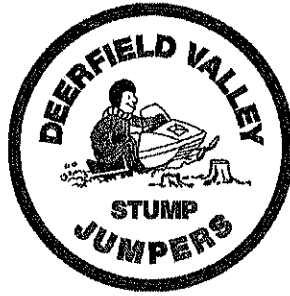


Wilmington Selectboard Agenda
November 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
2. Approve Minutes of November 5 and 6, 2019 (5 minutes)
3. Social Services (30 minutes)
 - *Social Service Organizations to present to the Selectboard;*
 - *Women's Freedom Center-Vickie Sterling*
 - *Deerfield Valley Food Pantry-Carol DeBarba*
 - *Youth Services-Russell Bradbury-Carlin*
 - *Green Mountain RSVP-Steve Ovenden*
 - *SASH-Becky Arbella*
 - *Groundworks Collaborative*
 - *HCRS-Hal Moore*
4. Stump Jumpers (10 minutes)
 - *The Selectboard to possibly approve the annual request by the Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers for use of town road for snowmobile access.*
5. 1% Local Option Tax Request (10 minutes)
 - *The Selectboard to possibly approve a request from SeVEDS for \$5628.*
 - *The Selectboard to possibly approve a request for a VTrans Alternative grant for the North Main St Sidewalks in the amount of up to \$67,000.*
6. Other Business/Correspondence
7. Select Board Members Comments
8. Town Manager's Updates (10 minutes)
9. Executive Session
 - *Possible executive session for an employee evaluation.*



Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers Snowmobile Club

P. O. Box 1329 Wilmington, VT
05363-1329

October 30, 2019

Scott A. Tucker, Town Manager
P. O. PO Box 217
Wilmington, VT 05363-0217

Dear Scott:

The Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers Snowmobile Club (DVSJ) along with the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST) request permission to operate snowmobiles along portions of town roads in Wilmington, Vermont for the winter season of 2019-2020. By your letter dated December 4, 2018, the Town of Wilmington granted permission to operate snowmobiles along portions of town roads during the winter season of 2018/19. We are requesting that the same permissions be granted for this upcoming season, in addition to Haynes Rd, specifically between Meadowlark and Higley Hill Road.

Your letter also outlined the agreement between the town and our Club whereby we will repair a portion of East Dover Road every five years after it is resurfaced by the town, to repair any damage done by our groomer. The first year for repair by us was agreed to be 2019, and the town is to resurface the road in 2024-2025. We note that we will need to contact the Wilmington Zoning Administrator to obtain a Right-of-Way permit in addition to Bill Hunt to coordinate the work.

Please feel free to contact me on my cell at (617) 771-3841 or e-mail brianharty98@gmail.com should you have questions throughout the season. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Brian Harty, President
Deerfield Valley Stump Jumpers

Deerfield Valley Food Pantry Annual President's Report

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry continues to provide supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in need. We averaged over 80 families, representing about 200 individuals, each month, with increased usage during the fall and winter holiday seasons. We are able to provide about a week's worth of non-perishable foods as well as fresh produce, dairy, meat and bread at every monthly distribution. We also try to meet other personal needs by providing toilet paper, laundry detergent and personal care items as often as possible.

Our donor base continues to grow and we are ever grateful to our members, local businesses and non-profits, and local and second-homeowner donors whose support supplements annual donations from the towns we service and many of the local churches in the area. We introduced new membership recruitment forms that were distributed to local businesses and churches and generated a significant increase in our annual membership dues income.

Our volunteer base continues to be strong and we added a few new volunteers this year. The enthusiasm and satisfaction of people helping others is obvious and heartwarming. Local school children continue to provide many hours of sorting and shelving assistance. We are sincerely grateful for increased assistance and donations from other area non-profits, especially the Rotary and Lions clubs. We gratefully received a grant from the Rotary to replace one of our upright freezers.

We held our usual yearly fundraising events. Our August Motorcycle Ride was the most successful so far, generating almost \$5,000 from fees, donations, sponsors and raffle proceeds. Our annual Holiday Concert at Memorial Hall is always a joyous addition to the season and we were heartened to know that although we mourned the loss of Skip Morrow who was instrumental in its creation, the other musicians were willing and able to carry on in his memory.

All members of the Board and the many others who volunteer are sincerely thanked for their service to the hungry in our area.

Wilmington SASH 2020

SASH coordinates the resources of social-service agencies, community health providers and nonprofit housing organizations to support Vermonters who choose to live independently at home. Individualized, on-site and in-home support is provided by a Wellness Nurse and a SASH Care Coordinator. SASH serves older adults as well as people with special needs who receive Medicare support. SASH touches the lives of approximately 5,000 people throughout Vermont. In our area we only have one senior housing option. Our Deerfield Valley coordinator serves 43 SASH participants and I have been assisting several who are not on SASH however have either asked or been referred to us for assistance. The cost breakdown for the town is roughly \$0.96/ day per participant.

Benefits to SASH Participants

- Improved quality of life
- Comprehensive health and wellness assessments
- Individualized Healthy Living Plans
- Money savings through preventive health care
- Regular check-ins by caring staff
- Health coaching and access to wellness nurses
- Help in planning for successful transitions (e.g., following hospitalization), navigating long-term care options and during a crisis
- Access to prevention and wellness programs
- Support in self-managing medications

Benefits to Town of Wilmington – The same benefits to town residents, who are active in Medicare, while on the wait list to join SASH. We also do wellness visits at the towns request or other town residents request, to talk to those active in Medicare who may benefit from the services of SASH. We also do visits and calls for those older residents that may not want to join SASH, but would benefit from an occasional visit. The Shires Housing SASH panels in the valley, have collaborated with the VT FoodBank for a monthly drop location at our office. We have also recruited 5 volunteer drivers, who once a month come to the VT FoodBank drop site at our office. Currently, we box up and deliver donated food items to over 32 community members who cannot get to the drop site to pick up for themselves. These are just a few benefits for the towns of the valley and their residents. Starting in 2020, Wilmington will have a SASH office 30 hours per week. We will not only assist those residents that have signed up for SASH but include the community with forms assistance and referrals.

Thank you for considering this request. Please let me know if you need any additional information that may influence your decision to approve funding.

Report to the Town of Wilmington

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 1,200 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:

- Intervention and support services to teens running away from home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- 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
- Full substance abuse counseling services for young adults
- Therapeutic case management services for youth and young adults
- Career development programs with one-on-one mentoring for high school students and young adults
- Substance abuse prevention for youth and adults
- Supervised visitation services for families

This year, we respectfully request \$300 from the Town of Wilmington to help fund our agency's services. We served 15 residents from Wilmington during Fiscal Year 2019 and remain available to provide services in the future. Services provided included Court Diversion, Justice Services, Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program, and Case Management. 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

Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
And
Report to the Town of Wilmington

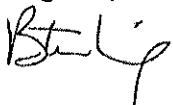
The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and Southern Windsor Counties. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to all survivors and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1974, 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 survivors 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 survivors wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting them to get to us and other times it means us going to them, somewhere safe in their community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, the Women's Freedom Center responded to 2,010 hotline calls, sheltered 123 people (83 adults and 37 children) and had 8,660 contacts through which we provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,441 people** (882 women, 52 men, 3 gender non-binary individuals and 504 children) who were abused. These figures include at least 22 survivors—13 adults and their 9 children— from Wilmington. In addition, we provided community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout Windham and southern Windsor 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,



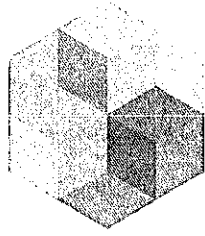
Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY19 for Town of Wilmington

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (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 alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY19, HCRS provided 1557 hours of services to 39 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 Officer, at (802) 886-4500.



groundworks
COLLABORATIVE

Groundworks Collaborative was established in 2015 with 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

Foodworks – Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and the last Saturday of the month, Groundworks food shelf program provides emergency food for over 1000 individuals per month, and over 900 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 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 homelessness. Additional site-specific case management services are available 40 hours per week to residents of Great River Terrace, the permanent supportive housing community on Putney Road in Brattleboro.

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

Groundworks clients have direct access to a number of services available through our embedded provider partnerships, including:

- a full-time **Brattleboro Retreat Licensed Mental Health Clinician**, who works on-site at all three of our locations, providing psychotherapy and critical early substance abuse recovery supports;
- a **Licensed Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselor from HCRS** meets with clients on-site at the Drop-In Center two days each week connecting with folks in need of supports; and
- the Vulnerable Populations Care Coordinator is an **RN from Brattleboro Memorial Hospital** who provides Groundworks clients with health screenings, wound care, and connection to primary care physicians, thereby reducing emergency room visits.

basic needs met with dignity

PO Box 370, Brattleboro, Vermont 05302 | GroundworksVT.org | 802.490.2951

Green Mountain RSVP

974 Western Ave. Jeremiah Beal House Brattleboro, VT 05301



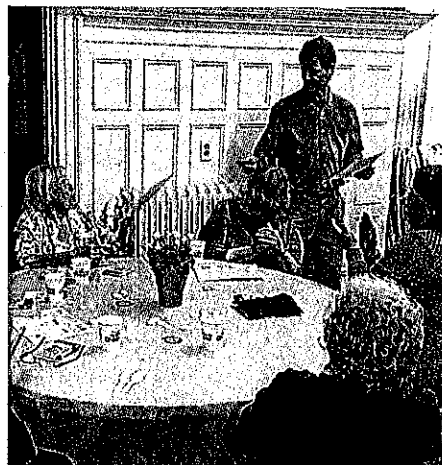
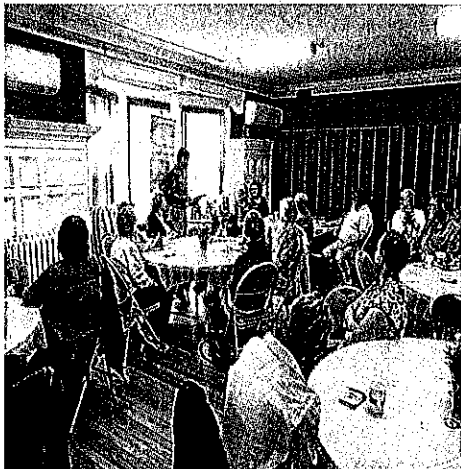
www.rsvpvt.org

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RSVP Volunteers Are Much Appreciated!



RSVP volunteers gathered at the Elks Lodge in Brattleboro on June 13th for a wonderful celebration of accomplishments. Janice Martin was recognized for 25 years, Monika Reich- 15 years, Juanita Lane- 10 years, Janice Duke- 10 years and Rene Johnson- more than 1000 hours. Door prizes were provided by Sam's Outdoor, Brown and Roberts, Vermont Country Deli, Bruegger's, Hannaford's and Market 32. Thank-you to everyone who attended and shared their stories and community spirit. See you all next year!

New Volunteers!

Gloria Pickering
Brattleboro Mem. Hospital

Janette Smuts
Early Ed.- Welcome Baby

New Stations!

Bayada Hospice
AIDS Project Southern VT
The Inclusion Center
Putney Foodshelf

WE ● OUR
volunteers

Non-profits Achieve their Mission With RSVP Volunteers

Our top priorities are helping non-profits meet community needs in Transportation, Companionship and Food Security. RSVP recruits and places drivers, home visitors, food shelf helpers and for meals delivery. We train Bonebuilder instructors and furnish class equipment and materials at eleven locations in Windham County.



More Volunteer Milestones

25 Years

Bob Sisler- Brattleboro Senior Meals
Russell Stephens- BMH Transport

20 Years

Carol Corwin- Bonebuilders
Heidrun Mayer- Blood Drive
Mary Miller- Bonebuilders
Carol Moriarty- Linus Project

15 Years

Mary Stockwell- BMH, Blood Drive
Rosemary Eldridge- BMH
Bea Lutulippe- Welcome Baby
Susie Putnam- Warm Hands

10 years

Shirley King- Teddy Bear Teas

5 Years

Ed Smuts- BMH
Lynn Martin- AIDS Project, Library

volunteer
do good, feel good

RSVP Volunteers In Action

There is literally something for everyone in the volunteering world. Do you like being out helping people to get to their doctor's appointment or to fill a prescription? Stanley sure does. He takes people to Grace Cottage and the Retreat almost every week.



Are you someone that likes to help organize, cook, clean or keep a tidy office space? That's our volunteer Kathy at the Foodworks pantry and the Loaves kitchen. Kathy makes new friends at all her stations among people that find common interests.



Would you like to be part of a team that prepares, packs, delivers or cleans up for a Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program? Brian had some new time on his hands after moving to Vermont and delivering meals was just the right fit for a guy who likes to stay active. Here, he and Claire are getting hot meals ready for pickup. Or, maybe a nice comfy chair at a BMH information desk, *in the air-conditioning*, where Ed has found a good place to feel like he can help people.



Searching For Volunteers

Meals on Wheels- Helpers and Delivery in Brattleboro, Guilford, Vernon

Inclusion Center, Brattleboro- Variety of needs, a community center for disabled- Inclusioncenter.webs.com

SASH Helpers- Support and Services At Home- Visit and help people living at home alone

Brattleboro Memorial Hospital- always a need for people for front desk, transporting and office help

Green Mountain RSVP is sponsored by The Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging. RSVP is a member of Senior Corps, a nationwide volunteer program for people 55+ who want to give their time and experience to strengthen their communities. RSVP has 376 volunteers at 98 locations in southern Vermont and provided over 45,000 hours of service during the last year. Volunteering with non-profit organizations make us Vermont Strong.