

Town of Wilmington, Vermont

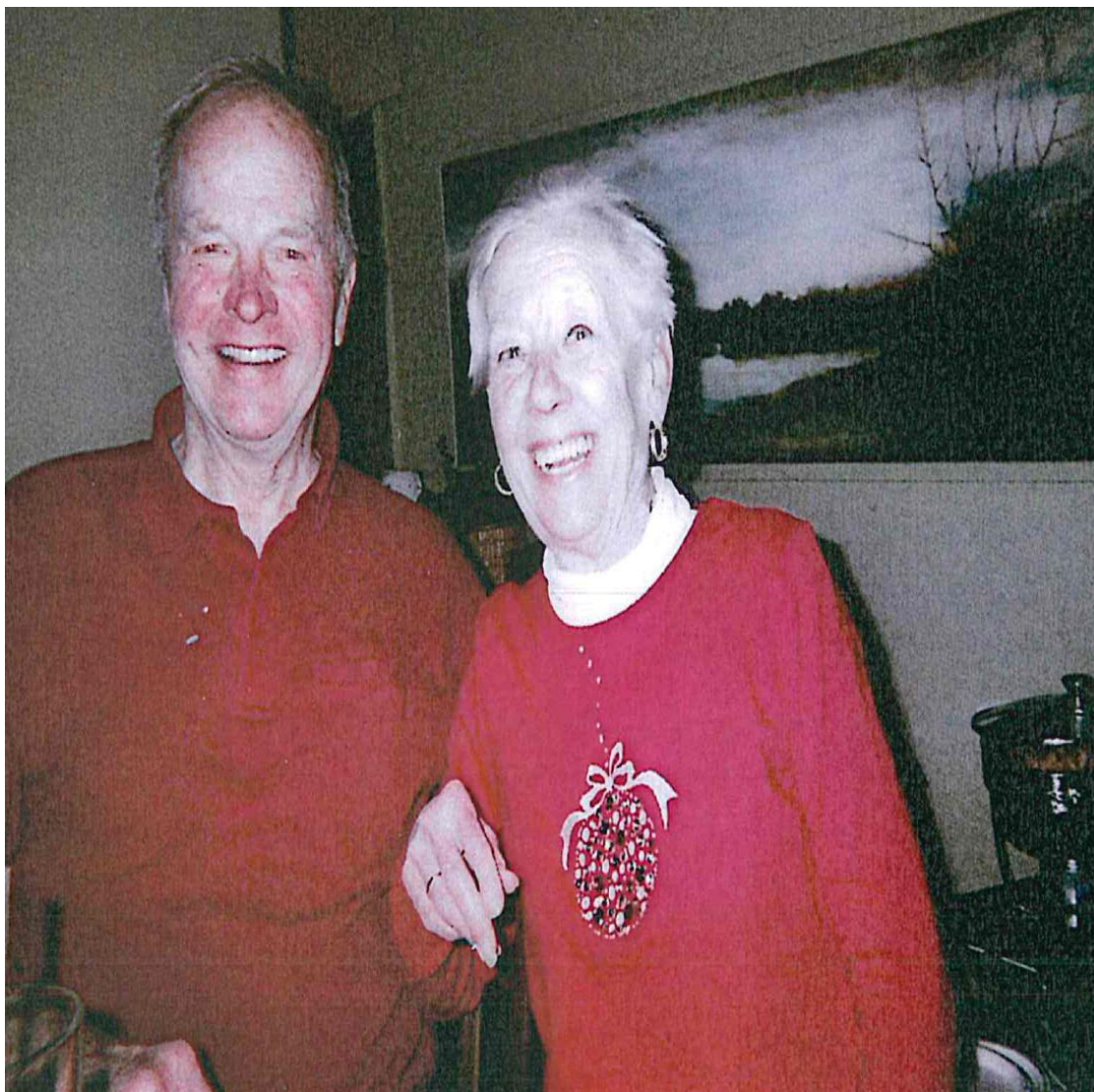
2017 Annual Report

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017
(March 6, 2018 Town Meeting)

Please bring this book to Town Meeting with you



Photo courtesy of Meg Staloff



Fred Skwirut with his wife Dot

Fred Skwirut is a name synonymous with civic commitment and volunteerism in the Wilmington VT community. The Pennsylvania native graduated from the Carnegie Institute of Technology prior to serving his country as a Lieutenant in the US Army. Upon discharge from the armed services, he developed an interest in skiing that eventually brought him north to the Deerfield Valley. The draw to this area was so overwhelming that he decided to stay permanently. He met his wife, Dotty, while pursuing his interest in skiing and the two were married in November of 1969 and have raised their family in Wilmington. He founded and operated Fred Skwirut Builders, Inc. which was responsible for the construction of many of the second homes that one finds in our area.

Fred is a founding member of Deerfield Valley Rescue and was an active member for more than 10 years. He has also served on the school board for more than a decade. During his tenure on the board the high school underwent major renovations which resulted in constant monitoring and vigilance.

Being one that is constantly involved, Fred was elected to the Selectboard and remained on the committee for ten years. Since then he has been active with the Beautification Committee, the garage committee and various other undertakings. When the Cemetery Commission recently lost their Sexton, Fred stepped forward once again and filled the vacancy! He did not want the work of the appointed position to be neglected.

The Town applauds Fred's dedication and sacrifice!!! We are a better community having someone like Fred Skwirut as a resident! Thank you, Fred!

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Town of Wilmington Information

Chartered April 29, 1751

Population 1,876 ~ Altitude 1,580 feet ~ Area 26,624 acres (41.6 sq. miles)

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Deerfield Valley Rescue
9-1-1 (24 hour emergency)
464-5557 (Business Office)

Fire Department
9-1-1 (24 hour emergency)
464-8022 (Business Office)

Police Department
9-1-1 (24 hour emergency)
464-8593 (Business Office - answered 24 hours, 7 days a week with Wilmington Police responding)
Lobby Hours: 8 AM to 5 PM
Lobby Staffed: 8-11 AM and 12-5 PM 7 days a week

Town Website:

www.wilmingtonvermont.us

Town Email:

jdefrancesco@wilmingtonvt.us

Administrative Offices

464-8591 FAX 464-8477
MON - FRI 8 AM TO 4:30 PM

Board of Listers Office

464-8591 FAX 464-8477
MON - FRI 8 AM TO 3:30 PM
dkingsley@wilmingtonvt.us
Deborah Kingsley, Administrator

Highway Department

464-5515 (Town Garage)

Winter Hours: (November - March)

MON - THU: 6:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
FRI: 6:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
SAT - SUN: CLOSED

Summer Hours: (April - October)

MON - THU: 6:00 AM TO 4:30 PM
FRI - SUN: CLOSED

Library: Pettee Memorial 464-8557

Website: www.petteelibrary.org

Email: petteelibrary@yahoo.com

Sunday: Noon - 2PM
Monday: 10AM - 4PM
Tuesday: Noon - 6PM
Wednesday: Noon - 6PM
Thursday: Noon - 6PM
Friday: Noon - 4PM
Saturday: Noon - 4PM

Schools:

Twin Valley Elementary School 464-5177
Twin Valley Middle/High School 368-2880
Superintendent's Office 464-1300

Town Clerk's Office

464-5836
Email: shaughwout@wilmingtonvt.us
MON - FRI: 8:30 AM - NOON AND 1 PM - 4 PM

Town Nurse 802-681-8740

jfnurse@yahoo.com
Or call the Town Office 802-464-8591

Transfer Station 464-5666

SUN AND FRI: 8 AM TO 3:30 PM
TUES: 12 NOON TO 3:30 PM

Recycling Facilities

Beaver Street 24 Hours
Transfer Station (see hours above)

Wastewater Treatment Plant

464-3862 FAX 464-8348
jlazelle@wilmingtonvt.us

Wilmington Water District 258-7445

Chris Lavoy, Commissioner
Rachel Rubin, wilvtwaterdistrict@gmail.com
802-373-7226

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Permits and Licenses

Application Forms are available at our website www.wilmingtonvermont.us.
Look under "DOCUMENTS" on the top menu bar and go to "Applications"

DEPARTMENT NAME AND PERMITS REQUIRED:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: 464-8591

Transfer Station Permit for use of Transfer Station on Miller Road. Also available at the Transfer Station.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: 464-3862

Sewer Permit for capacity allocation and connection to municipal sewer system.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: 464-8022 **Burn Permits** required for ALL open air burning of brush, weeds or grass!

Fire Department (M-F) 8am - 5pm. Call first 464-8022 (non-emergency #) to see if fire chief available.

After hours (reasonable please) call VT Forest Fire Warden Richard Covey at 464-7341 or Deputy Warden Danielle Covey at 802-258-0650.

Burn Permits are also available at the Town Office Mon-Fri 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

Weekends- please check at the Wilmington Police Department to see if a Police Department dispatcher is available to issue permits. Please pre- plan and thank you for your cooperation.

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TOWN CLERK OFFICE: 464-5836

Dog Licenses for all dogs on or before April 1 of each year. Up-to-date Certificate of Vaccination for Rabies required for licensing. Rabies vaccination is required for all dogs, cats, ferrets, and wolf hybrids.

Liquor and Tobacco Licenses required annually to sell liquor and tobacco products. Applications at Town Clerk's office. Liquor licenses must be approved by Selectboard and State Liquor Control Board.

Marriage Licenses: Wilmington residents must acquire a license in Wilmington and may marry or unite anywhere in the state. Non-residents may acquire the license from any town clerk in the state and may marry or unite anywhere in the state.

ZONING DEPARTMENT PERMITS: 464-8591

Sign Permit for any new or altered sign.

Zoning Permit required for any land development, including new construction, structural alterations and new or additional uses as required by Ordinance.

Right-of-Way Permit for new driveways onto town roads or any construction work in town right-of-way.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR:

Conditional Uses

Historic Review District Proposals for any land development, such as new construction, exterior changes, and signs for ALL properties located in the Historic Review District.

Flood Hazard Review

Planned Unit Developments (PUDs)

Rights of Way (in lieu of 150' footage road frontage requirement for access)

Variances

2017 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>	<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>
MODERATOR			CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS		
Robert Fisher	2018	(1)	James R. Burke	2018	(5)
TOWN CLERK			Walter F. White	2019	(5)
Susan Haughwout	2019	(3)	Donna D. Moore	2020	(5)
TOWN TREASURER			Richard Covey	2021	(5)
Christine Richter	2018	(1)	Scott Moore	2022	(5)
SELECTBOARD			SCHOOL MODERATOR		
Vincent Rice	2019	(3)	Robert Fisher	2018	(1)
John Gannon	2019	(2)	JUSTICES OF THE PEACE		
Thomas Fitzgerald	2018	(2)	Scott Moore	2019	(2)
Ann Manwaring	2020	(3)	Marcia Dorey	2019	(2)
Sarah Fisher	2018	(3)	Thomas J. Fitzgerald	2019	(2)
BOARD OF LISTERS			Frederick W. Houston	2019	(2)
Kay Martin Schwader	2018	(1)	Elizabeth McEwen	2019	(2)
Leonard Chapman	2019	(3)	Thomas Consolino	2019	(2)
Gerald B. Osler	2018	(1)	Peter Barton	2019	(2)
Diane Schipke	2020	(3)			
Lynne Matthews	2018	(3)			
FIRST CONSTABLE					
Peter D. Barton	2018	(1)			
SECOND CONSTABLE					
Gary Wax	2018	(1)			
GRAND JUROR					
Pat Johnson	2018	(1)			
TOWN AGENT					
Pat Johnson	2018	(1)			
TRUSTEE OF C.C. HAYNES FUND					
Carl M. Boyd	2018	(1)			
LIBRARY TRUSTEES					
Margaret Streeter	2018	(5)			
Louis Clark	2019	(5)			
Amy Swanson	2020	(5)			
Carolyn T. Palmer	2021	(5)			
Karina Martin	2022	(5)			

2017 Town Officers, Boards, and Commissions

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TOWN MANAGER			<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>
Scott A. Tucker			WEIGHER OF COAL		
ROAD SUPERVISOR			Peter Morris	2018	(1)
William C. Hunt			SURVEYOR OF WOOD/SHINGLES		
POLICE CHIEF			Fred Skwirut	2018	(1)
Joseph Szarejko			DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD		
FIRE CHIEF			Wendy Manners	2019	(3)
Kenneth March			Fred Houston	2019	(3)
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF			Paul Lockyear	2020	(3)
Richard Covey			Vacant	2018	(3)
FINANCE OFFICER			Vacant	2020	(3)
Christine Richter			DRB ALTERNATES		
HEALTH OFFICER			Peter Wallace	2019	(2)
Craig Ohlson			VACANT	2019	(2)
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER			VACANT	2019	(2)
Scott A. Tucker			RECREATION COMMISSION		
ZONING/SIGN ADMINISTRATOR			Karen Molina	2019	(4)
Craig Ohlson			Cindy Hayford	2020	(4)
DOG WARDEN			Randy Knaggs	2018	(4)
Debby Dorsett			Vacant	2021	(4)
			Vacant	2018	(4)
<u>Office/Name</u>	<u>Term Exp</u>	<u>(Yrs)</u>	GREEN UP CO- CHAIRS		
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN			Kathryn Larsen	2018	(1)
Richard Covey	2019	(5)	Rebecca Sweeney	2018	(1)
TREE WARDEN			PLANNING COMMISSION		
Fred J. Skwirut	2018	(1)	Angela Yakovleff	2019	(4)
ENERGY COORDINATOR			John Lebron	2020	(4)
Chuck Clerici	2018	(1)	Cheryl LaFlamme	2018	(4)
SENIOR SOLUTIONS REP.			Vacant	2019	(4)
Jennifer Fitzgerald	2018	(1)	Vacant	2021	(4)
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER			WINDHAM SOLID WASTE DIST. REP.		
Joseph Szarejko	2018	(1)	Merrill Mundell	2018	(1)
FENCE VIEWERS			SOLID WASTE ALTERNATE REP.		
Thomas Fitzgerald	2018	(1)	Thomas Consolino	2018	(1)
Nicki Steel	2018	(1)			

Office/Name	Term Exp	(Yrs)	Office/Name	Term Exp	(Yrs)
TRAIL COMMITTEE			BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE		
John Greene	2019	(4)	Alice Greenspan	2019	
Robert Fisher	2019	(4)	Keith Herbert	2019	
Christa Gannon	2020	(4)	Cheryl LaFlamme	2019	
Ann Ottaviano	2020	(4)	Katy Little	2019	
Spencer Crispe	2021	(4)	Lee Schindel	2019	
Joe Arnold	2021	(4)	Fred Skwirut	2019	
Gary Henry	2018	(4)	Mary Wright	2019	
TRAIL COMMITTEE ALTERNATES			Melanie Demock	2019	
Tim Hunt	2021	(4)	Vacant	2019	
John Gannon	2018	(4)	Vacant	2019	
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS			Vacant	2019	
Thomas Consolino	2018	(1)	BI-TOWN ECONOMIC DEV. COMM		
Vacant	2018	(1)	Heidi Taylor		
			Gretchen Havreduk		
			Ryan Holton		

Vacancies in Town and School Offices

To Be Elected By Australian Ballot at Town Meeting
March 6, 2018

POSITION - TERM	INCUMBENT	CANDIDATE NAME
TOWN MODERATOR -1 year	Robert M. Fisher	Robert M. Fisher
TOWN TREASURER – 1 year	Christine Richter	Christine Richter
SELECTBOARD – 2 years	Thomas Fitzgerald	Thomas Fitzgerald
SELECTBOARD – 3 years	Sarah Fisher	Sarah Fisher
LISTER – 3 years	Lynne Matthews	Lynne Matthews
LISTER – 1 year (Vote for 2)	Gerald Osler Kay Martin Schwader	Gerald Osler Kay Martin Schwader
FIRST CONSTABLE – 1 year	Peter Barton	Peter Barton
SECOND CONSTABLE – 1 year	Gary Wax	Gary Wax
GRAND JUROR – 1 year	Pat Johnson	Pat Johnson
TOWN AGENT – 1 year	Pat Johnson	Pat Johnson
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – 5 years	Richard Khachadoorian	Richard Khachadoorian
LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 5 years	Margaret Streeter	Jason Staloff
CC HAYNES FUND TRUSTEE – 1 year	Carl M. Boyd	Carl M. Boyd
SCHOOL MODERATOR -1 year	Robert M. Fisher	Robert M. Fisher
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – 2 years	Kathy Larsen	Kathy Larsen
SCHOOL DIRECTOR – 3 years	Dennis Richter	Dennis Richter
TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR – 2 years	Kathy Larsen	Kathy Larsen

2018 W A R N I N G ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wilmington, Vermont Tuesday, March 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Wilmington are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Twin Valley Elementary School in said Wilmington, Vermont, at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 06, 2018, to consider and act on the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot. (Voting for all Australian Ballot articles will be held in the Twin Valley Elementary School in said Wilmington, Vermont, on March 06, 2018, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.)

All Town Meeting articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot are to be taken up at the conclusion of the Town School District Meeting.

- Article 1: To elect all Town and Town School District Officers required by law and the vote of the Town. (Australian Ballot -Polls open 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.)
- Article 2: Shall the Town vote to accept the Town Report.
- Article 3: To see what date or dates will be set for the payment of taxes (8/31/18 and 2/28/19).
- Article 4: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,202,095 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2019 (7/1/18 to 6/30/19).
- Article 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,410,174 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town Road Budget for fiscal year 2019 (7/1/18 to 6/30/19).
- Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$500 to the Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center whose purpose is to provide riding lessons to children and adults with special needs.
- Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$250 to Windham Disaster Animal Response Team whose purpose is to shelter animals during major disasters.
- Article 8: Shall the Town vote to continue the recycling at the former garage site for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to \$27,000 to fund recycling at the former town garage site.
- Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$265,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund.
- Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 to fund the Bridge Capital Fund.
- Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$125,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund .
- Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Fire House Capital Fund.
- Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund.
- Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund.
- Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund.
- Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to fund the Playground Capital Reserve Fund.
- Article 18: Shall the Town vote to combine the Playground Capital Reserve Fund, School Field Capital Reserve Fund, and the Housing Capital Reserve Fund, and all money in said funds, into a single reserve fund to be named Public Lands and Fences Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding maintenance of town parks, forests, fields and fences within the Town of Wilmington.
- Article 19: Shall the Town vote to establish a Reappraisal Reserve Fund, and raise and appropriate \$75,000 for such fund.
- Article 20: Shall the Town vote to establish a Police Equipment Capital Fund with money to be used to purchase equipment for the Police Department, and raise and appropriate \$20,000 for such fund.
- Article 21: Shall the Town vote to establish a Transfer Station Capital Fund with money to be used to purchase equipment, and raise and appropriate \$5,000 for such fund.
- Article 22: Shall the Town vote to establish a Planning and Acquisition for Town Facilities Fund with money to be used to relocate town facilities out of the flood plain and raise and appropriate \$5,000 for such fund.
- Article 23: Shall the Town vote to exempt from town and school taxes, Social Lodge #38 F. & A.M. pursuant to the provisions of Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 32, Section 3840.

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to exempt from town and school taxes, Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. at 22 Stowe Hill Rd, pursuant to the provisions of Vermont Statutes Annotated Title 32, Section 3840.

Article 25: To transact any non-binding business.

Dated at Wilmington, Vermont this 2nd day of February 2018.

Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington

Tom Fitzgerald, Chairman

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Secretary

Sarah Fisher

Ann Manwaring

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
ABSTRACT
MARCH 7, 2017**

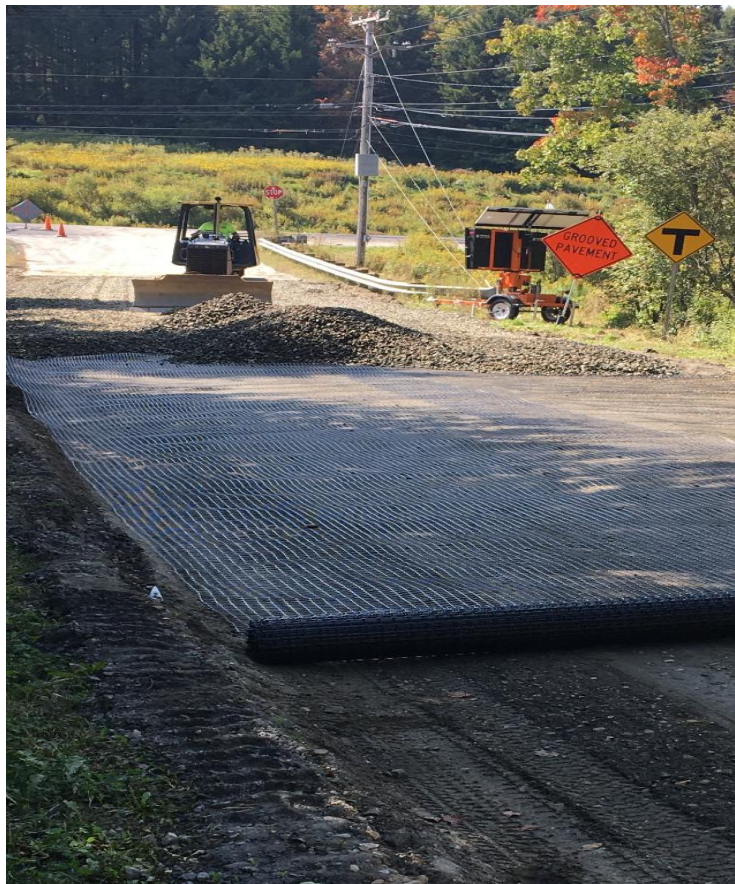
- Article 1: Elected all Town and Town School District Officers required by law and the vote of the Town.
- Article 2: Voted to accept the Town Report.
- Article 3: Voted to set the dates of 8/18/17 and 2/23/18 for the payment of taxes.
- Article 4: Voted to authorized the replacement of Look Road bridge in an amount not to exceed \$721,043 with \$444,000 to be financed over a period not to exceed five years, pursuant to 17 VSA §1786(a).
- Article 5: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$18,000 to fund recycling at the former town garage site.
- Article 6: Voted not to adopt the Australian ballot system for any article relating to the following question; "Shall the Town of Wilmington adopt its budget articles and vote all public questions by Australian ballot?" consistent with 17 VSA §2680.
- Article 7: Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Wilmington in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need.
- Article 8: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,081,905 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2018 (7/1/17 to 6/30/18).
- Article 9: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,337,735 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town Road Budget for fiscal year 2017 (7/1/17 to 6/30/18).
- Article 10: Voted to raise and appropriate \$200,000 to fund the Highway Town Road Equipment Capital Fund.
- Article 11: Voted to raise and appropriate \$125,000 to fund the Fire Department Equipment Capital Fund.
- Article 12: Voted to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to fund the Memorial Hall Capital Fund.
- Article 13: Voted to raise and appropriate \$12,000 to fund the Library Capital Reserve Fund.
- Article 14: Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to fund the Playground Capital Reserve Fund.
- Article 15: Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to fund the Town Hall Capital Fund.
- Article 16: Transacted other non-binding business that legally came before the meeting.

PREPARED MARCH 16, 2017

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
ABSTRACT
OCTOBER 24, 2017**

Article 1: Voted to disapprove the Traffic Ordinance adopted by the Wilmington Selectboard on August 2, 2017.

PREPARED OCTOBER 27, 2017



Roadcrew working on Lake Raponda Road

1% Local Option Tax Fund Usage

Expenditure Project	Detail	Committed FY17	Committed FY18	Committed FY19
Matching Grant Fund	Budgeted	100,000	100,000	100,000
	E. Main St	32,167	32,167	32,167
	E. Main St #2		16,400	
	W Main St	68,000		
	Thermal Imaging Cameras	1,032		
	South Main Street		79,850	
Matching Total		100,167	128,417	32,167
Revolving Loan Fund	Budgeted	30,000	30,000	30,000
	Loan #4		15,000	
Revolving Loan Totals		30,000	15,000	30,000
Events Fund	Budgeted	20,000	40,000	40,000
	Fireworks (NS)	6,500	6,500	6,500
	Wine & Harvest	6,550	3,500	6,550
	Shop Local	2,000	2,500	3,000
	Salsa Block Party	2,000	2,000	
	BlueberryBlock Party	1,500	1,664	
	July Village Stroll	950	1,200	
	Fair	2,000	5,500	
	Twice Blessed	2,000	2,000	
	Apres Ski		500	
	Blueberry Splash	2,000	1500	
Events Total		23,500	26,864	16,050
Programs	Budgeted			
	Façade	34,565	29,660	
	Bi-Town Marketing	33,060	40,560	
	Wilmington Works	30,000	30,000	30,000
	SEVEDS	5,650	5,650	
	Aging in Place	1,600	1,400	
	Route 100 Barrel	8,000	8,000	
	Trash removal	1,300	1,300	
	Wi-fi Downtown	700	700	
	Gathering Place		25,000	
	Selectboard Report	1,218		
	Friends Library	7,973	7,973	
	Friends Of MH	4,100		
	Trail Maps	425		
	Bridge Ramp		45,000	
	West Main PL Light	630	220	
	Tennis Courts		3,454	
	Historical Society		14,000	
	Trails Committee		4,000	
	Dfld Valley Rescue		50,000	
	OSEC		60,000	
Programs Total		129,221	326,917	30,000

Social Service Organizations Budgeted Requests FY 19

Organization	Request	
Deerfield Valley Community Cares	\$1,550	provide heating assistance to working families and seniors throughout the valley
Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	\$2,500	provide alcohol, tobacco and other drug use prevention in youths
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$1,500	see that no one in the area go needlessly hungry, or lacks the basics for personal care
Gathering Place	\$3,000	provide elders and adults with disabilities a community gathering place where they can receive counseling, exercise, nutritional meals, personal care,
HCRS	\$155	assist and advocate for individuals, children and families who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders.
Groundworks Collaborative	\$75	provide ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities
Pool Learning Center	\$3,000	provide free tutorial services to students with dyslexia, provide support to parents of students with disabilities, and host training for teachers in the field
Senior Meals	\$2,000	provide senior meals as well as a community gathering place
Valley Youth Sports	\$7,000	provide developmental sports programs for Twin Valley area youth athletes in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice	\$6,000	provide hospice and home health services.
Windham County Humane Society	\$500	provide adoption services, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.
Women's Freedom Center	\$850	work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children
Youth Services	\$300	provide programs in prevention, intervention, and development for young people and families living in difficult situations
SeVCA	\$2,000	enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty
Senior Solutions	\$350	promote successful aging

Total	30,780
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	Comparative Budget Report				
	Budget Sections Summary - Actual Costs to Town				
		Actual FY 17	Budget FY 18	Proposed Budget FY 19	Change FY18 to FY 19
1	Total Net Budget	3,645,277.61	3,901,430.00	4,212,269.00	310,839.00
2					
3					
4	Town Clerk				
5	Funds Needed	91,401.45	92,229.00	97,847.00	5,618.00
6	Revenues	43,998.90	40,000.00	35,000.00	-5,000.00
7	Net	47,402.55	52,229.00	62,847.00	10,618.00
8					
9	Listers				
10	Funds Needed	100,988.96	114,705.00	115,065.00	360.00
11	Special Appropriation	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	0.00
12	Revenues	26,690.00	26,500.00	26,500.00	0.00
13	Net	74,298.96	88,205.00	163,565.00	75,360.00
14					
15	Cemetery Expenditures				
16	Funds Needed	38,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00
17					
18	POLICE DEPARTMENT				
19	Funds Needed	487,776.74	509,608.00	530,723.00	21,115.00
20	Special Appropriation	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
21	Revenues	82,548.73	73,500.00	72,000.00	-1,500.00
22	Net	405,228.01	436,108.00	478,723.00	42,615.00
23					
24	FIRE DEPARTMENT				
25	Funds Needed	176,121.91	191,697.00	201,188.00	9,491.00
26	Special Appropriation	150,000.00	125,000.00	130,000.00	5,000.00
27	Revenues	22,064.00	19,800.00	24,840.00	5,040.00
28	Net	304,057.91	296,897.00	306,348.00	9,451.00
29					
30	HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES				
31	Funds Needed	32,445.12	40,508.00	41,348.00	840.00
32					
33	TRANSFER STATION				
34	Funds Needed	123,269.11	161,775.00	162,827.00	1,052.00
35	Special Appropriation	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
36	Revenues	71,436.00	74,000.00	79,000.00	5,000.00
37	Net	51,833.11	87,775.00	88,827.00	1,052.00
38					

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39	Library				
40	Funds Needed	113,002.95	127,000.00	128,500.00	1,500.00
41	Special Appropriation	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
42	Revenues	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
43	Net	124,752.95	139,000.00	140,500.00	1,500.00
44					
45	MEMORIAL HALL				
46	Funds Needed	12,945.51	16,900.00	13,025.00	-3,875.00
47	Special Appropriation	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
48	Revenues	2,200.00	1,000.00	2,200.00	1,200.00
49	Net	30,745.51	35,900.00	30,825.00	-5,075.00
50					
51	RECREATION COMMISSION				
52	Funds Needed	11,541.45	12,100.00	12,870.00	770.00
53	Revenues	466.00	470.00	600.00	130.00
54	Net	11,075.45	11,630.00	12,270.00	640.00
55					
56	ALL OTHER GENERAL FUND				
57	Funds Needed	1,174,524.45	1,236,253.00	1,288,247.00	51,994.00
58	Special Appropriation	146,200.97	144,490.00	147,680.00	3,190.00
59	Revenues	296,518.22	243,300.00	297,085.00	53,785.00
60	Net	1,024,207.20	1,137,443.00	1,138,842.00	1,399.00
61					
62	HIGHWAY				
63	Funds Needed	1,453,408.58	1,479,885.00	1,547,424.00	67,539.00
64	Highway Salaries	336,953.91	344,738.00	355,080.00	10,342.00
65	Bridge Capital	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
66	Net	1,501,230.84	1,537,735.00	1,710,174.00	172,439.00

	GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL/CAPITAL APPROPRIATION & HIGHWAY					
	TOTAL BUDGET EXCEPT SEWER					
		Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
1	Total Budget	4,323,613.00	4,343,627.20	4,522,150.00	4,886,744.00	314,594.00
2	Total Revenues	935,430.00	698,349.59	620,720.00	674,475.00	53,755.00
3	Amount to be raised via taxes	3,388,183.00	3,645,277.61	3,901,430.00	4,212,269.00	260,839.00
4	Tax Rate		0.4948	.5243	0.5519	.5585
5						
6	General Fund Expenditures					
7	Moderator,Elect Off, Ball	2,000.00	2,425.00	1,200.00	2,500.00	1,300.00
8	Selectboard	6,300.00	6,200.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	0.00
9	Town Clerk					
10	Salary Town Clerk	46,601.00	46,600.84	48,000.00	49,440.00	1,440.00
11	Assistant Town Clerk	32,214.00	32,302.50	33,179.00	34,507.00	1,328.00
12	TC Supplies & Postage	1,800.00	1,640.24	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
13	TC Training/Expenses	2,300.00	3,195.93	2,300.00	3,300.00	1,000.00
14	Taping Town Meeting	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
15	Recording Supplies/Materi	2,200.00	2,563.76	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00
16	Copier/Computer/Office Eq	1,900.00	1,669.40	2,000.00	2,100.00	100.00
17	Election Supplies/Postage	500.00	553.46	250.00	500.00	250.00
18	Animal Rabies Control Sup	400.00	464.32	400.00	400.00	0.00
19	Vote Tabulator prog/maint	3,150.00	1,811.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	1,500.00
20	Digitization Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Treasurer					
22	Town Treasurer	4,485.00	4,485.00	4,620.00	4,759.00	139.00
23	Finance Officer	49,703.00	49,703.16	51,194.00	52,730.00	1,536.00
24	Listers					
25	Assistant Salary	50,490.00	50,715.33	52,005.00	53,565.00	1,560.00
26	Lister Training	250.00	135.00	150.00	250.00	100.00
27	Appraisal Temp Help	0.00	132.78	300.00	1,000.00	700.00
28	Lister's Salaries/Expense	15,000.00	9,814.35	16,000.00	15,000.00	-1,000.00
29	Mapping	5,000.00	4,218.50	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
30	Grievance Costs/GMA	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	-2,000.00
31	Yearly Grand List Main -	25,000.00	34,675.00	33,000.00	35,000.00	2,000.00
32	Reappraisal Contract - GM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	Appraisal Supplies/Comput	2,000.00	298.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
34	Reappraisal Comm - Everet	5,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	1,500.00	-1,000.00
35	Town Manager					
36	Salary TM	78,130.00	94,156.48	80,475.00	95,790.00	15,315.00
37	Expenses TM	1,000.00	195.89	1,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
38	Postage/Supplies/Equipmen	4,200.00	2,901.11	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
39	Official Meeting Expense	225.00	175.00	225.00	0.00	-225.00

	General Fund Expenditures	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
40	Compensation Branding	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
41	Mileage Reim	1,500.00	1,162.47	1,950.00	2,500.00	550.00
42	Administrative Secretary	37,015.00	38,320.58	38,125.00	39,256.00	1,131.00
43	Zoning Administrator	44,802.00	44,629.84	46,146.00	47,530.00	1,384.00
44	Receptionist/Admin Assist	0.00	192.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
45	Reconciliation Analyst	250.00	219.60	250.00	250.00	0.00
46	Ads Non-Zoning	650.00	182.75	550.00	550.00	0.00
47	Comp.Support/Equipment	3,000.00	3,227.08	3,500.00	4,500.00	1,000.00
48	Telephone/Internet	6,100.00	5,753.66	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
49	Tax Bills printing/envelo	4,100.00	3,979.29	4,100.00	4,100.00	0.00
50	Tax Sale Expenditures	1,000.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	-750.00
51	Admin/SB Training/Expense	1,500.00	962.26	1,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00
52	Copier - Administration	3,500.00	3,614.16	3,800.00	4,000.00	200.00
53	Cemetery Expenditures	38,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00
54	Zoning,DRB, SBA					
55	Training/expense/mileage	450.00	1,411.92	1,200.00	1,400.00	200.00
56	Advertising	800.00	420.75	700.00	500.00	-200.00
57	Postage/Materials	200.00	106.79	200.00	200.00	0.00
58	POLICE DEPARTMENT					
59	Chief	71,149.00	71,149.00	73,283.00	75,481.00	2,198.00
60	Sworn Payroll	237,678.00	222,689.62	244,338.00	255,053.00	10,715.00
61	Part-Time Payroll	10,000.00	8,791.55	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
62	Dispatchers	59,500.00	55,243.93	62,962.00	60,464.00	-2,498.00
63	Overtime	24,000.00	29,522.52	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00
64	Outside Employment	14,500.00	20,643.87	14,500.00	14,500.00	0.00
65	Cruiser Replacement	29,750.00	3,555.63	29,750.00	33,750.00	4,000.00
66	Cruiser Operation/Maint	25,000.00	23,236.37	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
67	Photographic Equipment	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	-100.00
68	Uniform Purchase	2,000.00	859.82	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
69	Uniform Maintenance	1,400.00	945.86	1,400.00	1,200.00	-200.00
70	Firearms Ammunition	950.00	478.00	950.00	950.00	0.00
71	Radar	600.00	520.00	575.00	575.00	0.00
72	Telephone	5,200.00	5,715.53	5,200.00	5,750.00	550.00
73	Postage	400.00	571.81	350.00	350.00	0.00
74	Office Supplies	1,150.00	1,267.47	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00
75	Office Equipment	250.00	370.11	250.00	250.00	0.00
76	Equipment Maintenance	1,750.00	4,009.28	1,750.00	4,000.00	2,250.00
77	Computer Hard & Software	750.00	372.73	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
78	Statewide Record Database	8,500.00	8,736.73	9,350.00	9,350.00	0.00
79	Copier PD	1,650.00	1,672.00	1,650.00	1,800.00	150.00
80	Inservice Training	1,500.00	1,586.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
81	Training Aids & Materials	500.00	407.06	750.00	750.00	0.00

	General Fund Expenditures	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
82	Community Awareness	200.00	310.73	300.00	300.00	0.00
83	Radio Maintenance	1,500.00	3,543.50	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
84	Equipment Replacement	4,950.00	9,633.38	1,950.00	1,950.00	0.00
85	Association Fees	250.00	295.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
86	Chief's Expenses	400.00	418.93	400.00	500.00	100.00
87	PD Safety Compliance	150.00	33.70	150.00	150.00	0.00
88	Investigation costs	900.00	267.06	750.00	750.00	0.00
89	Prisoner Transport	900.00	2,422.86	900.00	1,500.00	600.00
90	PD Alarm	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
91	Towing	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
92	Applicant Advertising	200.00	869.96	200.00	200.00	0.00
93	GHS Equip Grant	0.00	7,336.73	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
94	Asset Forfeiture Purch	750.00	0.00	650.00	0.00	-650.00
95	CDBG Grant PD/FD Relocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
96	FIRE DEPARTMENT					
97	Chief's Salary	53,211.00	54,114.70	54,807.00	63,860.00	9,053.00
98	Asst. Chief's Salary	2,185.00	2,184.96	2,250.00	2,320.00	70.00
99	Labor	30,900.00	31,353.00	30,900.00	31,827.00	927.00
100	Officers salary	2,122.00	1,980.72	2,186.00	2,252.00	66.00
101	Emerg Op Center Personnel	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
102	Emerg Op Center Setup	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
103	Electricity	2,475.00	2,283.96	2,375.00	2,375.00	0.00
104	Telephone	2,525.00	2,556.96	2,525.00	2,200.00	-325.00
105	Firefighter Assoc Dues	700.00	544.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
106	Administrative costs	1,900.00	3,300.76	1,900.00	1,900.00	0.00
107	Training/Incentives	3,750.00	782.90	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
108	FD Radio Maintenance	2,500.00	4,115.91	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
109	Code Compliance	500.00	80.07	800.00	500.00	-300.00
110	Air Packs	2,500.00	1,094.86	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
111	Water Rent	1,000.00	1,023.70	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
112	Sewer Rent	350.00	410.80	450.00	450.00	0.00
113	Fire Alarm	250.00	120.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
114	Truck Maintenance	8,000.00	6,302.71	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
115	Gas & Oil	2,300.00	1,833.41	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00
116	Building Maintenance	3,000.00	2,452.18	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
117	Extinguisher - Recharge	275.00	290.62	275.00	275.00	0.00
118	Equipment, New & Replacem	4,000.00	948.90	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
119	Helments, Boots, Coats	4,500.00	2,848.19	4,500.00	5,000.00	500.00
120	Hose	1,200.00	3,354.56	4,100.00	4,100.00	0.00
121	Foam	350.00	0.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
122	Heating Oil - Fire Dept	5,250.00	2,489.82	5,250.00	4,000.00	-1,250.00
123	Fire Prevention	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00

	General Fund Expenditures	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
124	Travel Expenses	1,000.00	1,765.07	1,000.00	1,500.00	500.00
125	Fire Chiefs Uniforms	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
126	Dispatch Assessment Wilmi	42,233.00	42,233.00	42,233.00	42,233.00	0.00
127	Disp Assess Searsburg	5,596.00	5,596.00	5,596.00	5,596.00	0.00
128	Dry Hydrant Program	0.00	60.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
129	GREEN MOUNTAIN BEACH					
130	GMB Mowing	1,100.00	735.00	1,000.00	750.00	-250.00
131	Maintenance & Improvement	700.00	336.00	900.00	900.00	0.00
132	Toilets	1,200.00	725.00	1,000.00	800.00	-200.00
133	INSURANCE					
134	Employment Practices	7,786.00	9,949.39	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00
135	Liability, Prop & Auto	50,146.00	46,863.99	52,000.00	48,000.00	-4,000.00
136	Public Officials Liabilit	2,897.00	3,131.82	3,400.00	3,550.00	150.00
137	Firemens Disability	1,250.00	1,177.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
138	Workers Comp.	37,255.00	47,993.84	39,000.00	45,000.00	6,000.00
139	HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES					
140	Health Officer	1,550.00	1,549.60	1,550.00	1,597.00	47.00
141	Town Nurse/Mileage	15,853.00	15,603.12	16,328.00	16,818.00	490.00
142	Senior Solutions	450.00	350.00	0.00	350.00	350.00
143	Hospice	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
144	Groundworks Collaborative	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	0.00
145	Health Care & Rehabilitation	155.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	0.00
146	RSVP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
147	Windham Cty Youth Service	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
148	Womens Crisis Center	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
149	V Nurse Alliance/W Crisis	5,562.00	5,562.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
150	Gathering Place	250.00	250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
151	SEVCA	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
152	Deerfield Valley Comm Cares	1,550.00	1,550.00	1,550.00	1,550.00	0.00
153	Windham Cty Humane Society	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
154	DV Food Pantry	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
155	Windham Child Care Assoc	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
156	Kids Country Day Care	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
157	DV Community Parntership	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
158	Pool Learning Center	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
159	Senior Meals	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
160	Housing Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
161	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS					
162	Social Security	73,000.00	76,950.46	73,000.00	74,000.00	1,000.00
163	Health Care	278,256.00	241,165.95	278,256.00	278,256.00	0.00
164	Disability/Life Ins	4,822.00	4,193.46	4,822.00	4,822.00	0.00
165	Retirement	41,937.00	46,590.12	58,060.00	63,500.00	5,440.00

	General Fund Expenditures	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
166	Employment Security	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
167	Uniforms	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
168	Groundskeeper	6,523.00	7,330.40	6,523.00	7,780.00	1,257.00
169	TRANSFER STATION					
170	Operator/Build Maint	37,684.00	36,694.41	38,815.00	39,917.00	1,102.00
171	WCSW Assessment	26,702.00	22,926.48	34,660.00	16,500.00	-18,160.00
172	Electricity/Heat	1,400.00	825.49	1,350.00	1,200.00	-150.00
173	Telephone	750.00	1,134.77	1,000.00	1,200.00	200.00
174	Post Closure Expense	1,500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
175	Tire Recycling	800.00	453.00	700.00	500.00	-200.00
176	Disposal & Containers	64,000.00	60,573.97	65,200.00	68,460.00	3,260.00
177	TS Recycle	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
178	Recy Cleanup	0.00	0.00	18,000.00	27,000.00	9,000.00
179	Maint/Improve/Supplies	2,000.00	614.55	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
180	Miscellaneous	0.00	46.44	300.00	300.00	0.00
181	Legal/Professional/Audit					
182	Legal Fees - Tax Sale	0.00	-483.46	1,000.00	500.00	-500.00
183	Legal-General Matters	15,000.00	17,141.75	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
184	Legal-Zoning enforcement	750.00	264.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
185	Legal-Human Resources	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
186	Zoning Appeals	250.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
187	Audit	15,600.00	17,200.00	19,000.00	22,000.00	3,000.00
188	Legal Roads	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
189	Engineering Roads	250.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	-100.00
190	Other Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
191	Library	0.00	252.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
192	Library Appropriation	112,750.00	112,750.00	127,000.00	128,500.00	1,500.00
193	Memorial Day	400.00	394.35	400.00	400.00	0.00
194	MEMORIAL HALL					
195	Electricity	1,400.00	1,803.26	1,425.00	1,800.00	375.00
196	Water Rent	1,100.00	940.00	1,300.00	950.00	-350.00
197	Sewer Rent	650.00	822.00	825.00	825.00	0.00
198	Maintenance	2,400.00	1,852.04	2,400.00	2,000.00	-400.00
199	MH Grounds	800.00	1,162.32	800.00	900.00	100.00
200	Heat	5,500.00	1,457.72	5,000.00	1,500.00	-3,500.00
201	Fire Alarm/Phone	1,000.00	1,219.10	1,000.00	1,200.00	200.00
202	MH Insurance	3,300.00	2,852.04	3,300.00	3,000.00	-300.00
203	MH cleaning/janitorial	700.00	837.03	850.00	850.00	0.00
204	Planning Commission					
205	Municipal Planning Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
206	Windham Regional Dues	3,500.00	3,478.00	4,145.00	4,216.00	71.00
207	Zoning Rewrite	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	General Fund Expenditures	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
208	Manuals/Resource material	50.00	315.15	100.00	100.00	0.00
209	Public Notices	200.00	688.50	200.00	450.00	250.00
210	Postage	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
211	Training Expenses	250.00	111.24	250.00	250.00	0.00
212	RECREATION COMMISSION					
213	Elemen. Program Director	1,854.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
214	Elemen. Counselors	2,550.00	2,466.00	2,550.00	3,700.00	1,150.00
215	MS Program Director	3,220.00	3,281.25	3,220.00	3,000.00	-220.00
216	MS Counselors	2,680.00	2,138.40	2,580.00	2,200.00	-380.00
217	Elemen. Programs	750.00	743.50	750.00	750.00	0.00
218	MS Supplies	500.00	412.30	500.00	500.00	0.00
219	Art Director - New position	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.00	220.00
220	D V Farmers Day Assn	3,425.00	3,425.00	3,666.00	4,043.00	377.00
221	Fireworks/Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
222	Portable Toilets	3,000.00	2,749.58	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00
223	Green-Up Day	75.00	28.49	75.00	50.00	-25.00
224	Beautification Committe	2,932.00	923.63	2,932.00	2,932.00	0.00
225	Flowers/Barrels	17,600.00	18,758.47	19,700.00	19,700.00	0.00
226	Tennis Courts	300.00	58.46	300.00	300.00	0.00
227	Valley Youth Sports	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
228	SELECTPERSONS CONTINGENCY					
229	Grant Match Funds/Assista	0.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
230	Misc.	1,000.00	2,350.58	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
231	Economic Development	54,000.00	44,744.57	55,620.00	67,950.00	12,330.00
232	Street Lights	13,500.00	13,203.92	14,200.00	13,800.00	-400.00
233	County Court	44,100.00	50,369.00	52,000.00	52,000.00	0.00
234	TOWN HALL					
235	Electricity	7,500.00	7,490.20	7,500.00	8,000.00	500.00
236	Heat	8,200.00	2,804.61	8,200.00	5,000.00	-3,200.00
237	Supplies	1,500.00	1,424.80	1,300.00	1,500.00	200.00
238	Fire Alarm	900.00	440.00	900.00	900.00	0.00
239	Water Rent	1,500.00	1,192.90	1,500.00	1,300.00	-200.00
240	Sewer Rent	950.00	1,088.62	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
241	Maintenance	5,500.00	4,305.67	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
242	Elevator	2,200.00	2,686.06	2,400.00	2,700.00	300.00
243	Janitorial & Carting	6,500.00	7,285.00	6,700.00	8,000.00	1,300.00
244	Town Reports	2,500.00	823.00	850.00	850.00	0.00
245	Vermont League Dues	3,070.00	3,014.00	3,119.00	3,186.00	67.00
246	Wilmington School User Fee	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
247	Wilmington Water District	5,600.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00
248	Web Site	400.00	336.00	800.00	800.00	0.00
249	Total Expenditures	2,431,623.00	2,362,017.65	2,540,775.00	2,629,640.00	88,865.00

	General Fund Expenditures	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
250	ONE-TIME, SPECIAL AND CAPITAL					
251	Water Merger Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
252	Garage Bond	40,301.00	39,200.97	39,700.00	38,000.00	-1,700.00
253	Look Road Bridge Loan	0.00	100,000.00	98,790.00	97,680.00	-1,110.00
254	Town Hall Cap	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
255	Memorial Hall Capital	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
256	Playground Capital	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
257	Library Capital	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
258	Fire Department Equipment	150,000.00	150,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	0.00
259	Fire House Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
260	Transfer Station Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
261	Police Equipment Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
262	Planning/Acquisition for Facilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
263	Reappraisal	0.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	0.00
264	Capital Subtotal	229,301.00	328,200.97	301,490.00	409,680.00	58,190.00
265	Total General Fund	2,660,924.00	2,690,218.62	2,842,265.00	3,039,320.00	147,055.00
266						
267	Highway Expenditures					
268	Highway Salaries	327,785.00	336,953.91	344,738.00	355,080.00	10,342.00
269	Highway Superintendent	63,378.00	63,637.13	65,279.00	67,237.00	1,958.00
270	Unscheduled Overtime	31,000.00	33,890.62	31,000.00	35,000.00	4,000.00
271	Social Security	33,200.00	28,752.15	33,738.00	34,985.00	1,247.00
272	Health Insurance	170,000.00	164,510.89	170,000.00	189,620.00	19,620.00
273	Disability Insurance	2,900.00	2,365.98	2,900.00	2,750.00	-150.00
274	Retirement	23,300.00	23,849.67	23,300.00	25,502.00	2,202.00
275	Uniforms	3,000.00	3,606.35	3,000.00	3,100.00	100.00
276	Fire Alarm	750.00	250.00	750.00	250.00	-500.00
277	Workers Comp	39,743.00	34,911.93	34,100.00	34,100.00	0.00
278	Municipal Parking Maint	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
279	Culverts	15,000.00	18,419.26	18,500.00	19,500.00	1,000.00
280	Guardrails	2,500.00	7,490.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	2,500.00
281	Chloride	24,000.00	20,527.08	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00
282	Gravel/Stone/Fabric-Misc	90,000.00	94,736.76	90,000.00	104,500.00	14,500.00
283	Resurfacing	225,480.00	265,521.88	225,480.00	240,000.00	14,520.00
284	Salt	66,000.00	65,651.43	68,500.00	68,500.00	0.00
285	Sand	72,500.00	72,505.18	72,500.00	72,500.00	0.00
286	Snow Removal	50,000.00	32,280.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
287	Signs	2,200.00	2,587.21	2,000.00	2,200.00	200.00
288	Crack Sealing	18,000.00	14,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00
289	Stabilization/Fabric/Hay	2,000.00	9,174.46	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
290	Maintenance to Equipment	59,000.00	58,088.70	59,000.00	59,000.00	0.00
291	Fuel	75,000.00	41,495.68	70,000.00	65,000.00	-5,000.00

	Highway Expenditures	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
292	Rental/Contracted	5,000.00	6,909.05	5,000.00	5,500.00	500.00
293	Training	500.00	60.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
294	Electricity	2,900.00	2,780.26	2,900.00	2,900.00	0.00
295	Tools & Supplies	19,900.00	13,685.95	19,900.00	19,900.00	0.00
296	Personal Protective Equip	1,500.00	1,394.70	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
297	Telephone	2,100.00	1,720.45	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
298	Advertising	0.00	687.45	0.00	550.00	550.00
299	Insurance - Vehicles/Bldg	22,253.00	23,276.29	23,400.00	21,000.00	-2,400.00
300	Computer/Office Supplies	300.00	206.98	300.00	1,000.00	700.00
301	Sewer Rent	900.00	554.58	700.00	650.00	-50.00
302	Bldg/Maint/Improvements	1,300.00	2,897.41	1,300.00	3,000.00	1,700.00
303	Heating	6,000.00	3,210.19	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
304	Pagers	800.00	819.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
305	Bridge Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
306	Sidwalk Study TAP TA14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
307	Better Back Roads Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
308	Class II Paving Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
309	TRE Appropriation	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	265,000.00	65,000.00
310	Total Highway Expenditures	1,662,689.00	1,653,408.58	1,679,885.00	1,847,424.00	167,539.00

	REVENUES					
	Total Revenues Except for Sewer					
	General Fund Revenues	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
1	Interest Del Taxes	48,000.00	91,888.26	48,000.00	55,000.00	7,000.00
2	Penalty Del Taxes	54,300.00	84,801.84	52,300.00	52,000.00	-300.00
3	Misc Grants	10,000.00	1,937.47	4,000.00	0.00	-4,000.00
4	Municipal Planning Grant	0.00	3,356.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Glebe Land	25,500.00	1.00	25,500.00	82,535.00	57,035.00
6	GF Dog/Liquor Licenses	3,900.00	3,455.00	3,500.00	3,300.00	-200.00
7	Zoning fees	30,000.00	19,887.00	27,000.00	15,000.00	-12,000.00
8	Zoning Enforcement Fee	150.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Permit Recording Fees	450.00	318.00	450.00	300.00	-150.00
10	Land Sales/Redemptions	10,000.00	3,050.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
11	Misc. Administ. Income	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
12	Misc Income	100.00	69.16	100.00	100.00	0.00
13	Act 60-Grand List Admin	100.00	3,140.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
14	PILOT Payment	8,000.00	10,309.77	10,500.00	10,000.00	-500.00
15	State Education Fund	22,000.00	23,926.38	22,000.00	24,000.00	2,000.00
16	Listers income	415.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Reapp State/Parcel Paymen	27,500.00	26,690.00	26,500.00	26,500.00	0.00

	General Fund Revenues	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
18	Land Use	31,700.00	38,807.00	32,700.00	38,000.00	5,300.00
19	Administrative WWTP	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	4,750.00	0.00
20	Town Clerk Fees	42,000.00	43,998.90	40,000.00	35,000.00	-5,000.00
21	Digitization Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	POLICE REVENUE					
23	Fees & Fines - Police	46,000.00	43,680.31	41,000.00	41,000.00	0.00
24	Sale of Cruiser	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
25	Misc Police Income	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
26	PD Outside Employment Inc	12,000.00	17,967.79	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
27	PD Alarm Registration Fee	3,600.00	3,965.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
28	PD Homeland Security Gran	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29	DUI Enforcement Grant	0.00	1,388.56	3,000.00	2,000.00	-1,000.00
30	Governor's HW Safety Gran	7,500.00	15,547.07	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
31	GHSP Equip Grant	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
32	CDBG Grant Co-Relocation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	FIRE DEPT REVENUE					
34	Fees - Town of Searsburg	16,800.00	16,800.00	16,800.00	21,840.00	5,040.00
35	Somerset	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
36	Misc Fire Department	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
37	FD Grant Income	0.00	2,264.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
38	TRANSFER STATION					
39	LF Metal Recycling	2,800.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
40	Transfer Station Fees	72,500.00	71,436.00	73,000.00	79,000.00	6,000.00
41	Library repayment	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
42	RECREATION REVENUE					
43	MHS Fees	865.00	466.00	470.00	600.00	130.00
44	Memorial Hall Rent	1,000.00	2,200.00	1,000.00	2,200.00	1,200.00
45	Memorial Hall Event Donat	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
46	Interest GF	7,000.00	6,721.34	7,400.00	7,000.00	-400.00
47	Water Merger Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
48	Surplus	296,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
49	General Fund Total	791,430.00	546,171.85	478,570.00	537,225.00	58,655.00

	Highway Revenues	Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Change FY18 to FY19
1	Permits	450.00	90.00	200.00	100.00	-100.00
2	State Aid	138,000.00	136,947.71	138,000.00	136,500.00	-1,500.00
3	Grant Income	4,000.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	-2,500.00
4	Park n Ride Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Paving Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Sidewalk Study Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Better Back Rds Grant	0.00	14,536.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Misc. Income	800.00	254.60	1,000.00	250.00	-750.00
9	Interest - Road	750.00	349.43	450.00	400.00	-50.00
10	Highway Total	144,000.00	152,177.74	142,150.00	137,250.00	-4,900.00

CAPITAL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

	BRIDGE REHABILITATION	TOWN ROAD EQUIPMENT	FIREHOUSE CAPITAL	FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/17	194,213	240,170	10,613	250,815
RECEIPTS:				
TOWN APPROPRIATION	0	200,000	0	125,000
INTEREST	683	727	12	869
OTHER RECEIPTS	0	4,106	50	400
TOTAL	469,619	445,003	10,675	377,084
EXPENDITURES	660,505	252,151	0	5,930
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/18	4,010	192,852	10,675	371,154
EXPENSE ITEMS				
	TOWN HALL CAPITAL	MUNICIPAL RECORDS RESERVE	DRY HYDRANT GRANT	ANIMAL CONTROL
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/17	20,568	54,357	727	18,227
RECEIPTS:				
TOWN APPROPRIATION	5,000	0	0	0
INTEREST	81	184	2	68
OTHER RECEIPTS	0	15,810	0	1,390
TOTAL	25,649	70,351	729	19,685
EXPENDITURES	0	22,378		1,487
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/18	25,649	47,973	729	18,198
EXPENSE ITEMS		Record Digitization		
	PLAYGROUND	MEMORIAL HALL CAPITAL	SEWER CAPITAL	BEAUTIFICATION FUND
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/17	9,426	38,611	152,386	2,244
RECEIPTS:				
TOWN APPROPRIATION	1,000	20,000	0	0
INTEREST	10	176	253	10
OTHER RECEIPTS	0	100	15,799	1,015
TOTAL	10,436	58,887	168,438	3,269
EXPENDITURES	0	8,000	53,447	0
DEBT SERVICE	0	0	0	0
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/18	10,436	50,887	114,991	3,269
EXPENSE ITEMS				

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS EARNING INTEREST ONLY					
	REVENUE SHARING	SCHOOL FIELD	GREEN MTN BEACH	ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESERVE	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/17	987	1023	3,609	8,734	3,295
INTEREST	1	1	3	32	3
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/18	988	1,024	3,612	8,766	3,298
	HOUSING CAPITAL	PD CONFLICT RESOLUTION	DAVENPORT LEGACY		
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/17	2,733	7	426		
INTEREST INCOME	10	0	0		
BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/18	2,743	7	426		

Long Term Debt

Garage Bond

Interest At 2.6% 10 Year Bond

\$35,000 Per Year For The First 8 Years
\$30,000 Per Year For The Final 2 Years

Year 6

Balance Due as of 7/1/17 \$200,000.00
2017-18 Payments \$35,000.00

Balance Due as of 6/30/17 \$130,000.00

Status of Revenue Sharing

January 1, 2018

Balance \$988.17
Restricted Funds (Green Mountain Beach) 504.00
Unrestricted Funds 484.17

Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade

Interest at 2.75% 30 Year Bond

Year 2

Balance Due as of 7/1/17 \$1,559,227.22
2017-18 Payment \$38,627.45

Balance Due as of 6/30/18 \$1,520,599.77

Look Road Bridge

Interest at 2.5% 5 Year Note

Year 1

Balance Due as of 7/1/17 \$444,000.00
2017-18 Payment \$88,800.00

Balance as of 6/30/18 \$355,200.00

Water System Evaluation

Interest at 0% 5 Year Note

Year 1

Balance Due as of 7/1/17 \$4,951.10
2017-18 Payment \$990.22

Balance Due as of 6/30/18 \$3,960.88

Sewer Fund				
2 Year Comparison				
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual to Date
Account	FY - 17	FY - 17	FY - 18	FY - 18
Revenues				
Sewer Rents Income	299,064.00	305,713.79	324,388.00	178,908.45
Other Revenues	4,550.00	8,158.88	4,550.00	3,111.38
Surplus	0.00	0.00	13,800.00	0.00
Total Revenues	303,614.00	313,872.67	342,738.00	182,019.83
Expenses				
Wages	111,393.00	111,043.82	113,662.00	62,897.78
Employee Benefits	69,900.00	67,893.18	69,900.00	40,900.11
Plant	51,050.00	48,156.18	48,300.00	32,526.54
Supplies	6,000.00	7,420.53	6,000.00	3,466.21
Property/Vehicle Insuranc	7,500.00	6,387.57	7,500.00	4,672.52
Engineering Consultant	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
New/Replacement Equipment	4,500.00	4,024.33	4,500.00	1,385.38
Sewer Testing	7,000.00	5,110.00	7,000.00	3,700.00
Truck/Tractor Maint	1,000.00	949.45	1,000.00	1,341.04
Sludge Maintenance	5,000.00	4,709.93	5,000.00	1,579.92
Sewer Bond Payment	39,271.00	73,494.00	78,876.00	36,747.00
Total Expenditures	303,614.00	329,188.99	342,738.00	189,216.50

Wilmington's Contribution to the State Education Fund

Fiscal Year	Payment to State		Fiscal Year	Payment to State
FY99	\$494,060		FY09	\$4,889,864
FY00	\$1,136,680		FY10	\$4,897,891
FY01	\$1,484,554		FY11	\$4,103,934
FY02	\$1,375,846		FY12	\$4,033,783
FY03	\$1,603,580		FY13	\$4,225,835
FY04	\$1,825,882		FY14	\$4,299,382
FY05	\$2,458,493		FY15	\$4,836,654
FY06	\$3,572,491		FY16	\$5,355,651
FY07	\$4,211,753		FY17	\$6,238,207
FY08	\$4,821,634		TOTAL	\$65,866,174
*Total tax raised FY17 approximately \$ 14,783,652 of which \$6,238,207 was sent to the state				

DELINQUENT SEWER POLICY

Town of Wilmington

Adopted January 24, 2007

Understanding that it can be difficult for people to pay their town sewer taxes, it is the responsibility of all to pay their required share or others have to pay higher sewer taxes to make up the difference. This policy is designed to give clear instructions as to how to avoid being delinquent, a system by which people can become whole if they become delinquent, and the steps the town of Wilmington will take if a taxpayer does not meet their obligations to the town and the other citizens.

Postmarks with date taxes are due are accepted as on-time payments.

Each month sewer taxes are delinquent the town will send a notice to the delinquent taxpayer. Interest is added on the fifteenth day of each month before the notice is mailed. An 8% penalty is added after the March installment.

If the taxpayer has two installments delinquent the town will notify the taxpayer of the date by which full payment must be received or payment arrangements made. Expected tax sale costs once a tax sale process begins, and /or other methods' costs will also be included. It is the responsibility of the delinquent tax payer to respond to the notice or the town will initiate the steps to collect either by taking the property to tax sale or utilizing other statutory methods to collect payment. Payment arrangements may be agreed-to provided it will pay the bill in full within 1 year. Current taxes will also need to be paid in full as they become due. A signed contract must be filed with payment arrangements. Under this plan the partial payments will be applied proportionally to principal, interest, and penalty (if any).

If no arrangement is made by specified date or taxpayer defaults on contract then either tax sale proceedings will be started and/or the town will utilize other statutory methods to collect payment.

If the town utilizes a tax sale the town will begin the following actions to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the delinquent tax, and fees:

The collector will proceed with the tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A., section 5252.

Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.

All penalty and interest charges are used by town to defer cost of sending delinquent notices and other expenses related to collecting delinquent taxes.

Tax abatement is a process by which a taxpayer may ask to have his or her taxes lessened, moderated or diminished. Sewer tax abatement request goes to the board of selectmen. For information on abatement of sewer taxes see Vermont Statute 24 V.S.A., section 5147.

Delinquent Sewer Rents as of 1/16/18

Name	Years	Amount Due		Name	Years	Amount Due
Emily Beeman	2016-17	448.94		Leanne Hill	2016-17	525.94
Bernard Dwyer	2016-17	640.92		LH Corner, LLC	2016-17	1584.18
Elk Mountain	2016-17	2520.67				

*These taxpayers are on payment plans to payoff taxes in 1 year.

DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

Town of Wilmington

Understanding that it can be difficult for people to pay their town and state taxes, it is the responsibility of all to pay their required share or others have to pay higher taxes to make up the difference. This policy is designed to give clear instructions as to how to avoid being delinquent, a system by which people can become whole if they become delinquent, and the steps and methods the Wilmington Collector of Delinquent Taxes will take if a taxpayer does not meet their obligations to the town and the other citizens.

Postmarks are accepted as on-time payments.

Paying up-coming taxes by installment to avoid delinquency is acceptable.

Once taxes are delinquent a warrant is filed with the collector of delinquent taxes.

Each month taxes are delinquent the tax collector will send a notice to the delinquent taxpayer. Interest is added on the first day of each month before the notice is mailed. Town-approved interest rate is one per cent per month for the first three months and thereafter one and one-half percent per month starting from the due date of each installment. An 8% penalty is added after the February payment is missed. When a taxpayer is delinquent, unless he/she is on an agreed-to payment plan, any payment made will be applied first to outstanding interest and penalties. Any remaining payment will be applied to the principal.

If the taxpayer is 1 full year delinquent the collector will notify the taxpayer of the date by which full payment must be received or payment arrangements made. Expected tax sale costs once a tax sale process begins, or other methods' costs will also be included. It is the responsibility of the delinquent tax payer to respond to the notice or the town will initiate the steps to collect either by taking the property to tax sale or utilizing other statutory methods to collect payment. Payment arrangements may be agreed-to provided it will pay the bill in full within 1 year. Current taxes will also need to be paid in full as they become due. A signed contract must be filed with payment arrangements. Under this plan the partial payments will be applied proportionally to principal, interest, and penalty (if any).

If no arrangement is made by specified date or taxpayer defaults on contract then either tax sale proceedings will be started and/or we will utilize other statutory methods to collect payment.

If the town utilizes a tax sale the tax collector will begin the following actions to sell as much of the property as is necessary to pay the delinquent tax, and fees:

The collector will proceed with the tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A., section 5252.

Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.

All penalty and interest charges are used by town to defer cost of sending delinquent notices and other expenses related to collecting delinquent taxes.

Tax abatement is a process by which a taxpayer may ask to have his or her taxes lessened, moderated or diminished. Abatement request goes to the board of abatement, which is made up of the board of civil authority plus the listers and town treasurer. For information on abatement of taxes see Vermont Statute 24 V.S.A., section 1535.

Taxes Owed as of 1/1/18

Two or more payments delinquent

Name	Years	Amount		Name	Years	Amount
8 STAG'S LEAP LLC	2016-17	43,095.15		KIM KYUNG MOO	2015-17	5,399.13
BUYCE CROSSING LLC	2016-17	923.47		KLINE JUDITH ANN*	2016-17	4,497.64
BUYCE CROSSING LLC	2016-17	2,052.15		LH CORNER LLC	2016-17	2,257.36
CLOSE CATHERINE M*	2016-17	4,132.54		LYNCH DOUGLAS E &	2016-17	5,442.97
COMTUCK LLC	2016-17	1,192.21		MATHIEW MICHAEL	2016-17	2,770.40
COMTUCK LLC	2016-17	1,532.27		OLD ARK PROPERTIES*	2015-17	11,227.65
COMTUCK LLC	2016-17	2,926.64		POWERS JOHN J & SA	2016-17	4,873.85
DONNEY VERMONT LLC	2016-17	4,071.46		RILLSTONE KIMBERLE	2014-17	372.79
FERRARA MICHAEL	2016-17	306.45		RITTER GORDON	2016-17	4,211.01
HARROWER DAVID*	2016-17	2,434.93		RUSH KEVIN & MARGO	2016-17	272.88
HERMITAGE INN REAL	2016-17	16,417.20		WAGNER GREGORY L	2016-17	10.70
JACKSON THOMAS & B	2016-17	429.67		WILKINSON ROY D &	2016-17	346.37
				Total Taxes Due		121,196.89

*These taxpayers are on payment plans to pay off delinquency within 1 year

Status of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Taxes 1/1/17	\$409,232.27
Collections	<u>396,410.23</u>
Subtotal	12,822.04
Delinquents Added	<u>502,761.30</u>
Delinquent Taxes 1/1/18	\$515,583.34

PETTEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
PRELIMINARY BUDGET
FY JUNE 30, 2019

	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2017 Actual	Under (Over) Budget	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2019 Preliminary Budget	% Budget Increase
CASH EXPENDITURES						
Personnel:						
Payroll	\$ 66,800	\$ 62,274.65	\$ 4,525.35	\$ 77,968	\$ 78,165	0.3%
Payroll Taxes	5,100	5,080.71	19.29	5,964	5,980	0.3%
Staff Development	2,500	1,301.51	1,198.49	1,500	2,000	33.3%
Subtotal	74,400	68,656.87	5,743.13	85,432	86,145	0.8%
Library Services:						
Acquisitions	16,000	12,789.73	3,210.27	16,000	17,000	6.3%
Library Supplies	2,500	2,533.47	(33.47)	2,500	2,500	0.0%
Programs	5,000	4,686.00	314.00	5,500	5,500	0.0%
Postage & Delivery	1,000	1,337.33	(337.33)	1,800	1,750	-2.8%
Telephone & Internet	1,650	3,034.54	(1,384.54)	1,650	1,650	0.0%
On-line Services	3,000	3,526.57	(526.57)	3,500	3,750	7.1%
Computer & Equipment	3,000	1,345.51	1,654.49	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Professional Fees	1,100		1,100.00	1,100	1,100	0.0%
Public Relations		1,178.75			250	
Membership Fees	400	110.00	290.00	200	200	0.0%
Miscellaneous	-	75.00	(75.00)	-		
Subtotal	33,650	30,616.90	3,033.10	35,250	36,700	4.1%
Building & Grounds						
Custodial	5,000	4,201.11	798.89	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Insurance	3,100	3,006.88	93.12	3,100	3,100	0.0%
Heating Oil	2,600	1,876.98	723.02	2,600	2,500	-3.8%
Maintenance & Repair	3,500	5,331.01	(1,831.01)	3,500	2,500	-28.6%
Elevator	2,000	2,449.35	(449.35)	2,000	2,200	10.0%
Electricity	2,200	2,156.12	43.88	2,200	2,200	0.0%
Security	300	2,222.30	(1,922.30)	450	450	0.0%
Sewer & Water	1,000	584.40	415.60	1,000	750	-25.0%
Subtotal	19,700	21,828.15	(2,128.15)	19,850	18,700	-5.8%
Total Expenditures	\$ 127,750	121,101.92	6,648.08	\$ 140,532	\$ 141,545	0.7%
CASH RECEIPTS						
Surplus Carryover	\$ 1,411	1,411.00	-	\$ 167	\$ 75	-55.1%
Supplemental Income	13,589	7,015.45	6,573.55	13,365	12,970	-3.0%
Town Appropriation	112,750	112,750.00	-	127,000	128,500	1.2%
Total Receipts	\$ 127,750	121,176.45	6,573.55	\$ 140,532	\$ 141,545	0.7%
Surplus		\$ 74.53	\$ 74.53			

2017 Town Vehicle Inventory

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2016	Metro Star Rescue Truck
1997	International 2674 Pumper Truck
2001	International 2674 4x2 Pumper Truck
2011	Spartan Fire Truck
1998	14 foot Rescue Boat and Trailer
2015	Arctic Cat Snowmobile w/ Ambulance Sled and Trailer
2006	Bombardier ATV
2005	GMC Pickup
1998	Land Rite Boat Trailer
2008	SnowPro Snowmobile Trailer
2015	Triton CT 127S Trailer

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

1997	New Holland Tractor Model 4630DA5
2001	Load Rite Utility Trailer
2002	US Jetting Sewer Jetter
2014	Ford F-350

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015	Chevrolet Impala
2016	Ford Explorer
2016	Ford Explorer
2017	Ford Explorer
1999	Snowflow Snowmobile Trailer*
2008	Arctic Cat Snowmobile*
2016	Arctic Cat Snowmobile*

(*Property of So. VT Snowmobile Task Force)

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Trucks

2016	International Truck #14
2018	Western Star Dump Truck #12
2015	Dodge Ram 5500 Truck #19
2009	International Dump Truck #11
2010	International Dump Truck #18
2018	Dodge Ram Truck #13
2013	Dodge Ram Truck #20
2014	Dodge Ram Truck #10
2015	International Dump Truck #15

Equipment

2007	John Deere 410J Loader/Backhoe
1979	Joy Air Compressor
1989	Hudson Trailer
1990	Eager Beaver Chipper
1990	Trackless Sidewalk Machine
2015	Case 721F Loader
1999	Bomag Roller Model BW1420-2
2017	Exmark Mower
2004	Caterpillar M316C Wheeled Excavator
2017	John Deere 672 GP Motor Grader
2004	Karavan utility Trailer
2006	John Deere 450JLT Bulldozer
2016	Message Board

TRANSFER STATION

1987	John Deere Backhoe
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Town Employees Proposed Salaries		
FY 2019		
Employee	Position	FY2017 Estimated
Susan Haughwout	Town Clerk	\$ 49,440.00
Patricia Johnson	Asst Town Clerk	\$ 34,507.00
Scott Tucker	Town Manager	\$ 95,790.00
Christine Richter	Treasurer	\$ 4,759.00
Christine Richter	Finance Officer	\$ 52,730.00
Jessica DeFrancesco	Town Manager Assistant	\$ 39,256.00
Craig Ohlson	Zoning Administrator	\$ 47,530.00
Craig Ohlson	Health Officer	\$ 1,597.00
Deborah Kingsley	Lister Assistant	\$ 53,565.00
Brandon Brassor	Transfer Station/Bld Maint	\$ 39,917.00
Joseph Szarejko	Police Chief	\$ 75,481.00
Mark Denault	Detective Sergeant	\$ 57,574.00
Matt Murano	Sergeant	\$ 59,384.00
Shawn Hammond	Patrol Officer	\$ 44,429.00
Corey Briggs	Patrol Officer	\$ 44,429.00
Patrick Brewer	Patrol Officer	\$ 49,234.00
Susan Luchsinger	Dispatcher	\$ 32,432.00
Eric St Denis	Dispatcher	\$ 28,033.00
Scott Moore	Fire Chief	\$ 63,860.00
Roland Betit	Groundskeeper	\$ 7,783.00
Jennifer Fitzgerald	Town Nurse	\$ 16,818.00
William Hunt	Highway Superintendent	\$ 67,237.00
Sheldon Brassor	Road Foreman	\$ 52,499.00
Bret Brown	Road Crew	\$ 50,440.00
Michael Stevens	Road Crew	\$ 50,440.00
Darby Howe	Road Crew	\$ 50,440.00
Doug Wheeler	Road Crew	\$ 50,440.00
Travis Brassor	Road Crew	\$ 50,440.00
Travis Wheeler	Road Crew	\$ 50,440.00
John Lazelle	Wastewater Chief Operator	\$ 64,290.00
Jeff Longe	Wastewater Assistant Operator	\$ 45,822.00

C.C. Haynes Fund

The C. C. Haynes Fund was established with a bequest to the inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington from the late Clinton C. Haynes to be used "...for the benefit of agriculture in said town..." and, among other things, for "...such lectures as said trustee may deem advisable to improve the morals of the people of said town...". A trustee elected annually at Town Meeting manages the Haynes Hall building and the fund.

Every year the C. C. Haynes Fund offers two scholarships to any Wilmington resident. The William Poole scholarship is for \$1000, and the Ralph Howe scholarship is for \$500. Notification of the availability of the scholarships and the deadline for submitting a request are published in the Deerfield Valley News in May each year. This year no requests for scholarship money were received by the trustee.

To apply for either scholarship any person living in Wilmington may write a simple letter asking to be considered for financial assistance. The recipient may be anyone enrolled in a course of study beyond high school in an accredited institution. Applications are made in writing to the C. C. Haynes Fund Trustee, P O Box 217, Wilmington, VT 05363, stating school of choice, field of endeavor and financial need. Preference will be given to a person studying agriculture or related fields such as environmental studies.

During the year the C. C. Haynes Hall was used to house the Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Youth exhibits and storage for Saturday night auctions. Contributions from White Wolf Consulting for the use of the building for Saturday night auctions greatly help to fund the C. C. Haynes scholarships.

2017 C. C. Haynes Fund Financial Statement

Assets January 1, 2017

Cash on Hand	2461.94	
Certificate of Deposit Value	54220.73	
Total Assets		56,682.67

Income

Contributions	2,200.00	
Interest from CD	80.20	
Total Income		2,280.20

Expenses

Scholarships	0	
Total Expenses		0

Assets December 31, 2017

Cash on Hand	4,661.94	
Certificate of Deposit Value	54,300.93	
Total Assets		58,962.87

Respectfully submitted,
Carl M. Boyd, Trustee

Grand List 2017 Billed

(Taxable properties only-State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

	REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Total Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Education Listed Value	Non-Residential Education Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
1	Residential I	1,633	414,369,350	74,892,300	339,477,050	414,369,350
2	Residential II	338	163,730,594	47,750,984	115,979,610	163,730,594
3	Mobile Homes-U	46	650,000	10,000	640,000	650,000
4	Mobile Homes-L	19	1,028,000	472,000	556,000	1,028,000
5	Seasonal I	54	3,543,500	0	3,543,500	3,543,500
6	Seasonal II	15	2,763,100	80,000	2,683,100	2,763,100
7	Commercial	139	77,906,757	845,250	77,061,507	77,906,757
8	Commercial Apts	9	2,211,500	225,000	1,986,500	2,211,500
9	Industrial	1	500,000	0	500,000	500,000
10	Utilities-E	4	13,930,154	0	13,930,154	13,930,154
11	Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0
12	Farm	1	295,000	295,000	0	295,000
13	Other	189	43,502,475	1,807,250	41,695,225	43,502,475
14	Woodland	0	0	0	0	0
15	Miscellaneous	620	30,311,000	40,000	30,271,000	30,311,000
16						
17	TOTAL LISTED REAL ESTATE	3,068	754,741,430	126,417,784	628,323,646	754,741,430
18						
19	P.P. Cable	2	240,880		240,880	240,880
20	TOTAL LISTED P.P.	2	240,880		240,880	240,880
21						
22	TOTAL LISTED VALUE		754,982,310	126,417,784	628,564,526	754,982,310
23						
24	EXEMPTIONS					
25	Veterans 10K	10	100,000	100,000	0	100,000
26	Veterans >10K		300,000			
27						
28	Total Veterans		400,000	100,000	0	100,000
29						
30	P.P. Contracts	2	240,880			
31	Non-Apprv(voted)	2/2	125,000			
32	Owner Pays Ed Tax	1/1	86,000			
33	Total Contracts	5/3	451880			
34	Current Use	43	7,999,906	2,876,010	5,123,896	7,999,906
35	Special Exemption	2		0	5,017,150	5,017,150
36	Total Exemptions	44	8,851,786	2,976,010	10,141,046	13,017,056
37	TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		7,461,305			
38	TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			1,234,417	6,184,234	7,418,652
39	NON-TAX		81 Non-Tax parcels are not included in 411			

2017 Current Use Exemptions

	Name	Assessed Value	Land Use Acreage	Land Use Exempt	Grand List
1	BAILEY ARTHUR H & ELLEN C	235,000	63.2	60,000.00	1750
2	BERTLES JEANNETTE W	530,000	134.78	11,300.00	5187
3	BLANC MICHAEL P	200,000	34.25	134,200.00	659
4	BOSSERT ELAINE S TRUST	725,000	126	309,800.00	4152
5	BOYD CARL M	641,639	131.45	332,930.00	3087
6	BOYD DANNIE J & JANET LEE	425,000	45.9	135,300.00	2897
7	BRADBURN JUSTIN J	845,000	71	85,500.00	7595
8	CARMON JOHN C TRUSTEE OF NAN	200,000	93.1	98,750.00	1012
9	CHERNOSKY GAIL & SIROIS BENJAMIN ET AL	100,000	65.5	31,300.00	687
10	COLE BRUCE & BARBARA	371,105	72.78	70,105.00	2960
11	COPELAND JULIA LAUREL & HILLARY	206,000	206.01	178,600.00	274
12	DEMMO NICHOLAS G & TRACY	19,000	32.5	14,700.00	43
13	DOYLE MICHAEL J	425,000	58	92,300.00	3327
14	FITZGERALD JENNIFER REVO TRUST	465,000	152.7	187,000.00	2780
15	FORTE ROBERT P TRUSTEE OF REVOCA TR	825,000	28.81	170,300.00	6547
16	FUHRMAN DONALD & LINDA	32,000	32.8	27,600.00	44
17	GRINOLD ROBERT	205,000	114	189,800.00	152
18	GROSS STEPHEN J & SUSAN REV TRUST	1,100,000	68.56	160,400.00	9396
19	HALLAHAN WILLIAM L & ELLEN F	447,500	263	351,300.00	962
20	HARVEY N JR DN TR & JAMES & GROTE ANNE B	379,000	70	171,896.00	2071
21	HEAVENRICH TED R	650,000	98	211,900.00	4381
22	JANNEN KATRINA	220,000	123.1	203,600.00	164
23	KETTERER GORDON P & ANN B	322,000	124.34	168,400.00	1536
24	MACMONKUP LLC	230,000	59.8	145,300.00	847
25	MARUNAS P RAYMOND & CAROL	165,000	66.61	156,000.00	89
26	MCLAUGHLIN GARY & ANDREA	112,000	23.6	108,900.00	31
27	MORENA JOHN ET AL	805,000	91.22	147,300.00	6577
28	MURPHY JOHN M & NANCY S	900,000	87	249,800.00	6502
29	OLAJOS STEVE & ELIZABETH	475,000	62.5	122,950.00	3520
30	SCHNEEBERGER G & K TRUST	1,200,000	69.21	638,300.00	5617
31	SHAPIRO YOAV N	430,000	98.26	106,900.00	3231
32	SPRAGUE MARTIN L & KAREN R	130,000	15.82	24,900.00	1051
33	STEVENSON LAURA & STALOFF MARGARET G	389,000	59	120,100.00	2689
34	STONE FAMILY TRUST	170,000	50.66	68,200.00	1018
35	VON STEINWEHR RANDI	220,000	110.5	205,300.00	147
36	WEBER RUSSELL R & CAROL E	1,025,000	43.22	198,300.00	8267
37	WESTLAKE WILLIAM J TRSTEE ET AL	1,242,000	180.4	772,900.00	4691
38	WHITE JACOB & WALTER	410,000	152.19	193,900.00	2161
39	WHITE WALTER	285,000	27.1	46,400.00	2386
40	WILKINSON ALICE S	35,000	21.2	31,200.00	38
41	WIMMELMAN FRIEDA & BINNICK ALAN	1,770,000	331.9	506,800.00	12,632
42	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	1,510,000	431.72	652,275.00	8577
43	WIMMELMAN PETER T & NANCY REVO TR 2010	215,000	96.4	102,200.00	1128
	Total Residential Homestead			2,876,010	40,057
	Total Non-Residential			5,123,896	92,806
	GRAND TOTALS	21,286,244	4,288.09	7,999,906	132,863



January 31, 2018

Board of Selectmen
Town of Wilmington
P.O. Box 217
Wilmington, Vermont 05363

We are auditing the financial statements of the Town of Wilmington, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office (or on the Town's website @www.Wilmingtonvermont.us).

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Wilmington Narrative Reports

Town Departments, Boards, and
Committees

Other Agencies - Local, Regional, and
State



Wilmington Selectboard

The New Year had just begun when the Selectboard received notice from the Town Manager that he would not consider renewing his contract. Due to the fact that his contract was effective until January of 2018 the board took steps to replace the position to minimize what would be considered a “lame duck” administration. A very capable interim was appointed, Gretchen Havreluk, and the Town’s business was conducted on an ongoing professional manner. Gretchen was flexible enough to focus on Economic Development projects that were previously scheduled and due to her perseverance the West Main Street sidewalk undertaking was a rousing success!! The board extends many thanks to Gretchen as she did not shy away from ongoing issues and her ability to resolve conflict(s) was most noteworthy.

During this transition period Diane Chapman resigned her position on the board. Diane was not only a board member but also served as Chair in the past and has been and remains an active community contributor. A big “Thanks” to Diane for sharing her expertise for many years. Sarah Fisher assumed the vacancy created on the Selectboard and will complete the one year remaining on Mrs. Chapman’s term.

After a five month search and a unanimous decision by the Selectboard a permanent Town Manager was hired. Mr. Scott Tucker of Rutland, Vermont, has assumed the role of town overseer and we welcome him in this capacity. Hope some of voters have stopped in to say hello to Scott!

The Look Bridge project has come to a conclusion with the installation of a substantial span over Cold Brook. The structure should serve this community for many decades to come. Other similar older structures are being examined and evaluated for the purpose of repair/replacement in the immediate and/or distant future. The West Lake project was concluded in late summer and Cold Brook Road was paved. During this construction the contractor of record installed culverts on behalf of the town. This resulted in savings to the town as our commitment was limited to the purchase of the culverts and reduced installation fee.

Last Town Meeting an article was passed allocating \$18,000 for the continuation of the availability of secondary recycle bins located at the old garage site. Unfortunately the site has experienced a continued rash of illegal dumping ranging from countertops to auto parts and the town is being charged accordingly. The \$18,000 was exhausted by January of 2018. Consequently, the bins may be removed whereby all will be required to utilize the recycle containers located at the transfer station. It is still under consideration.

And, speaking of the transfer station, Green Lantern, a solar development corporation has conducted a feasibility study to erect a solar array on part of the property for the purpose of reducing electric costs in the future. The study has been completed and lease negotiations have begun between the town and the company. Other arrays are being contemplated by other vendors and the Planning commission is investigating and identifying “preferred” sites to ensure placement is in compliance with the Town Plan.

In June the Fire Chief resigned. After posting the vacancy a committee of townspeople conducted interview(s) and unanimously endorsed Scott Moore, the current assistant chief, to assume the Chief’s position. He took over his post in January of 2018.

Zoning upgrades continued throughout the year and after many hearings and amendments the Selectboard finally enacted the revised wording anticipating a less complicated process when considering changes, modifications or new construction within our community. The Zoning Administrator has copies of the revisions and the entire document will be available on the town website.

The Selectboard continues to request and seek out volunteers to fill vacancies on various boards and committees. Town participation by residents has become a crucial factor in addressing the continuous demands of the State and local citizenry. To those that have rolled up their sleeves and continue serving the town we are forever grateful!! Your time and effort is much appreciated and we could not function without you!!!

We do wish to thank the community for your support and input!

Town Manager

This has been a significant year of change in Wilmington and especially for employees who serve the Town. I am privileged to be working as your new Town Manager with a very dedicated and knowledgeable staff. I enjoy living in town during the week, within a four minute walk from the Town Offices. I've been busy meeting new people, and experiencing the best of what Wilmington has to offer in visiting restaurants and unique stores in the area with my family.

Upon touring the Deerfield Valley area, before and after my appointment, I made a few observations. It was easy to see why so many folks are drawn to the region, especially for the many outdoor recreational opportunities that are available throughout the year – winter activities include skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling, and summertime sports of boating, golfing, biking & mountain biking, hiking & walking; spectacular foliage, scenic vistas, agritourism, and the unique nature of the historic village with its restaurants, Inns and shops, and so much more. Finally, the gateway to and from the village were filled with beautiful flower arrangements creating a warm welcome!

Department Heads and employees have been very busy and visible in so many ways: Highway maintains and improves roads, working to mitigate storm water runoff, replacing culverts and structures, plowing, salting & sanding; the Police Dept. is fully staffed with six sworn police officers and two dispatchers, participating in highway safety campaigns, employing prevention and apprehension strategies, responding to calls for service, improving public engagement and quality of life; Listers work continuously on property valuations, and maintaining an accurate grand list for taxing and budget purposes; Zoning supports the Planning Commission and Development Review Board, working on permitting, updating zoning and development guidelines, flood hazard regulations, town plan, health issues & solar array projects; Finance performs substantial work in the areas of payroll, payables and receivables, an annual audit, tax collections and tax sale processes, and the annual budget planning cycle; the Fire Department's Chief retired in May and a great deal of work was achieved to improve working relationships and communication between firefighters and officials (special thanks to Mr. David Larsen as facilitator); Wastewater Treatment Chief Operator, John Lazelle received the prestigious "Alfred E. Peloquin Award – Vermont" given annually to an individual who is making significant contributions in the wastewater field; Administrative support is on the front lines of customer service, striving to improve community relationships, while also assisting the Office of the Town Manager, Finance and other departments; and the Town Clerk's Office works continuously to improve public records access, town meeting and special town meetings, elections, and accurate voter checklist, with customer service as a top priority; and let me thank Gretchen Havreluk in her role as interim town manager this past summer, and her work as our economic development consultant.

As Town Manager, my job is to support the Selectboard and implement Town policies serving all residents and visitors by providing world class services. My pledge is to keep an open mind as well as an open door, to encourage respectful discourse, to listen for offered solutions in our daily challenges, and to publicly share compliments as I receive them. I am proud to say that you are well served by competent and caring employees who work hard for you every day.

As I continue to meet new people with a variety of backgrounds and unique perspectives, I find all of my conversations in Wilmington to be invaluable and insightful. While we may not always agree, we will undoubtedly face challenges now and in the future, and I am confident that by working together we can find reasonable solutions to sometimes difficult and complex problems. I deeply appreciate the support and warm welcome shown to me and my family by the Selectboard Chair, Tom Fitzgerald, Selectboard members, employees and residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Tucker

Scott A. Tucker, Wilmington Town Manager

Wilmington Fire Department

The past year for the Wilmington Fire Department has been filled with trials and tribulations. Since the departure of the Chief in May, perseverance and determination by the members and officers of the Department has not only secured the foundation, but has resulted in improvement in a number of areas.

The Fire Department is always in need of new firefighters. In the last six months we have gained five active members. Two of the members have renewed their interest and three new certified firefighters have joined. Presently we have several applications pending with hopes that they too will join our ranks. If you are interested in joining the Fire Department, please call, stop by the station or access our Facebook page. We'd love to have you.

We have instituted new Fire Prevention programs and activities during the Fire Prevention month of October. These were well received by the area residents, schools, and various groups. We hope to extend these programs in upcoming years. Our Junior Firefighter Program has been stagnant over the past years. Many of our current firefighters came from our Juniors program that was established by Barker Willard, jr in 1970. It is our goal to reestablish this program which allows teens as young as 14 to become part of the fire service.

The Fire Department responded to 184 calls in 2017. Add in two monthly training sessions, numerous work details and meetings, and it adds up to well over 2000 hours of dedication from our members.

We would like to congratulate Firefighter Matt Somerville and Firefighter Mike Manhaupt for successfully completing the Firefighter level 1 course.

It is always an honor to recognize our long-time members for their years of dedicated service. This year at our annual banquet we recognized Firefighter Peter Beckwith for 35 years of service, Lieutenant Keith Johnson for 40 years of service, and Jake White for 45 years of service. We also gave out honorary fire plates to former Wilmington firefighters. This is the first year we have done this. Tom Redin, Doug Baker, and Mark Shea were chosen by the members to receive the honorary firefighter award.

Our new heavy rescue truck which was put into service in 2016 has been a great asset to the department. The equipment carried by this truck provides the needed resources to respond to a variety of challenging, emergency situations, ensuring safety to our residents and area visitors.

The Fire Department is known throughout several states as a well-trained and dedicated group of individuals. Thousands of man-hours are put into trainings, meetings, work details, and calls. We work closely with Wilmington Police Department, Vermont State Police, Vermont Fish and Game, Wilmington Highway Department, and Deerfield Valley Rescue. The assistance provided by these agencies is greatly appreciated.

The doors of the Wilmington Fire Department are always open and we'd love to have you stop in and see "your" Fire Department, talk to our new Chief and the members, or just take a tour of the station; maybe pick up an application. Thanks for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Scott Moore, Fire Chief
Bill Spirka, Captain
Robert Maynard Jr, Lieutenant
Keith Johnson, Lieutenant
Jeremy White, Lieutenant
Donald Wilson, Lieutenant

Road Supervisor

The Wilmington town road network is comprised of 110 roads with total mileage of 67 miles. Paved road mileage is 20.02 miles and the remaining roads are gravel. The town also maintains more than 40 bridges along our roads.

Along with routine maintenance, which includes repairs to roads and streets, mowing the Howe field, and maintaining our parks, the following projects were completed during 2017:

- ~ The Town received a Municipal Roads Grant-in-Aid Pilot Project. The main focus of this grant was to aid Towns in controlling erosion to Rivers and Streams.
- ~ Gallup Pitch – Cleaned ditches and culverts, then stone lined ditches and hayed and seeded.
- ~ Haskell Hill –replaced a culvert, cleaned ditches, and then stone lined the ditches and hay and seeded.
- ~ Lake Raponda - a portion of the road was reconstructed, from Rt 9 to where the crew started in 2016, culverts were replaced, geo grid was installed, and then stone, road fabric and gravel were installed.
- ~ Coldbrook Rd –The Highway crew assisted the contractor on the pipe line project when needed, we removed old guardrail, supplied culverts and also some road materials.
- ~ Look Rd – The Bridge was completed this summer. The highway Dept. supplied some of the gravel that was needed.
- ~ 26 culverts were changed this year on various roads; all new culverts have concrete headers installed.
- ~ Paving was done on the following roads.
- ~ Boyd Hill Rd – replaced one culvert, then the paved section was redone.
- ~ Ray Hill Rd – Haystack Rd to Mann Rd culverts were checked and replaced as needed then resurfaced
- ~ Stowe Hill Rd – Top of Hill Rd to Lake Raponda culverts were checked and replaced as needed, then was reclaimed and resurfaced.
- ~ Coldbrook Rd – Mann Rd to Dover Town line was reclaimed and resurfaced.

Portions of the following were Roads were graveled this year, using gravel that was recycled from the Lake Raponda project:

- ~ Sills Rd , Beebe Rd, Hall Rd, Shapiro Rd, May Farm Rd, Wards Beach Rd

The following equipment was replaced this year:

- ~ 2011 Ford f350 was traded for 2018 Dodge 3500
- ~ 2007 International was traded for 2018 Western Star

I would like to thank the road crew for their hard work and support this year. I also would like to thank the town manager, selectboard, and other departments for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
William Hunt, Road Supervisor

Police Department

Wilmington Police have been fully staffed with six full time officers since the end of May 2017 when Officer Shawn Hammond graduated from the Vermont Police Academy. He and Patrolman Corey Briggs, who graduated in the spring in 2016, are gaining experience with every call they go to. They along with veteran officers including Sgt. Matt Murano, Detective Sgt. Mark Denault and Patrolman Patrick Brewer complete our full time staff. We recently hired Christopher Medina as a part time officer. He is in the process of field training and working towards his part time certification. Our dispatch staff was solidified this June when we hired Eric St. Denis to join Susan Luchsinger. Eric had emergency services experience and has been a solid fit here, learning very quickly in the six months he has been here. Vermont State Police Dispatch for us after 5 PM. If you call and a State Police Dispatcher answers they will connect you or dispatch a Wilmington Police officer regardless of the time day or night

In 2017 we responded to 1466 incidents. Calls for service take precedence over all of our other law enforcement duties. There are a wide variety of calls we respond to from animal complaints to domestic violence incidents. Aside from that we provide a valuable service to walk ins at the office seeking information or advice. It was a pleasure for us to meet and talk to many of you at the events we policed this year as we always do from Block Parties, the Deerfield Valley Farmers Day Fair, Village Strolls, ball games and of course Halloween.

2017 was a really good year crime wise or lack thereof. We only had 3 actual burglaries in town all year, our lowest number ever. Compared to the 80's and to late 90's when we averaged close to 30 burglaries a year this is a credit to our officer's with the hard work they are doing. Their efforts along with our business owners who cooperate with issuing No Trespass Orders to persons causing issues have displaced many of our "regular customers" to other areas.

We arrested 92 persons for 127 various offences; 30 of these were drunken driving arrests of which six DUI's were from crashes. We had 82 reportable motor vehicle crashes with property damage and 7 personal injury accidents. We issued 1020 tickets which include motor vehicle violations, local ordinance tickets such as alarm ordinance and dog ordinance violations. Of these, 460 of these were speeding tickets in which the average speed of the violations was 18 mph over the posted speed limit.

Since the late 90s the Wilmington Police have been fortunate to apply for and receive grants through Homeland Security and other sources for a variety of equipment. Some of the equipment such as In Car Video cameras, portable radios and in car data terminals were purchased with these monies. Other equipment such as our dispatch radios and cruiser radios were also purchased with these monies. These grants amounted to several hundred thousand dollars the taxpayers were not asked to fund. This equipment is indispensable to our officer's. These funding sources have dried up and no longer support the equipment that will soon wear out or become unsupported. I was asked to come up with a list of items of equipment not normally included in the annual budgets that will likely need to be replaced within the next 5 years. This is represented in the Town Report for the first time as the police department capital budget plan.

The Wilmington Police Department is staffed to provide you with service whenever you may need it. There is always a Wilmington police officer available 7 days a week 24 hours per day. Please do not hesitate to call us at 464-8593 if you need help. As always, if you have any questions at all regarding the police department or budget please stop in or call me. On behalf of the entire Wilmington Police Departments staff please be safe in 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph M. Szarejko
Chief of Police

Town Clerk

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) and the Town Clerk's Office completed the statutory requirements for the 2017 Biennial Purge of the Voter Checklist according to 17 V.S.A. §2150(c)(d)(3). This consisted of a "batch purge" of 4 voters to whom letters were sent in 2015 and had not responded. These voters had not participated in voting in at least two General Elections for the years 2012 and 2014. Their names were removed from the voter checklist. Also completed was the requirement to send new notices to voters who had not participated in voting in 2014 and 2016 General Elections. The BCA and Town Clerk reviewed the checklist to identify voters who may have moved out of Wilmington. The Clerk prepared a list based on available information such as:

- **Property Transfer Returns** – Note sellers who provide a new address that indicates that the seller will no longer reside in town.
- **Returned Mailings** – Whenever any town department sends out mail and it is returned as undeliverable.
- **Official and Unofficial Public Records and Documents** — Newspaper articles, word-of-mouth notification from another town resident, telephone directories, street directories, etc.

The BCA approved mailing challenge letters to 234 voters. The Clerk removes voters from the checklist who respond to the letter and authorize removal of their name. A list of voters who do not respond to the challenge letter is documented for the 2019 Biennial Purge process.

An upgrade to storage capacity for land records in the vault was completed with an installation of a large shelving unit which will provide space for the next 5 to 7 years. We also worked with the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union, School Board members and the Whitingham Town Clerk to plan and carry out special meetings and voting to meet requirements under the Act 46 Merger Plan.

As always we are grateful for your support of the Town Clerk's Office and we welcome the opportunity to serve you. We wish everyone a healthful, prosperous and happy 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Haughwout, Town Clerk
Pat Johnson, Assistant Town Clerk

2017 Calendar Year

ELECTIONS

BALLOTS CAST

Mar 7th	Annual Town & Town School District Meeting	286
Apr 12 th	Wilmington Town School District Budget Vote	199
May 31 st	Act 46 School Merger Vote	105
Oct 24 th	Special Meeting – Disapprove 2017 Traffic Ordinance	40
Total Registered Voters:		1568
New Registered Voters:		79
Challenged Voters:		234
Purged Voters:		61

VITAL STATISTICS

The official records from which the following statistics are derived are housed in the Town Clerk's office. They are available for public review during regular office hours. Although we continue to protect sensitive information by not printing details in the Town Report, you may request a more detailed report from us.

BIRTHS: Resident – 17

CIVIL MARRIAGES: Resident - 9
Non Resident - 22

DEATHS: Resident – 16
Non Resident - 1

BURIALS: Resident - 9
Non Resident - 11

CERTIFIED COPIES ISSUED: 140

DOG LICENSES ISSUED: 274

LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED: 31

Wastewater Department

For the calendar year 2017 we received, treated and discharged a total of 29,428,500 gallons of wastewater into the Deerfield River for a daily average of 80,600 gallons per day which represents a 22.5% increase compared to 2016. The facility is permitted to discharge an annual average flow of 135,000 gallons per day. We recorded 48.14 inches of rain and 111.75 inches of snow for a total of 160.16 total inches of precipitation in 2017.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Avg. Daily Flow (gallons per day)	92,900	92,100	77,900	86,000	68,000	78,200	78,100	69,800	65,800	80,600
Rain (inches)	48.76	51.75	45.70	57.80	38.83	44.23	45.85	34.68	38.28	48.14
Snow (inches)	114.50	99.00	85.25	129.50	68.5	97.50	94.75	88.25	71.25	111.75
Total Precipitation (inches)	163.26	150.75	130.95	187.3	107.33	141.73	140.60	122.92	109.53	160.16

In June we celebrated our 1 year anniversary since the completion of the 2.5 million dollar refurbishment project at the Treatment Plant. We have experienced some minor equipment and design issues, but overall the project was a great success.

We continued to work on the Clean Water Infrastructure Asset Management Grant project that will investigate and evaluate three sections of the existing sewer collection system where several residential and commercial buildings are connected to shared private sewer lines. The objective is to find alternatives to eliminate these private lines. We hope to have the final report ready for the Sewer Commissioners by June 2018.

In August we completed the upgrades at Pump Station #4 which included new pumps and controls. We have one remaining station in need of upgrades and is scheduled to be done during the summer of 2018.

In October we experienced an overflow of treated and disinfected wastewater at the Treatment Plant. This was caused by an undersized mixing valve that caused discharge flow to back up at the treatment plant and overflow out of an inspection hatch. A new larger mixing valve has been received and will be installed soon. The State of Vermont was contacted and they were satisfied with our quick response and plan for preventing this from happening again in the future.

Chief Operator John Lazelle has been selected as the 2017 New England Water Environment Association Alfred E. Peloquin Award for Vermont. This award is given annually to an individual who has shown a high level of interest and performance in wastewater operations and who has made a significant contribution to the wastewater field. John will be accepting the award at a ceremony in Boston in January.

If anyone has any questions about our facility, or would like a tour, please feel free to give us a call at 464-3862, email us at jlazelle@wilmingtonvt.us or visit the Town's Website, click on Town Departments then Wastewater Treatment Plant. We would like to close by thanking the Residents, Selectboard, Town Manager and other Town Departments for their continued support and assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Lazelle, Chief Operator
Jeff Longe, Assistant Chief Operator

Town Nurse

Any Wilmington resident or taxpayer may call or text me at 802-681-8740 or email me at jafnurse@yahoo.com to learn about resources or to make an appointment for a home visit. I am available 3 hours/day Monday-Friday. Any donations for my services may be given to the Town Treasurer.

Issues many folks call me about are: insurance forms, disability, where to find an agency or private-pay homemakers/ home health aids, or how to navigate Vermont's long-term care programs.

I serve on the Advisory Board for Senior Solutions (the Council on Aging provider for Windham and Windsor County). Anyone interested in attending a meeting with me, held the last Wednesday of every month in Springfield, VT is invited- any time!

I also participate in a local "Aging in Place" group (AiP) monthly meeting at the North Star Bowl (Charlie Brown room). The AiP phone number is: 802-451-6941 to leave a message with your questions, ideas, or volunteer interests. AiP is looking for volunteer drivers to bring folks to Shaw's, Rite Aid & area food drops; to area meal sites or to deliver meals on wheels; or to local medical or dental appointments. They would also like volunteers to do friendly visiting or to shop for isolated neighbors. I like to think of these activities as "organized good neighboring". You may contact Claudette Hollenbeck @ 464-5156 to answer further questions about AiP ... Perhaps you recognize her name from her articles (musings) on aging in the Deerfield Valley News? AiP continues to service and support a medical equipment loan closet. When we acquire too many of one item we share it with the closet in Jacksonville, and their Town Clerk's office accepts, loans & stores items in the storage area behind the fire department- call 802-368-7887.

I attend quarterly meetings in Putney where the area "Cares Groups" share about activities and services offered in surrounding hill towns. Each group serves the unique needs of isolated or needy folks in their community. I am collaborating with Guilford Cares to discuss implementing a Town Nurse program within their Cares Group. If you are interested in having a Wilmington Cares Group you may contact Elizabeth McEwen at 802-464-3979 or myself. Watch for articles in the DVNews and on the AiP website.

Beginning January 7th, Claudette Hollenbeck and I begin our 6th year facilitating a caregiver support group that meets from 4-5:30pm every-other Sunday in Dover. Call either of us to learn more. Our group has remained active for 5 years.

Following my car accident last December, I used the "Current" for a medical ride to Dartmouth. This "Medical Ride" service is available 3x month (for free) to any person over 60. Call the Current at 1-802-460-7433 to request a ride at least 2 business days before your appointment. Please say if you use a cane, walker, or wheelchair, or, if another person will be accompanying you. This number is also called to schedule the Moover's volunteer drivers for folks to attend the Senior Meals in Jacksonville, Halifax & Readsboro. The Moover also offers scheduled shopping trips & volunteer drivers for Medical appointments, also scheduled by the Current.

In July, AiP sponsored and supported me in offering another 12-week series, titled "Discussions on Aging" which presented at "St. Mary's in the Mountains" Church.

Anyone may recommend topics of interest for the 2018 Health Series, scheduled again every Thursday from to July 12-September 27, from 3-4:30pm, once again in the basement of the Episcopal Church. Please contact me with your ideas.

In October I was honored to participate in a panel presentation at the "Grantmakers in Aging" (GIA) Annual Conference in Boston to extend funding the TSLCA efforts that embraces & addresses aging challenges that Maine, Vermont & New Hampshire are facing to help their rural Seniors. TSLCA members have free on-line access to all their programs and webinars so all rural towns may participate through "shared learning".

It has been my pleasure to have worked with 42 families this year. I am so grateful that many of you came to visit me, or pick me up, until I was allowed to drive again. Your thoughtful prayers, cards, and well-wishes were truly comforting.

Thank you for the opportunity to help meet your healthcare needs, and be a guest in your home for these past 35 years. I am blessed!

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fitzgerald, RN
Wilmington Town Nurse

Zoning Department

The table below is a summary of zoning permits for several years.

Permits	Admin approvals	Admin Sign	Incomplete or withdrawn	Total
2011	74	11	0	85
2012	78	15	2	95
2013	84	2	2	88
2014	85	13	0	98
2015	109	19	0	128
2016	78	9	1	88
2017	65	10	1	75

The Zoning Administrator also has the role of enforcement of the State's Residential Energy Code. Many contractors and homeowners are already aware of these standards.

As Health Officer I have responded to fourteen (14) health related inspections in 2017. I also work very closely with the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Ohlson, Zoning Administrator, Flood Plain Administrator and Health Officer



Town Nurse, Jennifer Fitzgerald received the Chamber's "Person of the Year" Award

Development Review Board

2017 in Review

14 applications were heard (down 1 from 2016)
9 were Conditional Use review
1 was a Sign Waiver request
2 were for solar arrays
1 was for a 25 lot subdivision (which was subsequently withdrawn)
1 was for a home business (which was subsequently withdrawn)
0 Appeals of DRB decisions to the State Environmental Court, Superior Court Division.

There were two changes in Development Review Board personnel in 2017. Peter Wallace completed a 3 year term and was reappointed as an alternate (thank you for your ongoing service Peter!). Paul Lockyear joined the Board. Tim Hall and Kathleen Brochin left the board to address other personal time commitments. The present Board includes Fred Houston, Paul Lockyear, and Wendy Manners Seaman, with Peter Wallace as an alternate. Our gratitude and appreciation to this group of volunteers who take on this complex state regulated work.

About the DRB

The Development Review Board is a Selectboard-appointed board of volunteers charged with conducting hearings on proposed land development. These quasi-judicial hearings review proposed land development for conformity with the town Zoning Ordinance.

Development Review Board hearings provide applicants and Interested Parties, including abutters and neighbors, the opportunity to provide sworn testimony and exhibits for the Development Review Board to factor into any decision they may make.

For each hearing the Board issues a “finding of facts” and reaches “conclusions of law” for each relevant Zoning Ordinance Standard and determine those “Conditions” that must be met in order to proceed with the proposed development.

Some of the typical topics covered in a Development Review Board decision include but are not limited to:

- lot size, structure setback from lot lines and right-of-ways
- uses allowed in the district
- flood plain requirements
- historic preservation
- landscaping and screening
- road, parking and sidewalk management
- safety precautions (including fire, police, municipal services)
- pollution control
- water run-off and erosion management
- scenic vista preservation
- wildlife habitat management
- natural resources preservation
- impact on the character of the neighborhood and community
- signage

Decisions of the Development Review Board are binding. Timely appeals of Development Review Board decisions may be filed with the State Environmental Court, Superior Court Division.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Manners Seaman, Chair
Fred Houston
Paul Lockyear
Peter Wallace (alternate)

Wilmington Beautification Committee

2017 saw two new members join our Committee: Melanie Demock and Anne Saracino added their help with maintenance of our many gardens. Chris Medina and his Hermitage Club crew helped us with the flower barrel replacing of soil as well as the end of year cleanup at the Gateway Garden. Our thanks to them for their work!

Our Town gardens under this group of very hard-working volunteers include: Gateway, Trebbe Memorial and tennis court area, Dixon parking lot, River's Edge, River Bank Park, Reardon's Crossing Bridge land on both sides, Brissette property, Route 9 Trailhead, Oxbow and West Main Street parking lot.

Mary Pike-Sprenger again planted many beautiful flowers in the Village Summer Flower Barrel Program which were warmly received by residents and visitors with many compliments expressed throughout the Town.

Beautification to look forward to: thousands of daffodils blooming in April in many locations in Town which were planted by the Committee and volunteers, the re-growth of Gateway and spring blooms and the amazing Flower Barrels returning the end of May. Flags and bunting Memorial Day through the Fourth of July and Veteran's Day which is coordinated by Len Chapman and Fred Skwirut.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl LaFlamme, Chair; Fred Skwirut, Vice Chair; Chris Medina, Secretary and Treasurer; Alice Greenspan, Keith Herbert; Adele Mattern; Melanie Demock; Anne Saracino and Lee Schindel



Chief Szarejko congratulating Officer Hammond at his graduation ceremony from the Vermont Police Academy

Wilmington Cemetery Commissioners

Our thanks go out to the contractors who maintain our town's cemeteries and provide the care it takes to keep them in such beautiful condition. Shout outs to Bill Hunt and his crew for the great work they do at Riverview Cemetery, and to Doug Dix and his crew for the care they give to Restland and Averill Cemeteries, and to Bob Spirka for his dedication to maintaining Intervale Cemetery. We are thankful to the Town Road crew for the great job they do maintaining access to Riverview Cemetery in the winter. We also greatly appreciate the services of those who open and close graves, place vaults, oversee burials, place flags for our veterans, plant flowers, and erect and repair monuments within the cemetery's grounds.

In October 2017, our Cemetery Commissioner and Sexton of the past nine years, Jim Burke, resigned and we are very sad to see him go but wish him and his wife Patti good luck in their new home in North Carolina. His dedication and contributions to the town's cemeteries are numerous and much appreciated by the Commissioners and by the families he has served over the years in his role as Sexton. In November, Fred Skwirut was appointed to the Sexton position and Rich Khachadorian was appointed to fill the remainder of the open Commissioner term. We thank them for their willingness to serve.

Looking back at the year past, we had one non-resident and sixteen resident deaths. Additionally, nine residents and eleven non-residents were interred in our town cemeteries in 2017.

The planned expansion in Riverview Cemetery was completed thanks to Merrill Mundell and Brad Lackey who laid out the lot markers there to complete the new section work. The new section provides additional choices for gravesite purchases.

The Cemetery Commissioners have many areas of responsibility and one of them is to maintain the infrastructure and the historic headstones in our cemeteries. It was noticed that some of the older headstones were in need of care. We hired Mark Spiller to do some work on them and he did a nice job repairing a total of thirty old headstones in 2016 across 3 main cemeteries and painting the vault doors at Riverview. In 2017 that work continued with another 32 headstones receiving his excellent care (12 in Intervale and 10 each in Riverview and Averill Cemeteries). This is just a part of the work effort we are undertaking to prepare all of our cemeteries (we have over a dozen!) for Old Home Week in 2020. In addition to the four cemeteries maintained year-round, annual projects have also been planned and begun to clean up and/or improve our smaller cemeteries.

Also in the area of headstone repair, the sixteen headstone which were vandalized in 2015 in Restland Cemetery (located downtown), plus four additional ones, all had repair work started in 2017 by Shea Monuments that will be completed in Spring 2018. Our thanks to Mark Shea and his crew for their restorative work on these historic markers.

Thanks also to Wimmelman & Sons Tree Service who were hired in 2017 to remove 5 dead trees in Intervale and 2 in Riverview in order to keep the cemeteries safe for all visitors and workers. We appreciate their prompt attention to the matter.

As Commissioners, we feel honored to care for the cemeteries of the town and find it rewarding work. Many people visit our cemeteries to honor loved ones buried there, or to connect with history, or even just to enjoy the peacefulness of the surroundings. All residents and visitors are welcome to visit the cemeteries at any time they are open. Come and see for yourself the result of the care and dedication taken to maintain these beautiful and historic places. If you have any questions about your cemeteries, please contact one of the Cemetery Commissioners or the Cemetery Sexton at the Town of Wilmington.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Wilmington Cemetery Commissioners

Richard Covey, Rich Khachadorian, Donna Moore, Scott Moore, Walter White, Fred Skwirut

Board of Listers

Well we thought this year might be a slow down for new construction starts and a decrease in added value to our grand list. Wrong.

Since 2014 the town added at least 15 million dollars each year to our Grand List. Again this year we will have another serious increase to our grand list. In fact we have some properties that we revalued 5 years ago and we will have to do them again for 2018 as those values have increased. Surprisingly they are not at Haystack. Speaking of Haystack it seems at the time of this writing that they are working hard to work out their financial problems as there is new construction at the base area.

Again with this volatile market we are trying hard to control our CLA and COD so we can avoid a town wide reappraisal. I would like to thank Lenny Chapman, Kay Martin, Diane Schipke, Lynne Matthews and Deb Kingsley for their yeoman and yeowoman work this past year. I now have new knees and can get back to doing field work.

Again our office is open to assist you with the value of your property or any other questions pertaining to the values around town.

Respectfully,
Board of Listers

Jerry Osler
Leonard Chapman
Kay Martin Schwader
Lynne Matthews
Diane Schipke

Planning Commission Report

We welcomed Angela Yakovleff to the Commission this year and thanked Wendy Manners-Seaman for her many years on the Commission with her retirement.

After many months of work and meetings, we were able to adopt a new Zoning Ordinance which includes a new Design Review District allowing Wilmington Works to apply for an enlarged Downtown Designation for the Town. This will assist the Town with economic development of our Town center. Our thanks to many Town residents for their input at our Hearings on this new Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Commission and Selectboard jointly agreed on a solar array to be built this summer at 85 West Main Street and we signed a joint letter of support for this 500 kW facility identified as a “preferred site.” We are also working on a smaller array at the old landfill.

Ongoing work that we hope to finalize in 2018 is adoption of the Flood and Fluvial Erosion Hazard Regulations and the new Town Plan. We welcome all residents to our meetings and hearings and look forward to your input. The Planning Commission has two vacancies and we hope you will consider joining us in this important work for Wilmington.

Respectively submitted,
Cheryl LaFlamme, Chair
John LeBron
Angela Yakovleff

Wilmington Trails Committee

The Trail Committee is very grateful for the generous support we have received from the community and all the landowners with whom we work to provide access to the unspoiled beauty of our mountains and forests.

2017: Maintaining Trails

The Wilmington Trails Committee had a tremendously busy and rewarding year. We now maintain 10 trails in town, covering nearly 20 miles. We cleared all trails of winter deadfall and spring thorns, improved surfaces and built or repaired bridges on several trails. Over the summer, blackberry canes and fast growing weeds made it a challenge to keep all the trails clear!, especially on the Raponda Ridge and Shearer Hill trails (see photo). In all, the Committee, along with other dedicated volunteers, gave over 200 hours of time doing trail work.

Hoot Toot and Whistle Trail

The Hoot Toot and Whistle Trail is a 2.0 mile multi-use trail from Reardon's Crossing to the Mt. Mills boat launch on the east side of Harriman Reservoir. The Trail opened in 2013. It has since become one of the most walked trails by residents and visitors alike.

Valley Trail

The Trails Committee, working with the Bi-Town Trails Committee, and other volunteers continue to maintain and improve the Valley Trail. Hikers can access the Valley Trail just across the street and west of "Reardon's Crossing," and travel all the way to Dover.

Reardon's Crossing Bridge

The bridge was raised in the fall of 2015 to lift it above flood levels. A new access ramp will be constructed in the spring of 2018.

Thanks to all

We would like to thank all the other volunteers who so generously gave of their time to work on building and maintaining our Wilmington trail system.

Wilmington Trails Committee:

John Greene, *Chair*

Crista Gannon, *Vice Chair*

Ann Ottaviano, *Secretary*

Joe Arnold, Spencer Crispe, Bob Fisher, Gary Henry, Tim Hunt, Jake White & John Gannon, *Ex Officio*



Trails Members hard at work-photo courtesy C. Gannon

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Deerfield Valley Community Cares

The Deerfield Valley Community Cares fund was started in September of 2004. Our mission is to provide heating assistance to working families and seniors throughout the valley when they run short and can't make ends meet during the winter months. We offer help to people in the valley who have made every effort to provide for themselves, and who do not qualify for State or Federal aid. We do not give money to individuals, but pay the fuel companies directly.

From October 2016 through May 2017, the DVCC spent \$61,014.85 on various types of fuel for people in the valley. Eighty- eight families were helped, and of that total, twenty-six families were from the Town of Wilmington. For those families in Wilmington alone, we spent \$17,420.00. Last winter brought more snow to the valley than the winter before, but there was still a shortage of full-time employment opportunities available in the area. For many of our neighbors, lack of work posed financial problems in their households.

For the past couple of years, we have been given an enormous amount of help from the Propane Dover fuel buying group. We are very grateful for their help, but we also need help from each town within the valley to be able to have money on hand to take care of all who need assistance.

We are grateful for the help that the Town of Wilmington has given us in the past and we hope that you will continue to aid us in our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Spengler

Green Up

Green Up Day occurs in towns throughout Vermont every year on the first Saturday in May. We are appointed by the Wilmington Selectboard to oversee Green Up in our town. Please contact us with any questions or if you would like to become involved in the planning.

Many thanks to the 129 volunteers who turned out as part of the May 6, 2017 Green Up Day in Wilmington. They filled more than 200 Green Up bags with roadside litter. The weather challenged us a bit but it didn't snow and overall was a very successful day.

Many of the volunteers have joined us for years while some were new to Green Up this year. There were people of all ages; some were permanent residents and some were second home owners. In addition to individuals working on their own, we had representatives from groups including the Chimney Hill Homeowners Association; the Mount Snow substance abuse prevention program, Choose sNOW; the Twin Valley Schools; and the Windham Sailing Club. That so many people are willing to give time to this effort speaks very well of our community.

Free hot dogs, ice cream, water and soda were enjoyed by volunteers thanks to donations once again from Leader Beverage, C&S Beverage of Wilmington, and Shaw's Supermarket. Their generosity is always appreciated.

We are grateful to the town office and to the school office and kitchen staff who helped with preparations beforehand. We are also grateful to the state highway crew. They always makes sure the Green Up bags get delivered to us on time.

The week after Green Up Day the town road crew was out to pick up all the full bags as well as many items collected which did not fit into bags. Road Commissioner Bill Hunt has coordinated with us for years. He and his crew are essential to our clean up. Many thanks to all of them.

Special thanks this year to Lonny Paige who went out of his way to help with a last-minute stove issue so we could cook our hot dogs. In addition, thanks to Ilene Wax and Dave Larsen who helped to make sure all went smoothly with refreshment distribution.

Thank you one and all. A successful Green Up Day takes teamwork. We couldn't do it without every one of you. A special thanks also goes out to everyone whose year 'round efforts help reduce the amount of roadside litter.

Green Up Day in 2018 will be on Saturday, May 5. We hope to see you then!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Larsen and Rebecca Sweeney
Wilmington Green Up co-coordinators

Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce

Dear Neighbors:

The Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce is pleased to continue to serve area businesses in this exciting time in our history. The last 12 months have proven that our region can once again attract the visitors critical to a thriving community. With each new visitor we now eye them a little differently-thinking perhaps one day soon they too will join us in living here in Southern Vermont's Green Mountains.

A key component to a balanced revenue stream for our business community has been the emphasis the Chamber and valley towns have placed on increasing summer visitor traffic through targeted marketing. At our downtown visitors center, 75% of our summer walk-in traffic was looking for more information regarding outdoor assets, local artisans, and our farm to table community.

This past year has seen the towns of Dover & Wilmington continue their commitment to a joint marketing campaign through the Bi Town Committee to drive web traffic to the new Chamber of Commerce website www.visitvermont.com. This resulted in our largest attendance at many of our annual summer events including the valley wide Independence Day Weekend Celebrations, Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival and the Vermont Wine & Harvest Festival. We look forward to your ideas, input and involvement as we continue to enhance visitor experiences.

While the 2016/2017 winter season was certainly better than the previous year, area businesses were able to recoup some revenue with a robust late summer & foliage travel season. With all forecast pointing to a respectable amount of snow and prime snowmaking conditions, we are looking forward to the return of our winter outdoor enthusiasts from around the globe.

Our reinvigorated board of directors features leaders from all business sectors in our valley. A stronger emphasis on digital and social media marketing, ensures that we are keeping our valley and Chamber businesses on the national and international radar for destination travelers. We look forward to continuing to promote and support our Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley businesses.

Respectfully,

Sharon Cunningham

Director Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce
visitvermont.com

Youth Services

Youth Services was established in 1972. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and development for young people and families in Windham County Communities. We assist over 1,000 children, youth and families annually. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Our broad array of program services include:

- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law
- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Career development focused groups and one-on-one mentoring for high school students with behavioral and learning disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention for youth and adults
- Supervised visitation and Child Advocacy services
- Counseling services for young adults including Assessment, Intervention and Recovery

This year, we respectfully request \$300 from the Town of Wilmington to help fund our agency's services. We served 10 residents from Wilmington during Fiscal Year 2017 and remain available to provide services in the future. Services provided included Court Diversion, Justice Services and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call 802-257-0361 or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin
Executive Director

Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures

Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus

Southwestern Vermont Medical Center's Deerfield Valley Campus continues its commitment to serving the health care needs of residents and visitors to our community. As members of the Regional Advisory Board to Southwestern Vermont Health Care (SVHC), we are proud to serve as ambassadors to the health system for our community and to share this annual report with you.

SVHC recently created plans for a new health care facility on the current site of the SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus. This exciting project is under consideration by the Green Mountain Care Board and represents a significant investment in our community. Through its golf tournament at the Hermitage Golf Club in September and the upcoming gala holiday event held at the Hermitage Club in December, SVHC has already raised over \$200,000 in community support for the new health center.

The benefits of SVHC's connection with Dartmouth-Hitchcock continue to be instrumental in helping SVHC to recruit and retain outstanding medical personnel, including our two family practice physicians: **Dr. Peter Park and Dr. Dagmar Tobits**, and our new nurse practitioner, **Brenda Stryko DNP, FNP-BV, CNM**.

Our local medical campus provides personal, effective and efficient primary care. **Our physicians, along with a highly skilled clinical and support staff, provide adults and children in our community with vital medical services.** The community health team includes a diabetes educator, a registered dietitian, a mental health and substance abuse counselor, and a nurse case manager. The Deerfield Valley Campus also provides laboratory and onsite imaging services, same-day care to the area (usually within 24-hours of a call to the office), and wellness programs such as and smoking cessation.

During the 2016-2017 operating year, the SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus:

- Treated **1,488 residents** of Wilmington, recording **4,555 patient visits**. The total of all patient visits to the Deerfield Valley Campus this year was 14, 174.
- Administered **299 flu shots** to patients at the Deerfield Valley Campus. The Deerfield Valley Campus participates in a nationwide reporting program with the Centers for Disease Control for all influenza-type symptoms and illness.
- Provided additional support for the tourism base in Deerfield Valley through **Mountain Medical Services (MMS)**, an walk-in care facility owned and operated by SVMC. Located at the base of Mount Snow on the Grand Summit Hotel access road, MMS treated **660 patients** between November 2016 and March 2017.

The SVMC Deerfield Valley Campus is part of SVHC, a non-profit, integrated health system serving communities in Bennington and Windham Counties in Vermont, northern Berkshire County in Massachusetts, and eastern Rensselaer and Washington Counties in New York. The SVHC family includes: Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, The Centers for Living and Rehabilitation, Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center, the SVHC Foundation, and medical campuses in the Northshire, in the Deerfield Valley, and in Pownal, VT. Regional advisory boards representing the residents of the Northshire, the Deerfield Valley, and the Hoosick area of New York are in place to assist in community outreach efforts.

Respectfully submitted by the Deerfield Valley Regional Advisory Board of SVHC

Crista Gannon, *Chair & SVHC Foundation Board*
Elizabeth Acquaviva, *DVHC Practice Manager*
Chad Bullock
Charles La Fiura, *SVHC Foundation Board*
Bruce Mullen, *SVHC Board of Trustees*

Arlene Palmiter
William Parent
Dr. Robert Ruhl, *SVHC Foundation Board*
Mark Wallace
Kristen Wallace

Historical Society of Wilmington

The Historical Society of Wilmington, a duly organized nonprofit entity, is dedicated to collecting, preserving, teaching, and displaying the history of Wilmington. The society is an independent group of volunteers that is funded solely by donations, memberships and fundraisers.

The society had a very busy year at the museum along with many events. We would like to thank everyone who took part in one of our fundraisers, presentations, projects, or took time to visit the museum and browse through our collection of Wilmington history.

Thank you to the volunteers and supporters who helped with fundraisers, by baking an item for a bake sale, collecting raffle prizes, donating a prize or selling raffle tickets. Many thanks also to everyone who purchased an item or sent a monetary donation through our yearly newsletter along with memberships dues.

We experienced a record number of visitors, in part due to all the people who came to Wilmington for the Green Mountain Adventure Challenge. It was a pleasure to help the visitors work through the history challenge.

Presentations and meetings for the year included a slide show held at Memorial Hall with historical photos from the Porter Thayer collection, lots of old Wilmington photos were shown. Bob Angel presented his re-enactment show of Gettysburg and lastly a video about "Life In Bennington County" which was in conjunction to last year's show of "Life In Windham County". The annual meeting and potluck picnic this year was held at the old town common on top of Lisle Hill, it was a lovely summer evening enjoyed by many. Society members also enjoyed a visit to the local Wilmington Inn in October with a history presentation about the original owner, Joseph Courtemanche.

We are very pleased to report the museum has been tightened up with all new combination windows through out. Money was raised through our newsletter along with a generous donation from the Wilmington 1% fund and money from an educational grant from Vermont, the grant was written by our treasurer Diane Chapman. The final product is very impressive and we look forward to the benefits of these energy efficient windows.

Artifacts from donations received continue to help us with our mission of preserving Wilmington history. One very impressive item we received was a dog sulky that was built here in Wilmington in the late 1800's by blacksmith and wheelwright Fayette Howe. The sulky was believed to have been built for his grandson.

Our monthly meetings and presentations will resume starting in April and go through November, held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise posted. The following is a list of 2018 events already in the works:

May ~ presentation by Spencer Crisp on Carins around Wilmington. June ~ Mike Clough will be bringing some visitors from the Vermont Natural History Museum. July ~ auction at Chapman's Antiques. August ~ annual potluck meeting with election of officers. September ~ musical jam session at Memorial Hall with local musicians. October ~ power point photo presentation on historical Wilmington photos.

If you would like further information on any of the events please leave a message at (802) 464- 0200 and someone will return your call.

The museum will be open to visitors on Saturdays starting July 4th weekend thru Labor Day weekend or by appointment. Please stop in to visit and learn about Wilmington history or to do some research on a topic of interest.

Thank you to all of the officers, volunteers and donors for their continued support.

Julie Moore, President

Sally Gore, Vice President

Pat Morris, Secretary

Diane Chapman, Treasurer

Lenny Chapman, House Committee Chairman

Vi Rafus, Trustee

William (Bill) Adams, Trustee

Sharon Adams, Trustee

Larry Chase, Trustee

Harriet Maynard, Curator

Respectfully submitted, Julie Moore, *President*

Economic Development

West Main Street got a new sidewalk! The new sidewalk has increased sales for these businesses and also made for a safer pedestrian walkway; thanks to a Community Development Block Grant of \$300,000. The Mount Snow West Lake Water Project was completed this year and with the increased water capacity for snow making, they were able to open November 11th. The Valley has seen increased visitors due to the early opening. The Hermitage Club did receive their ACT 250 permit; however, a bit late for them to catch up on funds and delayed property tax payments to the Town. The Route 9 resurfacing project through the village center was delayed in the spring due to heavy spring rainfalls, which made for poor timing in August through October; our busiest income producing months of the year. A hard tradeoff for the smoother road surface.

In Fiscal year 2017 the 1% Local Option Tax brought in \$322,241. According to Vermont State Tax Department our Room, Meal and Alcohol sales totaled \$12,756,361 in fiscal year 2017 up from 2016 sales of \$10,952,683. Retail Sales and Use numbers were down from \$110,036,673 in 2016 to this fiscal year of \$98,747,130. Our Wilmington Connection Wi-fi Zone tracked 16,792 identified users with an average usage of 317 clients per day.

I have provided assistance with several commercial property owners on redeveloping their vacant buildings and recruiting new businesses to the area. I maintain a Commercial/Industrial Vacant Property list for potential business owners and developers. I assisted one property owner with the Historic Tax Credits application for their renovations. The Old School Enrichment Council obtained ownership of the old high school. I am assisting them in the redevelopment of the building to a community center.

The Tax Stabilization Policy and Revolving Loan Fund continue to be local, business redevelopment resources. Fifteen applications were awarded funds for The Facade Improvement Grant Program. Eleven of those projects were completed.

I wrote four grants in 2017 receiving funding for all four in the amount of \$254,970. I updated the Route 9 Infrastructure Improvement Project to be included in the Comprehensive Development Strategy (CEDS) this past year. I managed seven grants which include: West Main Street Sidewalk Development (\$300K Grant), East Main Street (north side) sidewalk (\$454,400 Grant), South Main Street Sidewalk Project (\$79,850), a Hazard Mitigation Grant (\$125K Grant), Municipal Road Grant-in-Aid (\$14,200), Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant-in-Aid for the Greeter Program at Lake Raponda (\$6,520), and the Asset Management Grant for Private Sewer Lines (\$19,925). I also serve on the Windham County Economic Development Program Committee (Vermont Yankee funds) supervised by the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, to review Letters of Intent for loans and grants for businesses and non-profits.

The Bi-Town Economic Development Committee continues to meet monthly and has a Marketing sub-committee to which I serve as the Vice Chair. This year the committee focused on the local ACT 250 discrepancies of lengthy application processing times within District 2 and the vacancies on the district commission. Diane Snelling, Chairwoman of the Natural Resources Board attended a special Bi-Town Meeting in March addressing these issues. Diane enlisted a steering committee to examine the process in all districts. The results of this work of the steering committee were released recently. The committee continues to work on improving the trails system in The Valley.

I have collaborated with our downtown organization, Wilmington Works, on several projects including parking, West Main Street Sidewalk Project, and working on the Downtown Renewal Application. The Renewal Application includes an expansion of the downtown district that includes the Beaver and Church Street areas. I serve as the Chair of the Wilmington Works Economic Development Committee. This Committee is working on a business plan competition and succession planning workshops.

I continue to collaborate with The Southern Vermont Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce on the Bi-Town Marketing Committee, business recruitment and workforce development projects.

I worked with the Planning Commission on a new Design Review District for the Beaver and Church Street area, the new Town Plan, flood resilience/mitigation, and grant collaboration.

In February, I was asked to testify to the Vermont House Commerce & Economic Development Committee on the challenges and potential solutions of workforce development. I serve as a board member and now Treasurer of the Vermont Community Development Association. The board presented two great workshops this year; Blazing a Trail: The Economic Impact & Future of VT's Trails & Recreation Paths in Burke and The Changing Face of Retail in Vermont's Downtowns this was in Vergennes.

While serving as the Interim Town Manager from April-September; I continued my economic development work as well.

My focus for 2018 include:

- Streetscape- East Main and South Main Streets Sidewalks, Lighting and Crosswalks
- Redevelopment of the Old High School

- Water & Wastewater Expansion to the east of town
- Redevelopment of Vacant Buildings
- Senior and Workforce Housing
- Business Recruitment-Co-Working Space/ Entrepreneurial Center
- Connectivity of Fiber, Cell Service and Unserved Areas of Wilmington
- Workforce Development- hospitality training/ recruitment

Here are two ways to stay in touch with Wilmington happenings: The Town newsletter provides you with meeting agendas, minutes and town news. To subscribe to the Town electronic newsletter, go to www.wilmingtonvermont.us at the bottom of the home page click "Newsletter Sign-up". Also, Front Porch Forum is a way for us to communicate and connect with our community for a lost dog, selling something, help with shoveling are a few examples. Subscribe to Front Porch Forum by this website www.frontporchforum.com.

I am interested in your thoughts and concerns regarding Wilmington's economy and development. Please feel free to contact me at my office on one of the three days I am contracted for.

Submitted by
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As always, the year flies by here at the library. We are so proud of all of the services and programs that we provide to our community. It is a clear reflection of the quality and commitment of our staff who work hard every day. If you haven't been to the library lately, drop in to see all of our changes. We guarantee you'll be impressed!

As if our staff wasn't already completely amazing, we are also so lucky to welcome Angela Yakovleff as our new Youth Librarian. Angela brings years of experience working with children and a fantastic knowledge of youth literature to the library. She has tons of new programs and ideas up her sleeves, so stay tuned to see is coming up. Weekly, you can plan on Story Time for our youngest patrons on Monday mornings and Silent Book Club for teens after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Like us on Facebook for event updates.

This year we introduced our first annual Open House. We had makerspaces set up throughout the library for children and adults to exercise their STEAM skills. Activities included making marble runs to try to get your marble into the cup, MAD-LIBS poetry, and creating works of art from discarded electronic parts. There was a StoryWalk® set up around the library and participants toured the building while also reading *Blueberries for Sal*! We demonstrated how to download our free ebooks and eaudio selections onto your favorite digital device and signed up some new members. The Friends of the Library were on hand to provide snacks and greet library visitors. It was hard to tell if visitors or staff members had more fun! We are already looking forward to and planning next year's Open House.

We want to send out a big THANK YOU to our Friends of the Library group. Their dedication and selflessness helps us to provide programs and resources to our community that go beyond the scope of our budget. They are also responsible for all of the tasty goodies that are available at many of our events. If you are looking for a great group of people to join, contact the library for information on how to become a Friend.

Thank you also to our group of volunteers who shelve the many books that circulate out of the library. We appreciate all of your efforts to get our materials back to their proper places in the library.

Allison Maynard, *Library Director*

Staff members: Jennifer Razee, *Assistant Librarian*; Angela Yakovleff, *Youth Librarian*

Trustees: Carolyn Palmer, *Chair*; Louis Clark, *Treasurer*; Meg Streeter, *Secretary*; Karina Martin, Amy Swanson

Wilmington Works

Wilmington Works is the designated downtown organization for the Town of Wilmington, Vt. Our mission is “To build, improve, and support a vital downtown that benefits the entire Wilmington community.”

If you were one of the many faces we saw downtown in 2017 during the Village Stroll and Block Parties, thank you for coming and enjoying Downtown with friends and neighbors! The Eat Sleep Shop Local Program has been another great success, directing in excess of \$50,000 in spending directly to our independent downtown merchants. We are always working to create new events to make the village lively and enjoyable in every season. Join us!

In late 2017, Wilmington Works held a well attended series of digital marketing seminars at Pettee Memorial Library in conjunction with Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and the Southern Vermont Economy Project, as well as offering support for Business Succession Planning. We are committed to making resources available so downtown business owners can continue to improve.

Here are some upcoming projects for 2018:

Along with a generous donor and local sponsors, we will hold a business plan competition to recruit entrepreneurs to open their doors downtown and fill vacant buildings. Now could be the time to make your great idea happen in town!

As we reach the 5 -year anniversary of Wilmington’s Downtown Designation in 2018, Wilmington Works is partnering with the Town of Wilmington to renew its application to the State Downtown program, which gives building owners access to grants and tax credits for renovation. Such projects have already been awarded over \$655,000 over the duration of the program. The goal this year is to expand the downtown area in order to assist with redevelopment of the area adjacent to the current downtown: Church St., Beaver St. and the Old High School.

With three new businesses open on South Main Street in 2017, we look forward to continuing work with the town on the new sidewalk and lighting for that block in 2018, thanks to a Downtown Transportation Grant.

We also look forward to partnering with other community organizations doing work in our downtown.

You can learn more about Wilmington Works at www.wilmingtonworksvt.com, where you can also sign up to receive our newsletter, or follow our Facebook Page for frequent updates on community events and progress downtown.

In closing, we would like to thank the Town and the many people whose generous financial and volunteer support has played a key role in our ongoing success. Together we continue to build a vital and vibrant downtown.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Sullivan, Chair

Deerfield Valley Transit Association

We celebrated our 21st anniversary in 2017. We're so fortunate to have the support of the town of Wilmington, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Senator Patrick Leahy, and the businesses, residents, and guests in the Deerfield Valley. Few people thought we'd survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided over 4.5 million rides since. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors.

With the 2015 merger to the former Connecticut River Transit based in Rockingham, we became the second largest public transit provider in Vermont. The company now serves 36 towns in three counties and provides over half a million volunteer and bus rides each year.

The MOOVer provides direct service to Wilmington's secondary students choosing to go to the Career Center, plus afternoon service from TVMS/TVHS to Wilmington. The students are great and we enjoy serving them.

For the past nine years, WWSU has provided \$8,000 in contributions to the MOOVer for the services above. Combined with federal and state operating grants, we use this local match to operate these routes and save Wilmington \$48,000 annually.

We also appreciate the support from the Wilmington Select Board, the fire and police departments, the town administrators, and the highway crew who have always been there to help us.

We thank the residents of Wilmington for their support. Please call us with questions/ comments at 464-8487, and thanks for riding the MOOVer!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Schoonmaker



	MOOVer	Current	Total
Winter Routes	151,059	2,233	153,292
Fixed Routes	117,722	125,033	242,755
Demand response	4,420	45,001	49,421
Volunteer, taxi, other		115,874	115,874
Total Rides	273,201	288,141	561,342

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services

Health care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and emergency services program.

During FY17 HCRS provided 1,663 hours of services to 35 residents of the Town of Wilmington. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Wilmington.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Office, at (802) 886-4500.

Senior Meals Program

The Senior Meal program taking place in Jacksonville has been a success this year. Since taking it over in October of last year, on a volunteer basis, we have realized that it is possible to continue this service with the funds we have been receiving from surrounding communities, the state and contributions from the recipients. We serve the communities of Jacksonville, Whitingham, Readsboro, Halifax, Wilmington, Searsburg, Marlboro and Dover. We are thankful for your support of this much needed program in our valley.

We serve a noon time meal at the Jacksonville site on Tuesday's and Thursdays. This site not only offers a meal, it offers a community gathering as well. This time and space has been used as a "senior center" for 18 years. Not only do the seniors receive a meal, they have an opportunity to, twice a week, come out of their homes and be in community. We have celebrations for each of the holidays, once a month VNA comes and does blood pressure, and diabetic foot checks, as well flu shots and offering wellbeing information. We work with the SASH program, RSVP and have two volunteers from the high school on a regular basis from the special needs program at the high school. For the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter celebrations, the TVMS sends student leaders to help serve the meal as well as offering singalongs. This is so much more than a "Senior Meal", it is a positive place for the Seniors to gather, at what they call their "Senior Center". The meals on wheels program offers meals to homebound seniors. This program is essential as our 5 drivers check in and deliver meals to approximately 50 homebound seniors in the valley twice a week.

We provide approximately 40 meals on Tuesday and 60 on Thursday at the Jacksonville Site. We coordinate the delivery an average of 175 meals each week for Meals on Wheels program. There are 5 regular volunteers that cook, clean and serve the meals, and 5 regular volunteer drivers.

We are asking each of the communities in the valley to help with the expense of this program. We received approximately \$16,000 from the state and \$5,000 last year from the seniors in a suggested donation of \$3/meal. Local business' have provided \$3,500 to help with the program. We need \$28,000 to keep the program running.

Terrie Dumaine, Senior Meal Coordinator

Pool Learning Center

Our Mission is to provide professional literacy instruction and support to students with learning differences, their families, and their educators.

The Pool Learning Center continues to provide free tutorial services to students with dyslexia, provide support to parents of students with disabilities, and host training for teachers in the field. The Town of Wilmington's past support has been instrumental in providing these needed services to Wilmington students.

Throughout the school year and over the summer months direct, specialized instruction was provided to sixteen students from the Twin Valley School District. The instruction provided during the summer months replaced summer services required through students' individual learning plans. In utilizing the Pool Learning Center, the central office was able to reduce their spending cost for services.

The educators at the center are always available to the parents of the community. The tutors work closely with the schools to make sure everyone is looking out for the best interest of the children.

The Wilmington Masonic Lodge provides financial support to the center through their summer bingo events. A host of volunteers made blue cotton candy for the Blueberry Block Party. We were also a recipient of the Annual Twice Blessed Summer Jazz Series for the July event and was a great opportunity for public relations with second homeowners and residents.

Our goal is to help keep students in their home environments, instead of boarding schools outside of our community, that cost the Twin Valley School District several thousand dollars; which in turn increases property taxes for the residents of Wilmington.

We look forward to continuing our service to the students and families of the Town of Wilmington.

Gretchen M Havreduk
Chairperson, Pool Learning Center

Windham Solid Waste Management

Transfer Station: WSWMD offers a regional drop-off center for landfill materials; recyclables; organics; construction & demolition debris; scrap metal; white goods; electronics; and year-round collection of certain hazardous waste such as paint products, batteries, and used motor oil. WSWMD Board of Supervisors voted to limit use of the transfer station to residents and businesses from member communities only and require the purchase of an access sticker.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 4th year of operation and is the 2nd largest facility in Vermont. In 2017, WSWMD composted approximately 1,600 tons of organic materials. WSWMD's "Brattlegrow" Compost is distributed through 4 retail distributors. In addition, WSWMD donates compost for town projects, school, and community gardens.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): WSWMD MRF closed in July 2017, but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold. Eight towns continue to utilize the District's recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities. Towns contract with private haulers to provide recycling services. Currently, WSWMD Supervisors are considering future uses of the MRF building and some of the equipment is being sold.

Trucking: WSWMD retained one staff member with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Solar Array: WSWMD signed a 20-year lease at \$102,000/year with Sky Solar Holdings to develop a 5 mega-watt solar array on the District's closed landfill in Brattleboro. The project will be the largest group net metering project in the state, and has contracted for 20 years with 9 towns, 5 school districts, and 3 institutions. The project will provide significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished year-end FY 2016/2017 with a deficit of \$73,653. However, since closing the MRF in July, WSWMD has been favorable to its budget for the first five months of FY 2018.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) Mandated by Vermont Agency of Natural Resources:

Re-TRAC Reporting: WSWMD tracked tonnages of recyclables collected under the District's collection services for member towns.

SWIP Annual Requirements: Towns/solid waste entities are required to implement state materials management policies and meet a set of standards, deliverables, and Universal Recycling requirements.

WSWMD is responsible for managing SWIP requirements. Highlights from 2017 include:

- Free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion, was offered to over 150 businesses in 19 member communities;
- Conducted 8 free workshops for residents and businesses to promote food scrap diversion through back yard composting and transfer station drop-off;
- Implemented a multi-media public outreach campaign; and
- Provide event recycling containers to 15 public/private events

Programs:

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: WSWMD held 3 household hazardous waste collection events, as mandated by VT ANR Materials Management Plan. Collections were held in the Towns of Brattleboro, Dover, and Wilmington, with 215 households from 19 towns participating! Total cost for the events including advertising, site setup fee, disposal costs, and staffing was approximately \$30,000. This year the Board of Supervisors voted to implement a \$5.00/household fee to participate in the event. In addition, WSWMD obtained signed agreements with the Rutland County Solid Waste District and the City of Keene, which allows residents, and conditionally exempt generators, to use their year-round and seasonal hazardous waste depots for a fee. This means there is year-round access to a hazardous waste depot if you cannot wait for one of our collection events.

Event Recycling: WSWMD owns 20 event-sorting stations that are available to towns, businesses, residents and institutions for use at fairs, festival, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help make events "Zero Waste." This year WSWMD was contracted to provide waste diversion and recycling services at Strolling of the Heifers, and recycled 60% of all waste generated.


Grants:

Backyard Compost Bin Grant: WSWMD was awarded a grant to promote backyard composting and food scrap drop-off at transfer stations. Eight free workshops were held promoting food scrap diversion and attendees were able to purchase backyard compost bins for \$19.95.

Business Outreach: WSWMD was awarded a grant to provide each transfer station with food scrap collection totes or bear-proof dumpsters, signage, and transfer station attendant training. To date, all of the transfer station attendants have received training for organics collection. Currently, the grant is being revised to accommodate each Town's food scrap collection needs. Only four of the District's transfer station towns have requested totes or bear-proof dumpsters

Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion: Sky Solar Holdings, in conjunction with WSWMD, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Windham Regional Commission Clean Energy Development Fund to conduct a feasibility study for development of an organics pre-processing center and anaerobic digester at WSWMD in Brattleboro.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Spencer
Executive Director

Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is in its 23rd year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. The past year has been spent offering programming and activities for parents and youth, as well as implementing drug and alcohol awareness and activities in the schools and community.

Community

- **Parent Education*: Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, presentations
- **Policy work*: Smoke free parks & business entrances, legislative advocacy (conversations with state legislators about substance use and health issues), advocacy for health & wellness language in the Town Plan, alcohol use/control in public places
- **Social Norms Campaigns*: ParentUP Campaign (parent education & tips), Lock Your Meds— prescription drug misuse prevention campaign
- **Trainings*: Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service annual training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors, false ID trainings for local alcohol servers and retailers
- **Community Events*: Family Halloween Event, Parents Night Out, Blueberry Festival
Family Fun Frenzy Event, Choose sNOW events (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes)
- **Sticker Shock*- Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol minors

School

- **School Policy Work*: School alcohol, tobacco and other drug policy, wellness policy
- **Youth Empowerment Programming*: High school community service group (Wildcat Club), high school prevention group (PRIDE/OVX), middle school Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (TVKAT), middle school prevention group (Above the Influence,) sponsoring high school students attendance at the Eastern States Youth to Youth Leadership conference held at the University of Rhode Island, sponsoring high school students attendance at the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) National Youth Leadership Initiative, sponsoring middle school students attendance at the Above the Influence training at High Five in Brattleboro
- **Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum* for all students in grades 5-8
- **Student Assistance Program*: Screening and referrals for substance abuse and mental health issues, in addition to support for students whose personal issues may interfere with their capacity to function effectively in the educational process
- **Project Graduation*: Substance free event for high school students on TVMHS graduation night
- **Smoking Cessation* (Not on Tobacco-N.O.T): In-school program to support students to quit smoking. Facilitated by the Student Assistance Program Counselor
- **School Presentations/Speakers*: Presentations on a variety of topics including substance use prevention, risk-taking, peer pressure, traffic safety, making healthy choices, etc.
- **School Staff Trainings* on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

Many initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for direct programming with youth and parents.

The DVCP meets once a month and all (adults and youth) are encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings include dinner, hearing reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds.

For more information: check our website at www.DVCP.org or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202.
Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford, DVCP Coordinator



Wings' Vision Statement: Wings will actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults.

Wings' Mission Statement: Wings provides creative academic, enrichment, and physical/wellness programming to all children and their families within the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union.

Wings had a solid year in 2016-2017. Student participation remained strong with an increase at the elementary school to 80% compared to last year's 66% participation rate, and an increase at the middle / high school to a combined 83%. T.V.E.S. logged 13,443 total number of student hours (10,822 last year), and students at the T.V.M.H.S. accumulated a totaled of 7,307 hours matching the combined participation hours the previous year. Some highlights:

- TVES sponsors a Girls On The Run (GOTR) program every spring with an outstanding turnout. Last year, 20 girls participated and eventually ran at the culminating event in Brattleboro. GOTR's goal, to unleash confidence through accomplishment, thrives at TVES.
- Celebrate Summer (CS), partnering with the towns of Wilmington and Whitingham, had a fantastic 4 weeks of camp this last summer resulting again in progressively increased enrollment for each consecutive week. Seventy youth participated in the final week of camp, the highest attendances in Wings summer camp history! Patsy Mehlhop, the amazing director of CS for the last several years, opted to share her warmth, guidance and teaching expertise as a program leader this summer. Wings extends a heartfelt thanks to her for her years as director, and we are thrilled to have her continue to motivate and engage future CS campers. Missy Jutras, TVES first grade teacher, with assistant Katie Boyd, took over the reins. Missy's patience, knowledge and guidance made for a smooth transition. Enthusiastic program leaders, student counselors, dance, hiking and TaeKwon Do instructors rounded out a fabulous summer team.
- Lonny Paige & Samantha Mundt's Junior Iron Chef coaches and teams had another great turnout with 43 participating TVMHS students, including 12 teams, at the regional cook-off. Jake Gallogy TVHS coach, supporting Makayla Boyd, Francesca Pozzi and Iker Rodriguez, the Red Rockets including Aidin Joyce, Ayden Loos, Justin Ewart & Tommie Duncan with Coach Brennan Cofiehl and The Patriots team of Brady Morris, Liam Wendel, Cooper Adams, and Riley Dionne with Coach Lyndsay Cunningham represented TVMHS admirably at the state competition. Lonny Paige, the backbone and driving force behind this inspiring program has lovingly escorted teams from Twin Valley to the state competitions for 10 years. THANK YOU LONNY!
- Wonderland, last summer's district musical, an adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland" was a wonderful success for staff and students alike. Up and coming singers and dancers made the grade to three nights of full house audiences. 53 student thespians from Twin Valley, Dover, Readsboro and Halifax Schools lit up Memorial Hall stage. Memorial Hall came alive with students working, laughing and learning with the support of Karen Horton, Shelley Park, Rene Galle, Peter Boyd, Jobi Dan'Sy, Cyndal Ellis, Maria Stewart, Lauren Sumner and an awesome band, led by Jean Chaine. The line was out to the street for Friday's show and the cast felt particularly proud, crushing all three performances. The comradery, collaboration and pure fun these district plays produce always end with everyone eagerly anticipating the next play. This energy fueled momentum to begin a fundraising drive to increase the capacity of Memorial Hall as a performing arts center. Wilmington Works, through a \$12,500 donation from Paul Pabst and a \$2,000 grant from the Bermil Foundation represented a significant kickoff to the remaining goal of \$34,000.

Wings could not do its job without the support of the town, school district, parents, administrators, building support staff, the Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley, the community and especially the professionals who stay late in their day to share their passions with the children and youth of Wilmington. Everyone makes after school programming a win – win for all. Thank you very much.

TVES Site Coordinator, Patsy Mehlhop TVMHS Academic Support – Sandy Crowningshield

TVMHS Academic Support – Karen Molina TVMHS Site Coordinator – Shelley Park Celebrate Summer Director – Missy Jutras

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Hauty, Project Director

Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

The mission of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry (DVFP) is to see that no one in the area goes needlessly hungry, or lacks the basics for personal care. We provide, as well as our resources permit, food and other items to all who ask for assistance. We do not turn anyone away. We serve the towns of Wilmington, Dover, Halifax, Marlboro, Readsboro, Searsburg, Whitingham and Jacksonville. The DVFP relies on donations of food items, the financial support of local churches, towns, organizations and individuals, plus an annual membership drive to make sure our shelves are never empty. As always, the local Merchant Community is always very generous in providing support for our fundraising endeavors. The DVFP is a 501 (c) (3) organization and a member of the Vermont Foodbank.

In 2017 we served up to 100 families with about 200 clients each month. Since our communities have always “paid it forward” and keep the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry on their giving list, we continue to be prepared and able to accommodate all the identified needs of our neighbors. It truly is a testament to the conscious and deliberate support of so many with hearts full of grace and souls generated by love. This strong financial support from many donors, as well as our organized fundraisers, has allowed us to ensure that every month’s distribution includes fresh meats, eggs, yogurt, cheese, bread and produce, along with the staples we have always provided.

The DVFP wishes to thank our many dedicated volunteers who help unload the delivery truck, shelve the food, assist with our monthly distribution process and other tasks too many to mention. We could not do it without them all, and request that the readers of our Annual Report consider adding your name to our volunteer list so that we can complete our tasks quickly with many hands. We are also grateful to the many local school children who come to help sort food and also hold food drives in their schools to help us keep the shelves full. It is heartwarming to see ones so young who are so enthusiastic to selflessly help others. Volunteer activities can foster enormous leadership skills.

Please continue to spread the word about the help available from the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. There is no need for anyone to go hungry. Our distributions are on the third Saturday morning of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 and the preceding Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. All that is required to receive help is to come to the Food Pantry on one of these dates and register; there is no income verification involved. You can come just once if you experience an unusual emergency, or every month for as long as is needed.

We also encourage everyone who is able to join as a Member that supports the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. For only \$20 annually you can be a supporting member of the DVFP and help us reach our goals. Registration and online Paypal payments are possible at our website deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org. The Board meets monthly on the Thursday preceding the third Saturday of the month at 7 Church Street in Wilmington. New Volunteers are welcome and we can always use more. To express a need for our services or to volunteer, call the DVFP at 464-0148, or contact us via our website.

On behalf of the many neighbors we currently serve, and may serve in the near future, thank you for your continued support of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry.

Respectfully submitted, Evon Mack, for the Board of Directors of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry



The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Wilmington is currently represented by Tom Consolino and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard bylaw assistance; natural resources including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by us.

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 24 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We coordinated the formation of the Green River Watershed Alliance, which builds off of the successful Saxtons River Collaborative, with funding through the High Meadows Fund. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. One provides assistance to schools and other public buildings to install modern wood-fueled heating systems. The other provides grants for renewable energy development. We've helped towns apply for grants to conduct road erosion inventories, and to do work to reduce road erosion. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$4,216. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2018, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



Deerfield Valley Aging in Place Initiative

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The Aging in Place Initiative (AIP) was formed in 2014 by Jennifer Fitzgerald and Carol and Bill Herbert to address the issues of seniors in the Deerfield Valley. In January 2015 the Wilmington Selectboard authorized \$5,000 to be used for a Senior Newsletter (both mailed as a hard copy and available online), as well as a Resource Guide for Seniors. The newsletters can be found on our website www.dvaginginplace.org, the Chamber of Commerce kiosk, and our Facebook page. Resource Guides are available at the Town Hall and local libraries.

Continuing in existence now for several years are the various initiatives set in motion by AIP:

- The Men's Coffee Hour meets at North Star Bowling Alley at 8 am on Thursday mornings.
- The Caregivers Support Group, open to anyone caring for a chronically ill partner or family member, any illness or disability, meets every other Sunday from 4 - 5:30 pm at the West Dover Congregational Church led by Claudette Hollenbeck and Jennifer Fitzgerald.
- The Deerfield Valley News prints a column on Aging in Place which addresses issues pertinent to Seniors and is written by Claudette Hollenbeck
- The second season of a free lecture series for three months in July, August and September organized by Jennifer Fitzgerald was held at St. Mary's in the Mountains with a wide range of lecturers and subject matter.
- Our Medical Supply Loan Closet is stocked with walkers, canes, and other relevant pieces of equipment and anyone can call (802) 451-6941 to arrange to borrow from our storage unit (very kindly lent to us free of charge by Green Mountain Self-Storage). Items go in and out regularly.

We normally meet on the last Friday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Charlie Brown room at North Star Bowling Alley, but have not been doing so in recent months. We are waiting for the new senior day care facility to open in West Dover, a branch of the Brattleboro Gathering Place. At that time there likely will be new initiatives in support of that organization, and a role AIP can play. We remain allied with the SASH (Support and Services at Home) program located at Butterfield Common.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claudette Hollenbeck
Chairperson AIP



Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support Services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging. This is a summary of services provided to Wilmington in the last year (2016-2017).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior HelpLine answered 159 calls from Wilmington in 2016. 2017 numbers are not yet available. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also described at www.seniorsolutionsVT.org.

Health Insurance: 28 residents received help enrolling in Medicare Part D in 2016. 2017 numbers are not yet available.

The following numbers are for the period 7/1/16 through 6/30/2017

Senior Nutrition: In partnership with Jacksonville Meals and Wheels, 10 seniors received home delivered meals and 1,542 meals were served to seniors at the congregate meals in Jacksonville.

Transportation: Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Social Services: We provided 10 elder residents with 82.25 in-home case management hours to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization.

Special Assistance: We provide assistance through flexible funds that include respite assistance for care givers of those diagnosed with dementia and assistance with needs not covered by other funding. 1 resident received special assistance.

Your contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our activities. We do not charge for any of our services. Your town's support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director



Groundworks Collaborative was established in 2015 as a result of the merger of the Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center and Morningside Shelter (having been in existence for 27 and 36 years respectively). Groundworks provides ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities in the greater Brattleboro area. The following are our direct service programs:

FOODWORKS

Groundworks Food Shelf – Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (and Tuesday afternoons for seniors only), the food shelf provides emergency food for over 1000 individuals per month, and over 800 households per year.

HOUSINGWORKS

Groundworks Shelter – Our year-round 30-bed shelter for families and individuals offers an extended stay and provides all residents intensive case management. The Shelter operates at capacity throughout the year and maintains a waiting list for entry.

Seasonal Overflow Shelter – Open from November – April, the SOS provides a warm place to sleep and a hot meal each night for those with nowhere else to go.

Day Shelter – Groundworks provides a safe place where our neighbors experiencing homelessness can come in out of the weather and access services such as email, telephones, laundry, showers, coffee and snacks, lockers, and a kitchen to prepare a meal.

SUPPORTWORKS

Housing Case Management – Our team of case managers work with people who are currently and formerly experiencing homelessness to help them find and/or maintain stable housing. Our case management model includes weekly home visits (once housed) to ensure that clients are setting and meeting goals to address the challenges that led to their homelessness.

Representative Payee Service – provides financial management by serving as an intermediary between those receiving Social Security disability payments and their benefits. The program ensures that rent and basic living expenses are paid before spending money is disbursed to clients, which keeps participants in good financial standing, thereby preventing future threat of homelessness.

HEALTHWORKS

Mental Health Collaborative – Groundworks Shelter hosts an on-site Mental Health & Addiction Treatment Counselor from the Brattleboro Retreat for 16 hours each week keeping valuable connections to the Retreat's services available, even as residents leave the Shelter. This program will scale up in 2017 to include an additional full-time Mental Health Clinician who will split their time between Groundworks Drop-In Center and the Seasonal Overflow Shelter.

Vulnerable Population Care Coordinator – A Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Registered Nurse is available to clients on-site at Groundworks Drop-In Center and Groundworks Shelter, as well as at the Seasonal Overflow Shelter for 24 or more hours each week. The program provides basic wound care, and medication management services, as well as the vital work of connecting our clients with primary care physicians.



The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities residents of Windham County since 1989. TGP celebrated 25 years of service to the community this year. The center is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services every day. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM, and 4% of those we served in the last fiscal year were Wilmington residents.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our enhanced services include:

- Nursing oversight
- Access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies, podiatry and hairdresser.
- Daily exercise program including tai-chi
- Recreation and social activities including expressive arts, poetry and crafts
- Nutritious meals and snacks
- Personal care
- Outreach services
- Companionship
- Special events
- Access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments

Our primary goals in Fiscal Year 2019 is to meet the needs of our current participants and families, expand our community partnerships and prepare the organization to meet the future needs of the communities that we serve. To assure The Gathering Place can meet those goals we expanding to a satellite location in The Deerfield Valley Area and adjust programming to better meet the ever-changing needs of our participants and their families.

Windham County Humane Society

Description of Services:

The Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) is a non-profit organization serving all residents of the towns of Windham County, Vermont. The mission of WCHS is to ensure the safety and well being of animals as well as enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.

Animal Intake and Outcome numbers

1,816 animals came in to WCHS:

- 640 animals were seen at our Wellness clinic
- 332 animals were surrendered by their owners
- 14 animals were seized by law enforcement
- 280 animals were brought in as strays
- 475 animals came as transports from regions of the country where the euthanasia rate is high due to overpopulation
- 75 animals that were adopted out were returned to WCHS

Outcomes

- 851 animals were adopted
- 157 animals were reunited with their owner
- 50 animals (<5%) were euthanized for health or behavior issues. *WCHS does not euthanize for time or space.*
- 27 Animals were euthanized for owners who could not afford veterinary clinic fees for this service
- 13 animals died in care
- 24 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations
- 3 animals were dead on arrival.

The average length of stay for animals was 12 days. Total expenses for WCHS in 2016-17 were \$537,288.

Spay/Neuter

WCHS hosts two spay/neuter clinics every month for income eligible residents of Windham County. A simple application is required. The WCHS provides financial assistance to applicants who can't afford the fees, and free spay/neuter for free-roaming, un-owned cats.

- In 2016-17 the WCHS spayed/neutered 449 shelter animals.
- In 2016-17 the WCHS spayed/neutered 381 cats, 73 dogs and 8 rabbits for Windham County pet owners.

Pet Care Assistance

This program provides basic preventative care, including vaccines, at low-to-no cost to low-income pet owners. Pet owners must apply and provide proof of residency in Windham County and proof of financial need

In 2016-17, we provided:

- Distemper vaccine to 68 dogs and 207 cats
- Rabies vaccine to 295 animals
- Microchips to 23 animals
- 502 doses of flea/tick preventative
- 90 doses of wormer
- 92 bags of prescription food

WCHS served Wilmington residents as follows:

- 4 residents surrendered 3 dogs and one cat
- 1 resident used our PCA program for low-cost euthanasia and cremation
- 16 residents adopted 12 cats, 5 dogs and one rabbit
- 20 residents used our PCA program to spay, neuter and vaccinate 21 cats and 14 dogs
- 3 residents were reunited with their lost animal
- 2 residents brought in 7 stray cats and 1 resident brought in 2 abandoned cats

Deerfield Valley Rescue

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community.

This year brings us many new developments and challenges. DVR has been operating out of the squad house located at the juncture of Route 100 south and Route 9 since 1976. We owned our building, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center owned the land. It became apparent that with SVMC vision for the expansion of the Deerfield Valley Health Center on the existing property that DVR needed to find a new expanded central site. DVR closed on 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington location in November. We initiated fund raising for the down payment and over the next several years will continue to raise the money for this new location. The new facility will provide DVR with updated ambulance bays, more space for training, and more office space. This will enable the team to continue to adapt and enhance our services to meet the changing health care needs of the community.

Unlike most EMS agencies in the state, DVR has not been supported by tax dollars from the towns we serve. In August DVR requested from the Town of Wilmington money from the 1% Fund to help with the down payment on our new location. We appreciate the support we received.

The core of our agency is made up of approximately 20 volunteers, three full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 912 calls in 2017 of which 327 were in the Town of Wilmington.

Although we frequently work closely with the Fire department, we are a completely independent organization. We would like to thank East and West Dover Fire Departments and the Dover Highway Department for all the help they give us throughout the year. We recognize it been a challenging year for the first responders in East Dover and look forward working with all the new Emergency Medical Responders providers. They are a very important part of the emergency care team.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued support from the community. The annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. If you have not sent in your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards our new building.

DVR is always looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of others. Potential members can sign up for our Ride Along Program @ dvrescue.org. Anyone interested in joining this vital community service can contact our office at 464-5557 or stop by for a visit at our new location 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area.

Respectfully submitted,
Deerfield Valley Rescue
Board of Directors

Women's Freedom Center

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and southern Windsor Counties. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,700 crisis telephone calls and provided hundreds of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to 638 women, 17 men, and 478 children who had been abused. These figures include 6 survivors and their 5 children from Wilmington. In addition, we provided over 200 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout Windham County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,

Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

Homeownership Center

The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 24 homeowners in 2017 with home repair projects.

One-to-one Counseling helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training and credit counseling. In 2017, 79 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

The **Shared Equity Program** provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions. 135 homes are in the shared equity program.

Rental Housing Development Program-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2017, WWHT began renovation of a historic apartment building and broke ground on 18 new apartments in Putney, as well as breaking ground on 22 micro-apartments for the homeless in Brattleboro.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 707 rental apartments with over 1,074 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.w-wht.org

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Windham Child Care Association

promoting a good start for all our children

Windham Child Care Association has been supporting access to high quality childcare in Windham County for over three decades. We are grateful to the residents and the Select Boards members of Wilmington for contributing to our work with families and early care and education providers in the region.

During FY17, we have served the following:

- Children from 8 families receiving financial assistance services;
- 5 children from 3 families receiving personalized child care referrals and consumer education;
- Training and professional development opportunities offered to Wilmington's 4 early education programs'
- 6 children and one educator enjoying visits from Early Learning Express bookmobile every two weeks.

In June 2017, WCCA merged with The Winston Prouty Center for Child and Family Development (WPC) of Brattleboro, VT. This action is a result of a reallocation of state funds which reduced WCCA's income by almost 25% and impacted the viability of the organization. The merger mean that most of the high-quality programs and services provided to children and families by WCCA will continue to be available through The Prouty Center's Community-Based Services team.

The services that we will continue to provide to the families of Wilmington include: visits from the Early Learning Express bookmobile, Child Care Referral and Subsidy Eligibility Determination, food access through the Child and Adult Care Food programs and Professional Development opportunities available to local early care and education providers.

We appreciate the Town of Wilmington's many years of support!

Recreation Committee

The Wilmington Recreation Commission is happy to report a very successful year. The town of Wilmington Middle School Summer Recreation Program for students entering grades 6–8 was again held at the old high school in Wilmington for 4 weeks 7/3-7/28/17. The program ran from 8:00am-12:30pm and included supervised free breakfast and lunch served on site through Summer Food Program with Lonny Paige and Deerfield Valley Rotary. The staff included Jamie Brown, director, and high school counselors Grace Russell and Jarrett Niles. Attendance in 2017 increased with a total of 28 individual students participating and an average daily attendance of 14. The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership again collaborated with the Recreation Commission by sponsoring 4 afternoon programs when campers went to Northstar Bowl and Golf, sports day, lake day, and Six Flags.

2017 was the fourth year of collaboration with Wings Community Programs to offer the Celebrate Summer! day camp for 4 weeks 7/3-7/28/17 at TVES from 8:00am-4:00pm. This program also included supervised free breakfast and lunch served on site through Summer Food Program with Lonny Paige. Daily programming for students in Kindergarten-grade 5 included week-long, teacher-led sessions in topics as varied as Survivor Games, Planet Sun, Outdoor Survival, Slime and Grime, Circus Silks, etc. Attendance in 2017 increased serving 96 individual students in total. The program was led by director Melissa Jutras.

Additionally, the Recreation Commission is happy to sponsor adult activities throughout the year. The Wilmington Pickleball Club generally meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays at 8:30 am, and Saturdays at 12:30 in the gym at the old high school. There is also indoor soccer on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the gym. A group of advanced volleyball players meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the gym as well. New participants are welcome to join any of these recreational activities.

Karen Molina
Cindy Hayford
Randy Knaggs

Twin Valley Youth Sports

Beginning July 1, 2015, Valley Youth Sports became known as Twin Valley Youth Sports, with funding contributions from the towns of Wilmington and Whitingham. TVYS is a non-profit, volunteer organization providing developmental sports programs for Twin Valley area youth athletes in Pre- Kindergarten through Grade 6. Programs currently offered include soccer, basketball, t-ball, baseball and softball.

Twin Valley Youth Sports is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, with individual sports programs managed by an administrator and coordinator. None of our programs would be possible without the support of our community and the countless hours given by our volunteers. The success of our programs depends on volunteer coaches, referees, scorekeepers, and umpires which come from all areas of the community. This includes middle and high school students, parents, teachers, and other community members. Funding for sponsored programs comes from Town appropriations, registration fees, donations and fund raising. These funds are used to provide equipment, uniforms, field maintenance, insurance coverage and to cover administrative costs.

Highlights of this past year included joining the John Warner Youth Soccer League, improvements to our soccer field as well as baseball fields, and expanding our participation in the West River Baseball League. Participation continues to thrive in all sport offerings. Adding more teams has been necessary, as participation has averaged well over a 100 athletes for each sport.

Twin Valley Youth Sports continues to participation in the West River Valley Baseball League, sending two Little League Teams, two Pee Wee Teams, a softball team, as well as two Tee Ball teams to compete against teams from Dummerston, Grafton, Jamaica, Newbrook, Putney, Townsend, Wardsboro, and Dover.

Our soccer program for our 4th, 5th and 6th grade teams continues to participate in the John Werner Youth Soccer League based in Arlington VT. JWYSL consists of 10 towns- Arlington, NorShaft (North Bennington and Shaftsbury), Manchester, West River, Bennington, Cambridge, NY, Berlin, NY, Taconic, NY, Hoosick Falls, NY, and now, Twin Valley. This has been a very successful change over the years. One that has been very beneficial to our youth players. They have grown in skill and teamwork. For our Pre K, K, and 1st graders we will continue with our Saturday morning clinics where our youngest athletes learn the foundational skills of soccer. We have added new programming this year for our 2nd and 3rd grade players, offering smaller format local games instead of the clinic format from the past. We believe these program changes will better allow for a consistent progression of skills towards the larger 4th, 5th and 6th grade levels of play.

The basketball program changes last year were a huge success. Our younger players benefited from their Saturday morning clinics. We will continue with our PreK-2 clinics on Saturdays with Chris Brown. The 1/2 program will include some smaller court games as well. This will expand our older players teams to include 3rd- 4th and 5th-6th graders, allowing for more competitive play with the other teams that participate in the TVYS basketball league.

One other improvement this year was creating a new and more user friendly website! We hope that is give parents and those interested in our program all the information they need.

We are excited about our growing programs and TVYS is dedicated to creating an environment where athletes of all ages and skill levels can thrive through sports fundamentals, discipline, dedication and respect. We hope to educate, motivate and inspire young athletes to build foundations for success on and off the field.



Pickle ball underway at the town tennis courts-photo courtesy K. Molina

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: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Emergency Services / Crisis Intervention (fuel/utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, Homelessness Prevention, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Wilmington we have provided the following services during FY2017:

Weatherization: 2 homes (2 person) were weatherized at a cost of \$27,846

Micro-Business Development: 2 households (4 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$3,522

VT Health Connect: 4 households (6 people) received assistance with enrolling in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$483

Emergency Services: 14 households (36 people) received 60 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance in accessing needed services) valued at \$505

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 7 households (19 people) received 9 assists valued at \$6,373

Housing Services: 3 households (5 people) received 3 assists with housing and homelessness prevention, valued at \$3,908

Jobs for Independence Program: 3 people were recruited, screened and referred to enhanced employment services, valued at \$1,205

Thrift Store Vouchers: 1 household (2 people) received goods and services valued at \$81

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

We thank the residents of Wilmington for their support.

Stephen Geller
Executive Director

VISITING NURSES AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

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

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

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 1,304 homecare visits to 50 Wilmington residents. This included approximately \$42,400 in unreimbursed care to Wilmington residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 629 home visits to 37 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 53 home visits to 5 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 559 home visits to 7 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Skilled Pediatric Care:** 63 home visits to 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.

Wilmington'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)

Notes

Check out the town website at www.wilmingtonvermont.us. You can access a wealth of information including:

- Contact information and hours for Town Departments
- Town Departments and Boards
- Meeting Agendas and Public Notices
- Upcoming Events
- Documents including-Applications, Ordinances, Grand List, Tax Maps
- Sign up for our weekly E-Newsletter

Local Talk on Front Porch Forum

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. More than half of Vermont households participate with hundreds more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors, organize local projects, share crime reports, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>

The Wilmington Highway Department has nearly 135 years combined service!



Mike Stevens, Bill Hunt, Doug Wheeler, Darby Howe, Travis Wheeler, Sheldon Brasseur, Travis Brasseur, Brett Brown