiller*	19 Mountain Avenue, Woodstock, VT 05091	paige@paigehillerphotography.com	2017	457-9203	2008
Malena Agin	27 Slayton Terrace, Woodstock, VT 05091	aginmal@gmail.com	2019	457-7360	2016
Jessica Stout	3420 Cox District Road, Woodstock, VT 05091	jessicahorak@hotmail.com	2018	457-7127	2014
<b><u>WOODSTOCK UNION HIGH SCHOOL REPS</u></b>					
Dwight Doton*	240 Schoolhouse Hill, Woodstock, VT 05091	dwrightdoton@aol.com	2018	457-3112	2003
Elizabeth Alessi	799 Pomfret Road, Woodstock, VT 05091	biz.alessi@gmail.com	2018	356-5866	2016
VACANT	VACANT	VACANT		VACANT	

\*Indicates local Board Chair

## WCSU Instructional Support Services

January 2017

The faculty of Instructional Support Services continue to improve their skills to meet the needs of their students. Much of their time outside of the classroom has been spent to further develop intervention skills. This has occurred through days of training with highly skilled instructors, coursework in specialized instruction, coaching with consulting teachers, and a monthly Professional Learning Community.

For three days in March, all of the Special Education teachers worked with an instructor from the Wilson Reading Program. The elementary teachers focused on developing their intensive reading instruction skills, while the middle and high school teachers worked on reading interventions for those with baseline skills. Four elementary special educators and two Title I teachers are currently working with a Wilson Coach for this school year to achieve a Level I Wilson certification. The training includes on-line coursework, multiple coaching opportunities and group instruction. Two special educators new to the district were able to participate in the training during the summer. In December, an expert in Executive Functioning from Massachusetts General Hospital presented to general education and special education teachers from the entire Supervisory Union looking at how lessons and classrooms can be structured to provide the greatest level of engagement for all students.

The goal of both trainings is to bring special educators to a higher level of expertise so that students' learning needs can be addressed expediently. All of the professional development costs were covered by the state IDEA Grant.

The two coaches who work with Special Education teachers, Lois Perlah and Fritz Weiss, work in each of the schools to ensure that the services provided to students meet the standards of Best Practice and occur when students begin to meet challenges. Having these resources available to teachers and special education teams has reduced the need for specialized consultants.

Special Educators meet monthly to discuss additional areas of concern and to provide a community dialogue on intervention topics. Last year, teachers focused on writing intervention strategies and revised the curriculum that was used with students with writing challenges. The group read the text "From Talking to Writing" by the Landmark School. Teachers also shared lessons that have worked in their resource rooms and resources that have enhanced their instruction.

This was the first year of consolidated costs for Special Education services and faculty. Having resources centralized at the Supervisory Union has allowed us to realize efficiencies that were not available in the past. Sharing teachers between programs in Woodstock Elementary and Barnard Academy enabled us to offer one full time position that is based in two schools. Transportation expenses have also been positively impacted as vehicles can be accessed by multiple programs decreasing the need to contract with an outside bus company. One special educator is providing assessment services to two other schools while new special educators develop their skills in testing. Using individuals and resources in creative ways reduces the demands on individual schools.

The third year of Summer SOAK was very successful. Close to 200 students attended the program each day participating in classes including elementary chemistry, exploration of medieval history, Robotics, Cartography, outdoor exploration and mountain biking. Academic enrichment is a component of every course offered at Summer SOAK with students writing about their adventures, reading books on related topics, or using technology to explore new worlds. Students' reading scores from the end of the school year are compared with those at the start to ensure that students maintain their skills over the long summer.

Ensuring that resources are available to support the programs of Windsor Central Supervisory Union is also a role of the Director of Instructional Support Services. The Special Education IDEA Grant and Title I and II Grants continue to support the needs of students academically at risk. This year I was able to also bring in a BEST Innovation Grant for \$20,000 that will support professional development at the high school for Personalized Learning and at the elementary level for training in the Responsive Classroom. Windsor Central was also one of 16 districts to receive the State Tobacco Grant for \$30,000 for four years due to the efforts of Gretchen Czaja and Biz Alessi. This grant supports health education and tobacco use prevention at all grade levels.

## The Prosper Valley School The Prosper Valley School, Joint District Report

In Year 2 of operation, The Prosper Valley School (TPVS) has hit its stride and is growing in numerous ways.

**Enrollment & Programs.** We are growing in terms of sheer numbers with 89 students enrolled as of January 1, 2017, a 10% increase in enrollment from the same time last year. We are augmenting program offerings with, among other things, a new outdoor skating rink incorporated into our winter PhysEd classes; an afterschool drama program slated to launch in Spring 2017; and a TPVS-Artistree “Uke Group” collaboration, a student ukulele ensemble that meets weekly throughout the year. Grade 5 is piloting Changing Perspectives, a disability awareness program. We won a “Making Spaces” grant from the Montshire Museum, funding the creation of a mobile maker space that allows every class to do hands-on engineering. We are formally collaborating with The Montshire Museum as a “Partnership School,” one of 14 schools throughout the Upper Valley. This partnership reaps us multiple benefits. Each grade-level teacher receives one-to-one coaching to deepen a chosen Science unit of study. Families attend special Science Nights at the Museum. And students go on museum trips specifically designed to enhance classroom Science explorations.

**Mission & Culture.** In Winter 2017, TPVS School Board members are formalizing the school’s mission, guiding principles and motto, all which will be prominently featured on a new TPVS website (anticipated launch: Spring 2017). Teachers are assuming more dynamic leadership roles in the school. In Fall 2016 faculty initiated teacher-led “Lunch Seminars” during which teachers present and discuss professional topics of interest and importance. Teachers also run monthly “Math Practice Conversations,” opportunities to collaborate and share effective instructional strategies. Students are stepping up as leaders too. Our new Grade 6 Student Leadership Team, guided by Fritz Weiss, gathers children K-6 in “Student Forums” to discuss and weigh in on any and all aspects of school life.

**Current grade level teaching assignments:** Deanne Fitzpatrick, Kindergarten; Katie Jacobsen, Grade 1; Barbara Leonard, Grade 2; Mercy Grinold, Grade 3; Jennifer Hewitt, Grade 4; Allison Greene, Grade 5; and Robert Hanson, Grade 6. Our Special Education staff includes teacher Eileen Guyette and para-professional Lori Flynn. Michelle Hough is a general education para-professional. School nurse Lisa Willems is with us three half days per week. Fritz Weiss, psychologist and “consulting teacher,” works two half days supporting students, families and overall community formation. Two teachers are departing at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. Fitzpatrick is moving out of state and Mrs. Leonard is retiring. With heartfelt gratitude, we thank both teachers for their years of service to The Bridgewater Village, Pomfret and Prosper Valley Schools.

**Specials Teachers.** Lisa Kaija teaches Art two days per week, including an open Art Studio during which teachers can book time for interdisciplinary projects. Christine Morton teaches Music 1.5 days per week, along with instrumental lessons (woodwinds, brass, percussion) and a school band comprised of 35 students in grades 4-6, an 88% participation rate. Foreign language teacher Elaine Leibly teaches Spanish (K-6) two days per week. Kipp Dixon teaches PhysEd two days and Health one day per week. Jessica Langlois teaches Library Media classes one day per week.

**Ongoing Professional Development.** Along with new programs mentioned previously, faculty are working intensively with SU consultants to implement best practices in Math and Literacy and write Science units incorporating Next Generation Science Standards.

**Student Enrichment.** Students participate in a variety of enrichment activities during and after school. The Prosper Valley School Drum Corp meets weekly under the direction of Mark van Gulden. Students attend three Pentangle performances throughout the year. In December, students in Grades 1-6 enjoyed Amahl and the Night Visitors at The Lebanon Opera House. A brass trio from the Vermont Symphony Orchestra plays for us in January. During our “Winter Fridays” program, students in Gr 1-6 ski at Suicide Six, ice skate at Union Arena, create art at ArtisTree, and participate in outdoor activities at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Park. In March we offer a second year of “Spring Fling Seminars” during which professionals from a range of creative fields—architects, dancers, sculptors, cartoonists—expand students’ horizons over the course of six working sessions. In May, 6<sup>th</sup> graders spend a week at Nature’s Classroom in Ocean Park, Maine, learning about marine habitats and getting to know peers from several other SU elementary schools.

**Supportive Organizations.** Our active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) supports a variety of school activities. The Harvest Supper fundraiser was a resounding success, involving hard work on behalf of students, teachers and families from Bridgewater and Pomfret. The PTO provides generous stipends to teachers to use at their discretion to benefit students. With PTO support, we have created our outdoor skating rink and delivered Helping Hands holiday baskets to senior citizens of our two towns. The Prosper Valley School Trust makes it possible for all children to procure instruments and participate in band. The Trust is also considering funding for Spring Fling Seminars, a rock climbing Team, and our new theater program.

**TPVS School Board.** TPVS is a vibrant and growing school community in large part due to the extraordinary efforts and support of our Joint District School Board comprised of members Joshua Gregg, Seth Shaw (Board Chair) and Justin Shipman from Bridgewater, and Jody Eaton, Patti Kuzmickas and Seth Westbrook from Pomfret.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Sjostrom, Principal  
12/20/16

### **The Prosper Valley School Trust**

*Nurturing Excellence in Education and Providing Educational Enrichment Opportunities*

The purpose of the Prosper Valley School Trust is to provide funding for educational enrichment for the children of Bridgewater and Pomfret who attend The Prosper Valley School beyond that which can be fairly and reasonably raised through local and state taxes. Originally founded in 1992, now The Prosper Valley School Trust, a private foundation that conforms to all provisions of section 501(c)(3) of the IRS. All funds held by the Trust are privately raised through donations.

Programs funded by the Trust in 2016:

- Sent 22 students in Grades 5 and 6 on a daylong trip to “NuVu” at MIT in Cambridge, MA. NuVu gave Prosper Valley students the opportunity to tackle an engineering project involving electronics, laser cutting and solar panels.
  - Spring Fling Seminar Series - Every student, K-6, participated in one of 12 hands-on mini-courses that met on six consecutive Friday mornings. Children had the chance to broaden horizons beyond typical school studies in courses that ranged from jazz choreography to radio production, from dog training to fort building, from cribbage to song studio, and from greenhouse gardening to cooking with the school chef.
  - The Drum Corps continues to be a popular extra-curricular activity for students in grades 4-6. Mark van Gulden instructs and leads the group with great skill and enthusiasm in area parades and events.
  - Band instrument scholarships were provided for four students in The Prosper Valley School Band.
  - For The Prosper Valley School rock climbing team, students’ families pay as they are able and the Trust subsidizes the remaining cost of memberships to the Rock Wall in Quechee.
- The Board of The Prosper Valley School Trust wishes to thank the community for its continued support to nurture excellence in education.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Trustees: Deanna Jones, Kim Bean, Nicola Shipman, Marie Cole, Michelle Hough, Bruce Seely, Geraldine Fowler, Mica Seely, and Lisa Sjostrom.

**The Prosper Valley School  
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget  
2017-2018 Budget Year**

	<b>Projected 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2015-2016</b>	<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018</b>
<b>Regular Instruction</b>				
Teachers' Salaries	495,751	490,945	520,584	488,096
Art/Music Salaries				
Aides' Salaries	19,044	19,600	19,520	-
ELL Salaries		8,065		12,300
Instruction - Substitute Salaries	5,125	13,541	5,253	5,384
Regular Instruction - Health Insurance	148,255	145,204	157,187	143,979
Regular Instruction FICA	39,344	30,761	41,720	38,692
Life Insurance	92	(9)	-	-
Municipal Retirement	-	766	1,261	492
New Hire VSTRS Retirement		1,097		-
Workers' Comp. Ins	2,146	2,300	2,591	2,403
Dental Insurance	3,342	7,631	3,720	3,255
Postage		34		
Pentangle				
Nature's Classroom		5,655		4,000
Regular Ed Excess Costs	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Purchased Educational Services	5,579		5,579	
General Supplies	6,925	6,015	6,925	6,925
Pre-K Tuition	-		15,000	30,000
General Texts	-	938	-	
Photocopier Supplies	-		-	
Supplies Kindergarten	-		-	
Supplies Grades 1-2	-		-	
Supplies Grades 3-4	-		-	
Supplies Grades 5-6	-		-	
Field Trips	-		-	
Art Supplies	500	185	500	750
English Supplies	500	740	500	500
Foreign Language Materials	550	-	550	300
Phys Ed Supplies	550	333	450	450
Equipment	500		500	-
Math Supplies	1,698	1,887	750	750
Math Texts	500	88	500	1,500
Music Supplies	950	533	750	750
Music Equipment		989		-
Music Dues & Fees	400	-	400	-
Science Consulting	-		-	
Purchased Educational Services	850	1,031	850	-
Science Supplies	1,100	1,114	900	900
Social Studies Supplies	950	679	700	700
Language Arts Supplies	4,000	3,582	2,000	3,000
Language Arts - Textbooks	1,000	429	1,000	1,000

	<b>Projected 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2015-2016</b>	<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018</b>
<b>Total Regular Education</b>	<b>743,651</b>	<b>748,134</b>	<b>793,690</b>	<b>750,126</b>
<b>Guidance</b>				
Counselor Salary	10,900		13,510	13,749
Health Insurance	2,577		2,846	2,977
FICA	834		1,033	1,052
Life Insurance	-		-	
Workers' Comp. Ins.	343	150	64	65
Dental Insurance	77		84	101
VCAT Program Expense	-		-	
IST/504 Services	300		-	
Supplies	500		500	250
Dues and Memberships	-		-	
Standardized Testing	1,200	563	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Guidance</b>	<b>16,731</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>19,037</b>	<b>19,194</b>
<b>Health Services</b>				
Contracted Nurse Services				
Nurse Salary	7,774	10,204	10,459	15,245
FICA	595	781	800	1,166
Life Insurance		7		
Workers' Comp. Ins.	48	84	50	72
Supplies	850	92	400	500
AV Materials	500		-	
Equipment	-		-	
Periodicals	575		-	
<b>Total Health Services</b>	<b>10,342</b>	<b>11,167</b>	<b>11,709</b>	<b>16,983</b>
<b>Instructional Staff Training</b>				
Professional Development - Stipends	6,000	5,935	-	-
FICA		363		-
Course Reimbursement - Teachers	15,000	4,222	5,000	5,000
Staff Conference	1,000	366	1,000	1,000
Professional Development - General	800	104	-	
Inservice Expense	-	38	-	
Staff Travel	-	101	250	250
<b>Total Instructional Staff Training</b>	<b>22,800</b>	<b>11,129</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>6,250</b>
<b>Education Media Services</b>				
Salary	19,325	8,252	20,566	12,315
Assistant Salary				6,552
Health Insurance	3,620	3,940	5,439	4,182
FICA	1,478	631	1,573	1,443
Life Insurance	-	9	-	
Workers' Comp Ins	52	118	98	90
Dental Insurance	77	232	166	159
Supplies	-	109	-	
Library Books	1,300	717	1,200	1,200
Newspapers and Periodicals	1,700	-	500	500
<b>Total Education Media Services</b>	<b>27,552</b>	<b>14,008</b>	<b>29,542</b>	<b>26,441</b>

	<b>Projected 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2015-2016</b>	<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018</b>
<b>Audio-Visual Services</b>				
Audio-Visual Materials	400	-	400	400
Ed Media - Software	7,500	6,607	1,500	1,500
<b>Total Audio-Visual Services</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>6,607</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,900</b>
<b>Technology</b>				
Salaries				3,785
Health Insurance				952
FICA				290
Workers' Comp Ins.				18
Dental Insurance				19
Purchased Technical Services	5,000	2,675	4,500	4,500
Repairs and Maintenance	400	135	400	400
Communications	3,700	3,600	3,700	3,700
Ed Media - Computer Supplies	700	141	200	200
Software	800	760	800	800
Equipment	9,900	5,709	1,000	4,000
<b>Total Technology</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>13,020</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>18,664</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>				
Legal Liability Insurance	4,000	3,844	4,000	4,080
Postage	300	52	300	300
Advertising	1,000	1,579	1,000	1,000
Stipends	-	-	-	-
Supplies	1,050	32	300	300
Expenses	350	41	350	350
Dues and Fees	850	1,054	850	984
Treasurer	600	-	600	600
Legal Services	750	532	750	750
Negotiations Expense	-	665	-	-
<b>Total Board of Education</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>7,798</b>	<b>8,150</b>	<b>8,364</b>
<b>Office of the Principal</b>				
Salary	80,000	81,018	82,000	87,125
Secretary Salary	24,870	21,211	19,719	28,939
Health Insurance	30,983	35,347	33,726	35,274
FICA	8,023	4,823	6,273	6,665
Secretary Soc Sec	-	1,203	1,508	2,214
Municipal Retirement	497	837	789	1,158
Workers' Comp Ins.	305	806	484	551
Professional Development	1,500	-	1,500	1,500
Dental Insurance	768	768	800	768
Copier Lease	6,000	3,165	2,125	2,125
Postage	3,470	81	1,500	500
Travel	800	242	500	500
Supplies	3,800	4,486	500	750
Administrative Expenses	-	-	-	-
Professional Dues	800	225	800	500
<b>Total Office of the Principal</b>	<b>161,816</b>	<b>154,213</b>	<b>152,224</b>	<b>168,569</b>

	<b>Projected 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2015-2016</b>	<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018</b>
<b>Operation/Maintenance of Plant</b>				
Maintenance Salaries	35,000	9,077	11,852	12,148
Summer Salaries	-	393	5,000	5,000
FICA	2,678	579	907	929
Municipal Retire.	1,715	-	-	-
Worker's Comp Ins	1,736	1,696	282	282
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	-
Water Testing	600	202	600	600
Disposal Services	2,500	2,794	2,500	2,500
Contracted Maintenance	25,000	41,420	43,000	18,000
Building Repairs				20,000
Custodian Contract				30,000
Equipment Repairs	-	-	-	-
Property Insurance	4,725	7,458	4,865	5,100
Communications	4,800	4,098	4,800	4,800
Maintenance Supplies	7,700	6,235	7,700	7,700
Maintenance Materials	-	-	-	-
Lamp Replacement	-	-	-	-
Electricity	18,980	16,765	17,000	17,000
Propane Gas	4,900	544	1,500	1,500
Heating Oil	18,000	12,595	19,500	14,950
Equipment	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Furniture	1,600	2,118	1,600	2,600
Dues and Fees	400	490	400	-
<b>Total Operation/Maintenance of Plant</b>	<b>131,334</b>	<b>106,465</b>	<b>122,506</b>	<b>144,109</b>
<b>Care and Upkeep of Grounds</b>				
Sewage Services	-	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	5,500	5,727	5,500	7,500
Supplies	1,000		800	800
<b>Total Care and Upkeep of Grounds</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>5,727</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>8,300</b>
<b>Student Transportation</b>				
Contracted Services	59,484	59,469	60,971	65,186
Field Trips	4,570	5,781	4,570	7,000
Pentangle	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Student Transportation</b>	<b>64,054</b>	<b>65,250</b>	<b>65,541</b>	<b>72,186</b>
<b>Fund Transfers</b>				
Transfer to Health Reimbursement Account	10,000	-	-	-
<b>Total Fund Transfers</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Elementary</b>	<b>1,232,080</b>	<b>1,144,233</b>	<b>1,227,449</b>	<b>1,241,086</b>

**Special Education**

ESY Salary	3,024		-	
Paraprofessionals	20,593	21,343	21,108	40,667
Health Insurance	6,441	7,301	7,115	14,522
FICA	1,807	1,281	1,615	3,111
Municipal Retirement	617	824	1,104	1,627

	<b>Projected 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2015-2016</b>	<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018</b>
Workers' Comp	95	205	131	193
Dental Insurance	384	384	435	768
ESY Purchased Services	-	-	-	-
Consultations	1,000	468	-	-
Evaluations	1,000	1,719	-	-
Mileage Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Excess Costs	1,000	80	-	33,237
General Supplies	1,000	-	-	-
Instructional Materials	4,800	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-
Evaluations	2,000	-	-	-
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>43,761</b>	<b>33,604</b>	<b>31,508</b>	<b>94,125</b>
<b>Special Education Transportation</b>				
ESY Transportation	1,000	-	-	-
Mileage Reimb.	2,000	-	-	-
<b>Total Special Education Transportation</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EEE</b>				
EEE Evaluations	-	-	-	-
EEE Salary	-	5,757	6,500	-
EEE FICA	-	352	497	-
EEE-Pre-School Tuition	-	3,105	-	-
<b>Total EEE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,214</b>	<b>6,997</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>WCSU Assessments</b>				
Technology Integration	9,628	9,630	8,701	10,936
Executive Admin.	70,214	70,215	61,749	71,335
Special Ed	144,915	144,911	146,428	165,864
Special Ed - Other Exp.	-	-	22,075	31,349
Administration Services	<b>224,757</b>	<b>224,756</b>	<b>238,953</b>	<b>279,484</b>
<b>Food Service</b>				
Salaries	1,650	-	-	-
Municipal Retirement	-	-	-	-
Workers' Comp	-	357	-	-
Staff Training	-	-	-	-
Dental Insurance	-	-	-	-
Contracted Services	1,100	42,203	36,000	36,000
Mileage	-	1,048	-	-
Supplies	-	1,095	-	-
Food Purchases	10,000	13,979	-	-
Equipment	-	4,478	-	-
Milk Purchase	-	-	-	-
Dues and Fees	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>12,750</b>	<b>63,160</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>36,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,516,348</b>	<b>1,474,966</b>	<b>1,540,907</b>	<b>1,650,695</b>

**The Prosper Valley School  
Revenue Report and Proposed Budget  
2017-2018 Budget Year**

	<b>Budget 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2015-2016</b>	<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018</b>
<b>Local Revenues</b>				
Tuition From Pupils/Parents		9,000		23,000
Tuition From Other LEA's	18,000	27,000	18,000	
Interest Earned	-	15	-	
Prior Year Surplus Applied	110,755	110,755	62,000	16,343
<b>Total Local Revenues</b>	<b>128,755</b>	<b>146,770</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>39,343</b>
<b>State Revenues</b>				
Education Spending Grant	1,036,969	1,036,969	1,148,928	1,285,707
Small Schools Grant	147,686	147,686	125,805	127,547
State Transportation Reimb	24,155	25,669	29,420	29,420
Postage				
<b>Total State Revenues</b>	<b>1,208,810</b>	<b>1,210,324</b>	<b>1,304,153</b>	<b>1,442,674</b>
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,337,565</b>	<b>1,357,094</b>	<b>1,384,153</b>	<b>1,482,017</b>
<b>Special Education</b>				
Special Ed Excess Cost Revenue				
Special Ed Block Grant	37,003	37,003	35,867	
Special Ed Expenditures Reimbursement	111,351	55,541	90,000	168,678
Early Essential Education Grant	12,029	12,029	12,487	
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>160,383</b>	<b>104,573</b>	<b>138,354</b>	<b>168,678</b>
<b>Food Service</b>				
Food Service Revenue	7,300	14,117	7,300	
Subgrant - Annual State Match - LUNCH	250	298	250	
Subgrant - Annual State Match - BRKFST	100	106	100	
Subgrant - State Addtl Breakfast	50	584	50	
Subgrant - Federal School Lunch	6,700	10,471	6,700	
Subgrant-Federal Sch Brkfst/Start Up	1,000	4,066	1,000	
St Of Vt Lunch Match	3,000		3,000	
<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>18,400</b>	<b>29,642</b>	<b>18,400</b>	-
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,516,348</b>	<b>1,491,309</b>	<b>1,540,907</b>	<b>1,650,695</b>

# The Prosper Valley School Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2016 (unaudited)

<b>Assets</b>		
Checking Account	101,564	
Petty Cash	-	
Prepaid	195	
Due from Other Funds	693	
Due from Government Entities	3,997	
Accounts Receivable	<u>31,036</u>	
 Total Assets		 <u><u>137,485</u></u>
 Accounts Payable	 111,923	
Accrued Payroll	9,219	
		121,142
<b>Reserves</b>		
Reserve for Specific Purpose	-	-
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
<b>Designated for F17 Budget</b>	-	-
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		
Revenue 2015-2016	1,491,309	
Expenses 2015-2016	<u>1,474,966</u>	
	16,343	
 Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2016		 <u><u>16,343</u></u>
 Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance		 <u><u>137,485</u></u>

**Bridgewater School District  
Expenditure Report and Proposed Budget  
2017-2018 Budget Year**

	<b>Projected 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2015-2016</b>	<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Prior Year Surplus Applied	82,918	82,918	52,255	-
Education Spending Grant	447,040	447,040	516,389	542,894
Interest Earned		259		
Miscellaneous	3,000	68	3,000	
Bank Charge		(20)		
Contribution from Reserves				41,419
<b>Total</b>	<b>532,958</b>	<b>530,265</b>	<b>571,644</b>	<b>584,313</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Teachers Salaries		300		
FICA		23		
Unemployment		12,718		
Board of Ed Stipends		925		
Board of Ed - Negotiations Exp		97		
Board of Ed - Legal Services	3,000	490	3,000	-
Op of Plant - Disposal Services		2,010		
Op of Plant - Contracted Maint		350		
Op of Plant - Telephone Services		33		
Board of Ed - Advertising		458		
Board of Ed - Dues and Fees		5		
Prior Year Deficit				17,263
Special Ed - Teachers Salary		150		
Special Ed - FICA		11		
TPVS Assessment	447,040	447,040	516,389	567,050
Prior Year Surplus to TPVS	82,918	82,918	52,255	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>532,958</b>	<b>547,528</b>	<b>571,644</b>	<b>584,313</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	-	(17,263)	-	-

## Bridgewater School District Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2016 (unaudited)

		<b>Bridgewater</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Checking Account	92,320	
Petty Cash	100	
Prepaid	-	
Due from Other Funds	-	
Due from Government Entities	2,150	
Accounts Receivable	<u>10,988</u>	
 Total Assets		 <u><u>105,558</u></u>
 Accounts Payable	 7,217	
Accrued Payroll	2,863	
		10,080
<b>Reserves</b>		
Reserve for Specific Purpose	60,486	
		60,486
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
<b>Designated for F17 Budget</b>	52,255	
		52,255
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance</b>		
Revenue 2015-2016	530,265	
Expenses 2015-2016	<u>547,528</u>	
	(17,263)	
 Undesignated Fund Balance June 30, 2016		 <u><u>(17,263)</u></u>
 Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance		 <u><u>105,558</u></u>

## Bridgewater School District Reserve Fund Activity

Year Ending June 30, 2016

Reserve Fund	Balance 06/30/15	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 06/30/16
After School Program	\$ (1,267)			\$ (1,267)
Bottle Money	\$ 891			\$ 891
Box Top for Education	\$ 868			\$ 868
Building Maintenance	\$ 2,588			\$ 2,588
E-Rate	\$ 346			\$ 346
Fancher Trust	\$ 16,479			\$ 16,479
Health Reimb Accts	\$ 34,278			\$ 34,278
Technology Reserve	\$ 687			\$ 687
TPVS Kitchen Project	\$ 10,000		\$ (4,385)	\$ 5,615
	<b>\$ 64,871</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (4,385)</b>	<b>\$ 60,486</b>

### The Prosper Valley School - BVS/Pomfret Assessment Analysis based on Eq. Pupil FY18 Proposed Budget

	Total	BVS	Pomfret
FY17 Equalized Pupil	89.13	39.31	49.82
Percent of Total Eq. Pupil		44.1%	55.9%
Local Revenue	364,988	160,975	204,013
Town Assessment	1,285,707	567,050	718,657
Total Expenses	1,650,695	728,024	922,671
For Town Report - Consolidation Amount to be Appropriated		728,024	922,671

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**FYI**  
**- Phone Numbers -**

<b>Town Office</b>	<b>672-3334</b>
<b>Town Office Fax</b>	<b>672-5395</b>
<b>Town Highway Garage</b>	<b>672-5379</b>
<b>Health Officer-Kathleen Paglia</b>	<b>672-1067</b>
<b>Town Constable-Mike Sawyer</b>	<b>369-0099</b>
<b>Bridgewater Corners Post Office</b>	<b>672-5345</b>
<b>Bridgewater Village Post Office</b>	<b>672-5166</b>
<b>Town Fire Warden – Ken Tarleton</b>	<b>672-3061</b>
<b>Town Fire Chief –Edwin Earle</b>	<b>672-5032</b>
<b>Emergency Phone Numbers:</b>	
<b>Fire, Police, Ambulance</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>State Police (Bethel Barracks)</b>	<b>234-9933</b>

**Town Meeting March 7, 2017  
9:00 a.m.  
Bridgewater Village School  
Multi-Purpose Room**

**Town of Bridgewater  
7335 US RT 4  
Bridgewater, VT 05034**

*Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting*