

VERNON TOWN AND SCHOOL
DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDING 2019
VERNON, VT



A TRIBUTE TO THE
OLD AND NEW

A SPECIAL THANKS TO CAROL AND BILL HAMMOND

For more than 20 years, Carol Hammond diligently worked to compose the Town of Vernon Annual Report. Since that time it has, under her direction, evolved considerably in part due to her creativity, dedication and commitment. It is fitting that her efforts are documented in historical archives. They are worth our gratitude and accolades.

Beginning his service to Vernon as a Lister in 1982, Bill Hammond has served the town for 38 years. Carol joined in that mission in 1996 as an Auditor. They both still serve the town in their capacity as Listers. They have also been members of numerous committees, organizations and community efforts. A true testament to community participation, the Hammonds have dedicated decades to services. Our community thanks them for their service and commitment.



FRIENDS OF VERNON CENTER ACQUIRES HUNT HOUSE

During 2019, the Friends of Vernon Center, Inc. (FVC) received official federal 501(c)3 non-profit status from the IRS, and received as a gift from Entergy Corporation the Governor Hunt House property, which the Friends plan to develop into a community center for the town of Vernon. With 501(c)3 status, FVC is now able to accept donations on a tax-deductible basis. Contributions may be sent to the organization in care of the town office at 567 Governor Hunt Road, Vernon VT 05354.

In December 2019, Entergy Corporation announced the donation of the Governor Hunt House to FVC. The Friends of Vernon Center will own and operate the Governor Hunt House, on behalf of the Vernon community, as a community center in which many activities can take place.

The Governor Hunt House was built by Jonathan Hunt (1738-1823), who served as lieutenant governor of Vermont from 1794 to 1796 under the state's first governor, Thomas Chittenden. (Jonathan Hunt was never actually governor, despite the name acquired by the house.)

The house was built in 1789 for Hunt's wife Lavinia Swan, and became a center of political and social life in the area. In an 1814 inventory of assets, Hunt listed ownership of a total of 1,561 acres spread over several farms in Vernon.

Under a variety of owners after the Hunts, the house remained the hub of a 125-acre farm until 1947, when it was purchased by Florence Louchheim Stol (1900-1967), a renowned (and eccentric) patron of the arts, who left an important collection of contemporary art to the University of Michigan Museum of Art. She used the house primarily as a summer retreat, and entertained many prominent people in the arts and sciences there. She died at the Brattleboro hospital in 1967. The house was then acquired from her estate in 1968 by the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (VYNPC) as part of land acquisition for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant (VY).

The house was used by VYNPC as administrative office space during and after the construction of the nuclear plant, at first using the fireplaces for warmth as there was no other heating system in place. In the period 1987-1989, VYNPC undertook an extensive restoration of the historic portion of the structure.

FVC, which was formed in 2017 to envision, plan and promote the establishment of a new village center in Vernon in a state-designated village center area that includes the Governor Hunt House, intends to develop the house as a community center and an anchor to the planned village area.

*The secret of change is to focus
all of your energy, not on
fighting the old, but on building
the new. ~ Socrates*

The 2019 Annual Report is dedicated to embracing change while preserving the past. Vernon welcomed Northstar, Inc. into our community in 2019 as the new owners of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant. Part of our landscape for over 40 years, Northstar has begun the task of dismantling plant and is expected to complete that process within ten years. We expect to redevelop the site and welcome the changes taking place on that horizon.

Also in 2019, The Friends of Vernon Center, inc. took ownership of the Governor Hunt House. A long cherished historic property neighboring the power plant, the Friends expect to maintain the structure for the use of the community and the enjoyment of countless future generations.

ANNUAL REPORT - VERNON, VERMONT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2019

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO
TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020
AND IF NEEDED
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

6:30 PM AT THE
VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TABLE OF CONTENTS

TOWN INFORMATION

Office Hours	4
Town Officers	5-6
Town Property Inventory	7
Outside Auditor Statement	8

TOWN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Special Revenue Funds	9-10
Guidelines for Cusick Scholarship	11
Capital Project Funds, Status, Projections	12-16
Cemetery Trust Funds	17
Fiduciary Funds	18-19
Statement of Taxes Raised	20
Statement of Delinquent Property Taxes	21
General Fund Comparative Balance Sheet	22
Selectboard's Budget FY 20/21	23-28
Misc Appropriations	29
Grant Awards & Expenditures	29

REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS

AND ORGANIZATIONS

Animal Control Officer	
Capital Plan Committee	34
Cemetery Committee	
Elderly Assistance Board	
Emergency Management	40
Farmland Protection	
Friends of Vernon Center	
Health Officer	43
Highway Department	37
Historians	34
Librarian's Reports	30-31
Listers	33
Planning Commission	32
Treasurer	33
Recreation Department	38
Rescue	36
Selectboard's Report	23
Seniors	35
SEVCA	36
SEVEDS	39
Town Clerk	41
Vernon Fire Department	41
Windham County Sheriff	35
Windham Regional Commission	37
WSWMD	42

VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Letters and Financial Reports	44-63
-------------------------------------	-------

MINUTES AND WARNINGS

Town and Town School District Meeting 2019	64-67
Town Warning for 2020	68-69

VERNON TOWN OFFICE HOURS*

TOWN CLERK

Monday through Thursday and by appointment	7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
---	-----------------------

TOWN TREASURER

Monday through Thursday	6:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
-------------------------	-----------------------

LIBRARY

Mon. - Thurs.	1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Tues. & Sat.	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Friday	Closed

*Subject to Change

SHERIFF	254-6962
FIRE	254-2425
TOWN OFFICES	257-0292
VERNON ELEMENTARY	254-5373
VERNON FREE LIBRARY	257-0150
TOWN GARAGE	254-9428
RECREATION AREA	254-9251
HEALTH OFFICER	254-4485
FIRE WARDEN	254-2279
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	254-6962

REGULAR MEETINGS*

SCHOOL BOARD

Second and Fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

SELECTBOARD

First and Third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Second Monday of each month at Noon-Potluck

(Business Meeting)

Fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 P.M.

(Blood Pressure and Birthday Social)

VERNON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION (WRC)

Last Tuesday of every other month at 6:00 P.M. (winter)

7:00 P.M. (summer)

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (WSWMD)

Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

FIREFIGHTERS & EXPLORERS MEETING

Every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEV. COMM MEETING

2nd Wednesday at 6:30 P.M.

*Subject to Change

TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN OFFICERS 2019-2020

TOWN MODERATOR

Timothy Arsenault 2020

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

Timothy Arsenault 2020

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

Timothy Arsenault 2022

TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Cindy Turnley 2020

SELECTPERSON (3 year term)

Joshua Unruh 2021

Sandra Harris 2022

Jean Carr 2020

SELECTPERSON (2 year term)

Christopher Parker 2020

Jeff Dunklee 2021

LISTERS (3 year term)

William Hammond 2021

Carol Hammond (Ch) 2022

Vacant 2020

1ST CONSTABLE

Scott Lane 2020

2nd CONSTABLE

Jesse Jobin 2020

TOWN AGENT

Christiane Howe (appointed) 2020

GRAND JUROR

Christian Howe (appointed) 2020

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

Marylynn Scherlin 2020

SCHOOL DIRECTORS (3 year term)

Hannah Rosinski 2021

Walter Breau 2022

Chad Mulverhill 2020

SCHOOL DIRECTORS (2 year term)

Sandy Morrison 2020

Kerry Amidon 2021

WINDHAM-5 DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Sara Coffey

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Bronna Zlochiver (Ch.) 3 year terms 2021

Elaine Dietrich 2022

Joanne Leveille 2020

Ian Hefe 2021

Kristen Dietrich 2022

MARSH FUND COMMITTEE*

James Brown Sandra Harris

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE*

Peter & Angela Miller

**Voted at Town Meeting*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Susan Arsenault Timothy Arsenault

Tom Rappaport Sandra Harris

Christiane Howe Patricia O'Donnell

Marylynn Scherlin Lynda Starorypinski

Joshua Unruh Ian Hefe

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

Susan Arsenault Timothy Arsenault (Ch.)

Tom Rappaport Sandra Harris

Christiane Howe Patricia O'Donnell

Marylynn Scherlin Lynda Starorypinski

Joshua Unruh Ian Hefe

Christopher Parker Jean Carr

Jeffrey Dunklee

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Town Clerk Susan Fiske-Gagne

Assistant Treasurer Katherine Walker

SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR Michelle L. Pong

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Marylynn Scherlin (Ch) Sandra B. Harris

Christiane Howe

SENIOR SOLUTIONS Marylynn Scherlin

DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING Roland Walker

E-911 CONTACT

Timothy Arsenault Roland Walker

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT David Emery

HEALTH OFFICER Mark Snow

Annette Roydon & Heather Frost (Deputies)

POUND KEEPER Windham County Humane Soc.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER Jesse Jobin

ELDERLY ASSISTANCE BOARD

Marylynn Scherlin (Ch)

Linda Shippee

Sharon Richardson

Vacant

Vacant

Vacant.....
Kathy Walker.....

FARMLAND PROTECTION ADV. COMMITTEE
Arthur Miller (Ch.) Skip Baldwin
Jeff Hardy Madeline Arms

FENCE VIEWERS
Michael Root.....Munson Hicks.....Rory Underwood

CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE
Tom RappaportLynda Starorypinski
Rita Mudd..... Joyce Goodnow
Sandra Rulewich.....

GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR..... Hannah Rosinski

INSPECTOR OF WOOD, SHINGLES & LUMBER
Michael RootMunson Hicks

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.....Brattleboro Reformer

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMM.
Robert Spencer (Ch.)Jeffrey Dunklee
Jessica Freeman-EarpMartin Langeveld
Patricia O'Donnell..... Madeline Arms
Thomas Rappaport (V.Ch)

RECREATION DIRECTOR Seth Deyo
Assistant Ian Deyo

RECREATION BOARD
Jason O'Brian (Ch.) Vickie Rea
Dani Alexander..... Shannon Connolly
Amy Emery.....

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
Chris Parker Michael Root
Josh Unruh.....Bob Spencer

RESCUE INC. REPRESENTATIVE . Christopher Parker

ROAD COMMISSIONER..... Roland D. Walker Jr.

SELECTBOARD SECRETARY Michelle Millerick

TOWN ATTORNEY Salmon & Nostrand

TOWN FOREST SUPERVISOR Seth Deyo
Assistant Ian Deyo

TOWN SERVICE OFFICER Marylynn Scherlin

TREE WARDEN
Roland Walker Jr. Josh Unruh

TOWN BUS DRIVERS
Reita Lashway Cindy Symons

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Joshua Unruh..... Chad Mulverhill

WEIGHER OF COAL
Michael Root..... Christiane Howe

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE DISTRICT REP
Christopher Parker Michelle L. Pong(Alt.)

VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief..... Todd Capen
Assistant Chief Keith Franklin, Jr.
Captain John Wheelden, Jr.
Lieutenant..... Travis Franklin
Lieutenant.....Jonathan Hall
Safety OfficerMike Pratt
ChaplainBruce Burks

FIRE FIGHTER
Chris Kempf..... Victoria Hall
George Pond.....Tiffany Capen
Jesse Jobin..... Joshua Griffus
Thomas Raymond Tyler Pratt
Harley LandryRaymond Belville
Isaac Weeks..... Chris Cwikowski
Leigh Ann Cwikowski Tasha Cross
Zak Mchenry Jemez Jobin
Katelynn Baldwin..... Ryan Snow
Raymond Mercier..... Tyler Harrison
Nick Spinner Alana Bellville
Tina Franklin..... Faith Jobin
Laurie Griffus..... Bryan Hemingway
Cait Foley.....

EXPLORERS
Ben LaneJonie Tuttle
Garret Stoughton Jay Pierce
Liam Woods.....

FIRE WARDEN..... John Wheelden, Jr.
Asst. Jesse Jobin

SENIORS
President..... Gloria Pinkerton
Vice-President Betty Chamberlin
Secretary..... Sallie May
TreasurerAina Lindquist
Assistant-Treasurer..... Carol Moore



TOWN PROPERTY INVENTORY

BUILDINGS AND LAND

Town Office Building
Gazebo
North School
South School
Fire Station
Recreation Area
Garages & Salt Shed
J. Maynard Miller Forest
Cemeteries
Miscellaneous Land Parcels

TOWN OFFICES

Computers & Printers
Photocopiers
Safes
Office Equipment & Furnishings
Sound System
Custodial Equipment
Vote scanning machine

LIBRARY

Computers
Printer, Copier/fax machine
Equipment & Furnishings
Books, DVDs, audios, etc.

RECREATION

Area Equipment
Pool Equipment
Tools & Equipment
Games & Activity Equipment
Mowers
Office Equipment & Furnishings

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2010 Diesel Int'l Dump Truck w/ Tenco Dump
body, plow & wing
2013 Diesel Int'l Dump Truck w/ Tenco Dump
body, plow & wing
2008 Case 580 Super M Series III Backhoe
2004 International 7600 Dump Truck, MG Dump
body w/ Henderson Wing and Plow
2003 Ford One ton Truck, Dump body w/plow and
Torwell Sander

1988 Caterpillar Grader w/ plow & wing
2018 Case Loader Model 621B
2015 John Deere 6501D w/ Tiger Bengal
mid mount mower 60"
1994 Morbark Chipper
1991 Sweepster Model P84
Radios
HTC Shoulder Machine
Dell Computer & Printer
Miscellaneous Garage, Office & Highway equip.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

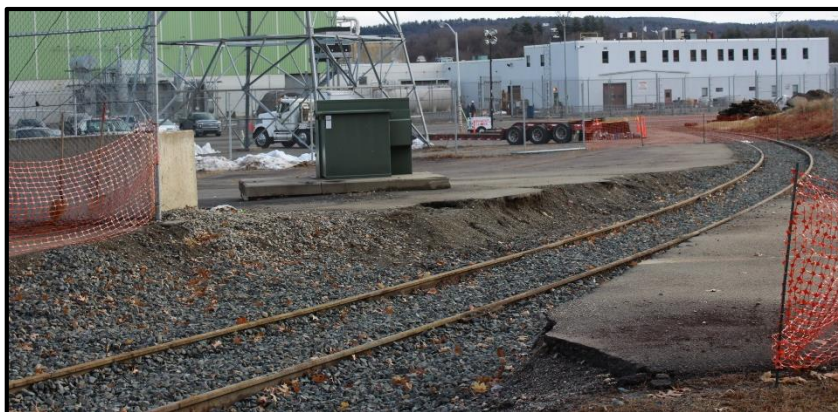
2000 Custom KME Pumper Truck – Engine 3
2015 Ford F-350 Rescue Vehicle 1
1994 Freightliner Pumper/Tanker – Tanker 1
2015 E-One Pumper Truck – Engine 1
1974 Ford Brush Truck – Brush 1
Bauer Breathing Air Fill Station
1 Base Radio
10 Mobile Radios
26 Portable Radios
3 Desktop Computers
2 Laptop Computers
Atmospheric Monitoring Equipment
Thermal Imaging Camera
20 Scott Air Packs and 40 Cylinders
6 Automatic External Defibrillators
20 sets of turnout gear
Fog machine
Life Pac 12, 2 Batteries
8 AEDs 1000

VERNON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Stationary Communications Equipment
Winco Generator (siren)
Portable Radios
Siren & Signal Box
Office Equipment & Furnishings
Dell Computer; Canon Fax; HP Jet Printer

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

1998 Chevrolet Pickup Truck
2008 Ford E350 Goshen Coach Van





Proven Expertise & Integrity

December 17, 2019

Board of Selectmen
Town of Vernon
Vernon, Vermont

We were engaged by the Town of Vernon, Vermont and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Vernon, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019. A complete copy of the audited financial statements which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town.

RHR Smith & Company

Certified Public Accountants

TOWN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS REAPPRAISAL FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018	\$	214,462.49	
ADD:			
Interest	84.86		
Net Investment Gains	1,126.34		
Accrued Salaries	142.87		
State of Vt. Listers Training			
State EEGL Assistance	<u>8,740.00</u>		
		10,094.07	
DEDUCT:			
Net Investment Losses			
NEMRC (Twn Wide Reappraisal)	39,000.00		
Supplies	963.27		
NEREC Reimbursement	163.00		
Travel/Conference	133.40		
Miscellaneous	912.74		
Payroll	6,026.82		
FICA/Medi	<u>440.46</u>		
		(47,639.69)	

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 176,916.87

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

TOWN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018	\$	24,806.03	
ADD:			
Interest	4.00		
Net Investment Gains (Realized & Unrealized)	<u>818.23</u>		
		822.23	
DEDUCT:			
Net Investment Losses			
Unemployment payments	<u>3,718.89</u>		
		(3,718.89)	

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 21,909.37

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

J. MAYNARD MILLER FOREST FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018	\$	178,332.63	
ADD:			
Interest	29.17		
Investment Gain	<u>7,484.21</u>		
		7,513.38	
DEDUCT			
Investment Loss			
Town Forest Maintenance	<u>1,907.20</u>		
		(1,907.20)	
BALANCE June 30, 2019	\$	183,938.81	

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

FARMLAND PROTECTION FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018	\$	296,733.71	
ADD:			
Interest	24.58		
Investment Gain	<u>12,515.27</u>		
		12,539.85	
DEDUCT:			
Investment Loss			
Purchase of Development Rights	110,000.00		
		(110,000.00)	
BALANCE June 30, 2019	\$	199,273.56*	

*Of this amount, \$2,720.57 is left to be used for expenses of the Farmland Protection Advisory Committee, as voted at Town Meeting on March 6, 1984.

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

DOG FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018	\$	23,989.52	
ADD:			
Interest	12.08		
Licenses	3,081.00		
Accrued Salaries	209.92		
Impound Fees			
		3,303.00	
DEDUCT:			
Tags & Supplies	363.27		
Payroll	195.00		
FICA/Medi	14.92		
Wind. Cty. Humane Society	550.00		
State of VT – Licenses Fees	<u>1,677.00</u>		
		(2,800.19)	
BALANCE June 30, 2019	\$	24,492.33	

DOG Licenses: All dogs six months old or older should be licensed annually by the Town Clerk on or before April 1st.

The Fund is invested with Peoples United Bank.

VERNON ELDERLY ASSISTANCE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018	\$	44,423.98	
ADD:			
Interest	23.89		
Twn Mtg Appropriation	<u>10,000.00</u>		
		10,023.89	
DEDUCT:			
Assistance to Residents	9,355.93		
Postage/Supplies	<u>15.49</u>		
		(9,371.42)	
BALANCE June 30, 2019	\$	45,076.45	

TOWN CLERK RESTORATION RESERVE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 14,537.24

ADD:

Interest	8.60	
Town Clerk Remittance	<u>5,782.00</u>	
		5,790.60

DEDUCT:

Records restoration	1,183.47	
New Equipment		
		(1,183.47)

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 19,144.37

This reserve fund is to be used only for the purpose of record preservation.

This Fund is invested with Peoples United Bank.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 185,017.97

ADD:

Interest	85.79	
Net Investment Gains	1,828.21	
NorthStar (VT Prof. Srv)	25,871.36	
Town Meeting Appropriation	<u>25,000.00</u>	
		52,785.36

DEDUCT:

VY Decommissioning	498.27	
Net Investment Losses		
		(498.27)

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 237,306.06

At Town Meeting, March 1, 1999, this fund was established by Article 11 with the remaining monies from the Act 60 Legal Services appropriation that had been raised under Article 2 in May, 1997.

The purpose of the Professional Services Fund is to represent the Town of Vernon's position on issues relating to utilities.

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 101,334.77

ADD:

Interest	.68	
Net Investment Gains	5,080.27	
		5,080.95

DEDUCT:

Rescue Subscriptions	180.00	
Net Investment Losses		
		(180.00)

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 106,235.72

At Town Meeting, March 2004, Article 20 voted to change the policy for Rescue Inc. reimbursements so that the Town not pay for the first service but rather encourage households to purchase subscriptions every year and for the Town to pay for subscriptions out of this Fund for households that cannot afford the cost of the subscription.

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

PAY AS YOU THROW FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 2,052.15

ADD:

Interest		
Trash Bag Sales	<u>70,731.65</u>	
		70,731.65

DEDUCT:

Supplies	6,550.00	
Rebate on trash bags	250.00	
Tipping Fee	21,349.00	
Refuse Collection	<u>52,913.80</u>	
		(81,062.80)

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ (8,279.00)

At Town Meeting in March, 2017 Article 19 voted to establish a Pay-As-You-Throw Fund into which all PAYT revenue shall be deposited for management of all fiscal activities associated with the PAYT Program.



JAMES CUSICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOWN OF VERNON REQUIREMENTS

1. An application shall be submitted to the Selectboard Chairperson or the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 P.M. or the close of normal business hours on July 1st of each year.

2. Any Vernon resident as determined by V.S.A. 16: 1075 may apply for a scholarship for assistance for up to a total of four years, each year the resident may reapply. The purpose of the scholarship fund is for the resident to further their education or training upon receipt of a high school diploma or an equivalent as determined by the Vermont Department of Education. The resident shall become eligible for the scholarship upon receipt of the application by the Selectboard Chairperson or the Town Clerk within six years of the date of graduation. A resident becomes ineligible at the end of the sixth year from when his/her high school diploma or equivalent certificate was awarded.

3. Applicant must have been eligible to attend the Vernon School system for a minimum of five academic years as a resident immediately prior to receipt of the high school diploma or the equivalent.

4. The number of recipients, and the amount provided, shall be determined by the money available.

5. For less than a full-time post-secondary status, a pro-rata reduction in the amount of the scholarship will be made, but in no case will a less than 50% status for an academic year, as determined by the school, be eligible for the scholarship.

6. The student is responsible to provide verification to the Town Clerk by January 15 that they have completed the first semester and are enrolled for the second semester. Acceptable forms of verification are:

Verification form provided by the Town Clerk

Student grade report

Tuition bill

Letter of enrollment

Any other official document form from the school that satisfies the enrollment verification.

7. Checks will be issued each year during the last two weeks of January, payable to the Vernon resident and mailed to the student's home address unless otherwise stipulated.

8. Any scholarship recipient, whose status changes during or before the academic year, is fully responsible for notifying the Town Clerk of the change. Any scholarship recipient who receives an award for which they are ineligible due to said status change, residency, or other requirements outlined above, will be responsible for reimbursing the town within ninety days.

9. The Selection Committee is the Chairperson of the Vernon School Board, Chairperson of the Vernon Selectboard, and the Principal of the Vernon Elementary School. All decisions of the Committee shall be by majority vote. The Selection Committee will review applications no later than July 15th. Students will be notified within five days of the Committee's decision.

Any request for reconsideration must be made in writing within ten calendar days following the initial decision. The request must be made by the resident and must cite the specific details needing to be reconsidered. Any reconsideration of the Committee's decision must be made by a majority vote of the Committee and the decision of the Committee is final.

Application forms are available at the Vernon Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN OF VERNON—JAMES CUSICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018	\$58,770.33
----------------------	-------------

ADD:

Interest	1.54
Net Investment Gains	<u>2,534.51</u>
	2,536.05

DEDUCT:

2017/2018 Scholarships	(24,250.00)
Net Investment Losses	<u>(24,250.00)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2019	\$37,056.38
-----------------------	-------------

At Town Meeting, February 28, 2011, it was voted by Article 20 that the following restriction be placed upon this Fund:

No more than \$40,000.00 shall be disbursed in any year and after five (5) years the Selectboard shall review the disbursement guidelines, as well as the appropriation disbursement levels.

Applications and guidelines are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Fund is invested with Edward Jones.



CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

EMERGENCY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 1,621,360.87

ADD:

Interest	9.76	
Net Investment Gains	<u>75,053.42</u>	
		75,063.18

DEDUCT:

Due from Solid Waste	1,570.00	
Transfer to Capital Plan 180,128.00		
Town Meeting Appropriation		(181,698.00)

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 1,514,726.05

Creation of the Fund:

At Town Meeting, March 6, 2000, Article 31 voted to establish an Emergency Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of providing perpetual funds for unanticipated and emergency Capital replacements or repairs and to help defray the cost of the annual appropriation of the Capital Plan. Through Article 32, this new fund received a total of \$1,755,002.02 by transferring the monies from two existing funds: \$790,346.99 in the Town Building/Facilities Major Repair and Upgrade Fund and \$964,655.03 in the Vehicles/Equipment Major Repairs and Replacement Fund. It was envisioned that the Town would be able to fund future capital purchases exclusively through investment income generated annually by the balance in the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund, without having to raise the monies through taxes.

Operation of the Fund:

All normal capital purchases or refurbishments are to be included in and funded by the Capital Plan. Failure to plan and include required purchases into the Capital Plan does not constitute an emergency, and the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund shall not be used for such purposes.

The Selectboard was authorized to approve, by a majority vote, emergency capital expenditures of \$10,000 or more from the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund. All amounts so expended shall be replenished through an article presented to the next Annual Town Meeting. If the emergency expenditure exceeds \$100,000, the Town Meeting voters may authorize replenishment over several years.

It was voted that each year all interest and dividends earned by the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund shall be applied to reduce the cost of the annual appropriation for the Capital Plan. Careful management of the Capital Plan should allow preservation of the principal of the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund.

This Fund is invested with Edward Jones



VERNON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 11,029.18

ADD:

Interest	12.91	
Recycle Bin Income	28.00	
FY18-19 Accounts Payable	4,832.20	
To Cover Cash Flow	1,570.00	
Town Mtg Appropriation	64,198.00	
Net Investment Gains	<u>55.27</u>	
		70,696.38

DEDUCT:

Wind. Solid Waste Mgmt		
District Assessment	19,197.16	
FY17-18 Expenses	4,406.80	
Recycle Collection	27,253.70	
Tipping Fee	1,915.00	
Refuse Collection	27,798.50	
Net Investment Losses		<u>(80,571.16)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 1,154.40

This Fund was established in March 1987, for the purpose of funding a future study, operation, purchase or development of a landfill dump or other means of solid waste disposal.

At Town Meeting, March 7, 1989, Article 36 voted that expenditures of less than \$10,000.00 may be authorized by the Selectboard; greater expenditures will require town meeting approval.

This Fund is invested with Edward Jones

TOWN ROAD UPGRADING FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 407,204.25

ADD:

Interest	95.81	
Net Investment Gains	5,507.22	
State Aid to Highways	58,784.59	
Twn Mtg Appropriation	<u>90,550.00</u>	
		154,937.62

DEDUCT:

Yrly Road Maintenance	262,236.89	
FY17-18 Expenses	544.93	
Net Investment Losses		<u>(262,781.82)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 299,360.05

At Town Meeting, March 7, 1989, Article 38 voted that all restrictions be removed and replaced with the following restrictions: This Fund will be used solely for the necessary surveys, land acquisitions and construction costs required for widening or upgrading existing town roads. Disbursement from this fund shall only be authorized by the Selectboard.

This Fund is invested with Edward Jones

TOWN PARKING LOTS MAINTENANCE FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 67,567.94

ADD:

Interest	34.52	
Town Mtg Appropriation	2,500.00	
Investment Gain	<u>20.30</u>	
		2,554.82

DEDUCT:

Investment Losses

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 70,122.76

At Town Meeting in March, 2011, Article 26 voted to establish a Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund for maintenance of Town owned parking lots. This Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

TOWN CULVERT FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 57,639.30

ADD:

Twn Mtg Appropriation	50,000.00	
Aid Pilot Project Grant	3,100.00	
Interest	<u>48.86</u>	
		53,148.86

DEDUCT:

Culvert Maintenance

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 110,788.16

At Town Meeting in March, 2016, Article 19 voted to establish a Culvert Reserve Fund to be used for the purpose of purchasing culverts.

VERNON CAPITAL FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 1,582,218.35

ADD:

Interest	311.67	
Net Investment Gains		
(Realized & Unrealized)	46,215.58	
Town Meeting Appropriation	<u>180,128.00</u>	
		226,655.25

DEDUCT:

Town Office Server	9,524.10	
Tennis Court Resurfacing	14,548.00	
Town Office Elect. Locks	9,021.00	
Front End Loader Repl.	145,585.00	
SCBA Air Paks Replacement	134,000.00	
Library Children's Project	9,620.00	
Net Investment Losses	-	<u>(322,298.10)</u>

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 1,486,575.50

At Town Meeting, March 6, 1990, Article 35 voted to establish a Vernon Capital Fund for the purpose of providing funding for the items authorized in the Vernon Capital Plan.

The Fund is invested with People's United Bank.

POLICY ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE VERNON CAPITAL PLAN

1. Definitions:

Capital Plan

The list of all capital additions or replacements of a value greater than or equal to \$10,000, **required** for the continued maintenance of town services. It is essential that the Capital Plan include only 'need' items not 'want or nice to have' items. All items in the plan shall be reviewed by the Capital Plan Committee and Select board and approved by the Town at the annual Town Meeting. No capital purchase of \$10,000 or more (unless an unforeseeable emergency) will be made, unless it is processed through the Capital Plan. It is essential that aggressive and thorough planning and review by the sponsoring department be made on the recommendation for items to be included in the plan. The Capital Plan cannot be allowed to become a wish list for last minute major purchases. It is expected that at a minimum, the year prior to a planned purchase a detailed bid specification will be developed by the requesting department, considering the best long-term interest of the town. The plan is reviewed and updated every year and shall look at a minimum of five (5) years in the future. Only items included in the approved plan can be funded by the Capital Fund. Items in the Plan will have a planned need date and an expected cost in the need year. The addition of items to the Capital Plan shall be accomplished through the Capital planning guideline.

Capital Fund

A pooled fund established to provide the necessary resources to pay for items authorized in the Capital Plan. Annual appropriations will be made to the fund based on the previously issued and approved Capital planning guidelines. The money appropriated for any particular item shall be retained in the fund until that item is either cancelled or purchased. All unused money for any particular item shall be retained in the pooled fund and classified as excess funds for use on other items or to reduce the amount of money needed to be raised for future appropriations. Any money raised from the resale of capital Plan items shall be returned to the Capital Fund as excess funds. Once an item has satisfied a bid specification and has been paid for from the Capital Fund, no further expenditures can be made from this fund for accessories or enhancements to the purchased item. Last minute additions are indicative of poor planning and anticipation and should be funded by the sponsor agency's operating budget, when funds are available for such discretionary expenses.

Excess Funds

Resources available in the Capital Fund after all planned purchases for that year have been completed. In order to provide protection for some unanticipated increases in the cost of a Plan item, funding for items will try to be as conservative as possible. Because of this it is anticipated that actual purchase cost of items will be lower than the projected cost appropriated for in the fund. These unused funds along with interest and dividends earned, returns from resale of capital items, and cancellation of items from the Capital Plan partially funded in prior years, will constitute excess funds in the Capital Fund. For management purposes a small amount of excess funds will intentionally be left in the Capital Fund every year to allow for unexpected cost overruns of authorized items. All other excess funds will be applied to help defray the amount of money needed to be raised every year to fund the necessary annual appropriation.

2. Establishing the Plan:

Every year, the Capital Plan Committee will review with the various town departments, the expected needs for that department for the foreseeable future. Any previously existing item in the plan will also be reviewed to

assure that the need still exists, and that the details of the item description are still what the department needs. The Capital Plan Committee will then make an assessment on the appropriateness of the need request and vote to either include, delete, or modify the item requested to be added to the Capital Plan. For all items identified to be included in the plan, the committee will establish the required funding, including annual appropriations necessary to assure that the resources are available in the Capital Fund when the item is required to be purchased. The completed Capital Plan will be presented to the Select Board at one of their regularly scheduled meetings for review and acceptance. Prior to the Annual Town Meeting a public hearing will be warned and held to present and explain the Capital Plan to the interested townspeople. Formal approval of the plan will be made by warned article to the Annual Town Meeting.

Prior to January 15 of every year, the Capital Plan Committee shall provide the following reports for inclusion in the Town Report:

The Capital Plan Summary, which is a brief summary of all items proposed for inclusion in the Capital Plan with the need year and projected total cost identified.

The Capital Plan Funding Projections, which is a minimum five (5) year projection of the annual allocations necessary to fund the items approved in the Capital Plan. These projections will utilize the planning guidelines as the basis for balancing allocations and cost distribution.

The Capital Fund Status, which is a detailed year end accounting of all Capital Fund appropriations and expenditures, with Capital Plan committee assessments of which funds are excess, and a recommendation for the use of these excess funds to help defray expenses for the following year's appropriation.

3. Making purchases from the Plan:

For all plan items, the requesting department will prepare a detailed bid specification for presentation to the Select Board. At the Select Board's discretion, a member of the Capital Plan Committee may be requested to be present at the board meeting where reviews of Capital Plan purchase specifications are conducted. This Capital Plan Committee member will provide confirmation to the board that the item requested is consistent with the item described in the approved Capital Plan. Once all bids are received for the item to be purchased, the Selectboard will make the choice that best fits the town's needs. The targeted cost for each Capital Plan item was established conservatively high, so adequate funds should be available to cover the cost of the item. If the best price received still exceeds the targeted cost included in the Capital Fund for the item, and the item is as described in the Capital Plan, then the use of excess funds may be applied to the purchase of the item. Mid-year determination of the availability of excess funds can be made by consultation with the town treasurer and members of the Capital Plan Committee. If sufficient excess funds are not currently available, then the purchase will have to be delayed until later in the year when additional excess funds are made available, or deferred to the following year. Deferral of purchases to the following year will allow for additional appropriations to be made for the item. If the item's purchase cannot be deferred to later in the year or the following year, then the Select Board may allow the purchase to made creating a shortfall in the Capital Fund. This shortfall will then be restored by increasing the money to be raised in the following year.

4. Capital Planning guidelines:

a. All capital expenditures must be submitted for inclusion in the Capital Plan in advance of the need based on the projected future cost and the following minimum schedule:

Projected cost	Years in Advance of Need
\$10,000-\$20,000	2
\$20,001-\$30,000	3
\$30,001-\$40,000	4
\$40,001-\$55,000	5
\$55,001-\$75,000	6
\$75,001-\$95,000	7
\$95,001-\$115,000	8
\$115,001-\$150,000	10
\$150,001 -	15

Exceptions to this schedule will be considered for unusual circumstances on a case by case basis.

b. All equipment replacement need dates will be based on projected end of useful life. The requesting department will be responsible to establish quantifiable measures to determine when end of useful life is achieved (i.e. annual repair cost, out of service time, mileage, operating house, etc.). The Capital Plan Committee and the Department will mutually agree on the acceptability of the proposed end of useful life indicators. Irrespective of when an item on the Capital Plan is projected to be purchased (need date), it will not be authorized for purchase until the actual end of useful life.

c. Funding for all approved Capital items will be pro-rated from the need date based on a minimum schedule consistent with that identified in paragraph 4a, above.

5. Sale of items being replaced:

As stated in paragraph 4a, items being replaced under the Capital Plan have been determined to be at the end of useful life and thus serve no purpose or benefit for the Town and should be sold as soon as possible. It is preferable to trade these in toward the purchase of the new item. If the Selectboard and Capital Plan Committee determine that it will benefit the Town to sell outright rather than trade, then it should be done as follows: The Department Head will put such items out to bid with Selectboard approval within 30 days. The sale will be completed within 60 days and funds received through this sale will be put in the Capital Plan Fund as excess funds as stated in Paragraph 1 under Excess Funds.



VERNON CAPITAL FUND STATUS

Item	Need Year	Previous Bal.	FY19-20 Appropriation	Total Available	FY 18-19 Expenditures less Income	Fund Balance	Used to Offset FY19-20 Approp	Excess Funds
Town Van	2022/2023	50,000.00	12,500.00	62,500.00		62,500.00		
Brush #1	2017/2018	56,937.00	4,031.00	60,968.00		60,968.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2004)	2019/2020	200,919.00	4,081.00	205,000.00		205,000.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2009)	2021/2022	211,321.00	19,339.00	230,660.00		230,660.00		
Dump Truck Diesel (2012)	2024/2025	165,772.00	17,846.00	183,618.00		183,618.00		
Back Hoe Case 580SuprM (2008)	2029/2030	15,280.00	15,280.00	30,560.00		30,560.00		
Front End Loader (1997 Replace)	2017/2018	208,800.00		208,800.00	(145,585.00)	63,215.00		
3/4 Ton Pick-up Truck (1998)	2012/2013	46,375.00	1,625.00	48,000.00		48,000.00		
Two Ton Dump Truck (2003)	2015/2016	96,375.00	1,625.00	98,000.00		98,000.00		
Town Garage Roof	2021/2022	54,000.00	18,000.00	72,000.00		72,000.00		
Fuel Tanks - inground	2028/2029	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00		15,000.00		
Tanker #1 Replace	2024/2025	270,000.00	30,000.00	300,000.00		300,000.00		
Engine #3 Replace (2000 KME)	2031/2032	21,430.00	21,430.00	42,860.00		42,860.00		
Fire Station Roof	2021/2022		12,670.00	12,670.00		12,670.00		
Replace SCBA Bottles	2017/2018	44,000.00		44,000.00	(44,000.00)	-		
Replace SCBA Air Packs	2017/2018	90,000.00		90,000.00	(90,000.00)	-		
Medtronic LifePak (EMT use)			15,000.00	15,000.00		15,000.00		
Computer Server	2017/2018	10,000.00		10,000.00	(9,524.10)	475.90		
Records Storage Room	2016/2017	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00		6,000.00		
Electronic Key System	2018/2019	10,000.00		10,000.00	(9,021.00)	979.00		
Energy Efficiency Upgrades	2022/2023	20,000.00	20,000.00	40,000.00		40,000.00		
Tennis Court Resurfacing	2018/2019	20,000.00		20,000.00	(14,548.00)	5,452.00		
Recreation Lawn Tractor	2017/2018	11,500.00		11,500.00		11,500.00		
Bins, Shelving, Furniture - Library	2018/2019	10,000.00		10,000.00	(9,620.00)	380.00		
Used to offset FY19 Appropriation				-		-	\$ 7,715.12	
Interest							773.00	
Subtotals		\$ 1,621,709.00	\$ 205,427.00	1,827,136.00	\$ (322,298.10)	\$ 1,504,837.90	\$ 8,488.12	\$ -

2020-2021 TOWN OF VERNON CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTIONS

	Need Year	Bal 6/30/19	FY2019/2020	FY2020/2021	FY2021/2022	FY2022/2023	FY2023/2024	FY2024/2025	FY2025/2026	Projected Cost	Comments
<u>Town Transportation</u>											
(2008) Town Van	2022/2023	50,000	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500				100,000	Buy diesel & No CDL
<u>Highway Department</u>											
(1998) Pick Up Truck 3/4 Ton	2019/2020	46,375	1,625							48,000	Pushed back one year need
(2004) Dump Int'l 7600 Diesel	2019/2020	200,919	4,081							205,000	Pushed back one year need
(2003) Dump Ford 1 ton	2019/2020	96,375	1,625							98,000	Pushed back one year need
(1997) Fmt End Loader Case 621B	2017/2018										\$145,585 Spent - \$63,215 returned
(2010) Dump Truck Int'l Diesel	2021/2022	211,321	19,339	19,340						250,000	
(2013) Dump Truck Int'l Diesel	2024/2025	165,772	17,846	17,846	17,846	17,846	17,846	17,844		255,000	
(2008) Back Hoe Case 580SupM	2029/2030	15,280	15,280	15,280	15,280	15,280	15,280	15,280	15,280	168,000	Will review yearly
(1991) Town Garage Roof	2024/2025	54,000	18,000	18,000						90,000	
(2015) Tractor & Rotary Mower JD	2035/2036			6,875	6,875	6,875	6,875	6,875	6,875	110,000	20 yr life exp. (\$93,525)
Fuel Tanks - inground	2037/2038	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	200,000	Cathetic Project. Monitoring
<u>Fire Department</u>											
(1974) Brush 1 Ford	2020/2021	56,937	4,031	4,032						65,000	
(2015) Engine 1 Pumper	2035/2036			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	400,000	2015 purchase (\$200,344)
(1994) Tanker 1 pumper/tanker Frontline	2024/2025	270,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000		450,000	
(2000) Engine 3 - KM E in 2002	2031/2032	21,430	21,430	27,380	27,380	27,380	27,380	27,380	27,380	350,000	Repl in 14 years (\$292,455)
(1996) Fire Station Roof - tar paper, stone	2021/2022		12,670	12,670	12,660					38,000	Waiting for Info from Fire Chief
(2014) Fire Station Furnace	2033/2034									12,000	Sandri - 20 yr life expectancy
Replace SCBA Air Packs	2017/2018									90,000	\$90,000 Spent
Replace SCBA bottles	2017/2018									44,000	\$44,000 Spent
Medtronic LifePak 12 (EMT use)	2019/2020		15,000	15,000						30,000	
<u>Town Office</u>											
Computer Server	2017/2018										\$9,524.10 Spent - \$475.90 returned
Lower Vault Improvements	2021/2022	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000					10,000	Rolling shelves
Electronic Key System	2018/2019										\$9,021 Spent - \$979 returned
Energy Efficiency Upgrades	2027/2028	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	200,000	Insulation and A/C
Furnace/Boiler	2029/2030			4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000	
Painting	2022/2023			10,000	10,000					20,000	
Septic	2030/2031			3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	30,000	
<u>Recreation Department</u>											
(1999) Tennis Court Resurfacing	2018/2019										\$14,548.00 Spent - \$5,452 returned
Lawn Tractor	2021/2022	11,500								11,500	
<u>Library</u>											
Bins, shelving, furniture - Children	2018/2019										\$9,620 Spent - \$380 returned
Totals:		\$ 1,228,909	\$ 205,427	\$ 252,923	\$ 196,541	\$ 171,881	\$ 159,381	\$ 159,379	\$ 111,535	\$ 3,314,500	
Interest & Gains:											
Returned/Excess Funds:				(46,527.00)							
				(70,501.00)							
Grand Total To Be Appropriated:				135,895.00							
Less Income from ER Capital Reserve Fund:				(75,053.00)							
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES :				60,842.00							
NOTE: Review yearly North School, Museum, Cap. Bldg Repairs, Pool, TO Roof - 2007 w/50 yr shingles											

				TRUST FUNDS			
Cemetery Trust Funds							ALEXANDER
Trustees - Selectboard		TYLER		NORTH		SOUTH	PERRY
June 30, 2019- Shares							
(held by Town and on Deposit)							
Mass. Investors Trust		6,574.705					
George Putnam Fund		275.783					55.000
American Mutual Fund				864.569			
Investment Co. of America				144.756		89.851	
Balance July 1, 2018							
Edward Jones							
Original Deposit		\$ 2,815.11		\$ 1,747.15		\$ 222.16	\$ 239.78
Accumulated Income		44,145.95		38,293.53		8,051.08	3,374.14
		\$ 46,961.06		\$ 40,040.68		\$ 8,273.24	\$ 3,613.92
ADD: Receipts							
Dividends & Capital Gains		8,553.50		731.02		184.47	90.05
Bank Interest		118.67		230.62		97.43	58.48
Transfer from MFS		5,000.00					
Cemetery Lots Sold							
Investment Gains		2,130.39		1,542.42		114.30	
Insurance Reimbursement				7,154.50			
DEDUCT: Cemetery Expenses							
Replace Marker & Cornerstones							
Surveying Services							
Landscaping Services		(8,320.00)		\$ (7,654.50)		-	
Investment Losses							
Lot Buy Back		(1,100.00)					
	Total Expense	\$ (9,420.00)		\$ (7,654.50)		\$ -	\$ -
Balances June 30, 2019							
Original Deposit		\$ 2,815.11		\$ 1,747.15		\$ 222.16	\$ 239.78
Accumulated Income		50,528.51		40,297.59		8,447.28	3,522.67
	Polly A. Lee Cemetery Lot					Whithed Cemetery Fund	
People's Trust		Deposit		Interest			
Balance July 1, 2018		\$ 125.00		\$ 1,080.05		\$ 243.79	
Interest & Income				0.66		0.12	
Donations				200.00			
Balance June 30, 2019		\$ 125.00		\$ 1,280.71		\$ 243.91	
Trustees		Treasurer				Selectboard	

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

TOWN OF VERNON GRANGE #228 SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

BALANCE July 1, 2018 \$ 29,225.56

ADD:

Interest	.02
Net Investment Gains	<u>1,474.96</u>
	1,474.98

DEDUCT:

Scholarship	
Net Investment Losses	

BALANCE June 30, 2019 \$ 30,700.54

Guidelines and applications are available at the Town Clerk's office.

This Fund is invested with Edward Jones.

GUIDELINES FOR TOWN OF VERNON GRANGE #228 SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Who is eligible?

Any Vernon resident who has resided in town for at least six years who is attending or has been accepted in an agricultural program* at a post-secondary institution.

OR

A Vernon High School Senior who has been accepted in an agricultural program* at a post-secondary institution and has attended Vernon schools for at least six years.

How much are the awards?

\$500.00

For less than a full-time student, a pro-rata reduction in the amount of the scholarship is made.

How are they awarded?

Award is based on completion of application form plus a personal resume which will include the following:

1. Brief life history of the applicant
2. Financial need
3. Educational and vocational goals

Deadline:

Application and resume must be received in writing by the Town Clerk's office on or before 4:00 p.m. on May 1st. Applications received after that date will not be eligible for consideration.

When will the awards be presented?

Checks will be issued each year in August.

Selection Committee:

Member of Selectboard
Member of Farmland Committee
Town Resident

**Besides dairy farming, agriculture may also include landscaping, forestry, green house, aquatic farming, fruit farming, etc.*

Governor Hunt House
First Floor –
Kitchen looking toward
dining room.



ALICE J. BROOKS FUND

Mrs. Alice J. Brooks left \$5,000 in 1941, for the relief of poor children and aged persons in the Town of Vernon. The Selectboard were instructed to invest this, and interest or income alone, could be used per the will.

Total Shares 1957-2018

Mass. Investors Trust	4,981.169 held on deposit
George Putnam Fund	896.858 held on deposit

Edward Jones

BALANCE July 1, 2018	\$ 22,294.49
----------------------	--------------

ADD:

Interest	8.51
Dividend	1,940.18
Investment Gain	<u>320.77</u>

2,269.46

DEDUCT:

Resident Assistance
Investment Loss

BALANCE June 30, 2019	\$ 24,563.95
-----------------------	--------------

Trustee—Selectboard

MARSH FUND

This fund was a result of a \$2,000 legacy to the Town of Vernon in the will of Mrs. Anna Marsh in 1835. The interest is to be appropriated annually for the "Preaching of the Gospel in said Town." Each year a committee is chosen at the Annual Meeting for disbursement of the fund.

Total Shares 1957-2018

389.485 held on deposit in American Mutual Fund.

Edward Jones

BALANCE July 1, 2018	\$ 1,552.70
----------------------	-------------

ADD:

Interest	.68
Dividends	<u>195.76</u>

196.44

DEDUCT:

Advent Christian Church	168.27
7th Day Adventist Church	168.27
Vernon Union Church	<u>168.27</u>
(504.81)	

BALANCE June 30, 2018	\$ 1,244.33
-----------------------	-------------

Trustee—Selectboard



Pond Road Chapel

SCOTT & NOYES MEMORIAL FUND

The executor for the Mary A. Scott estate was directed by Probate Court, October 29, 1927, to pay \$10,513.18 to the Vernon Town Treasurer. This was to be held in trust and invested with income only to be used annually for preaching the Gospel and for the Advent Christian Home at South Vernon.

After a committee representing the beneficiaries met to investigate changes in disbursement, it was recommended in 1976, that the Trustee's judgment be used regarding disbursement in accordance with the will.

Total Shares 1957-2018

Mass Investors Trust	2,369.890 held on deposit
George Putnam Fund	424.000 held on deposit

Edward Jones

(base sum non-expendable-\$217.18)

BALANCE July 1, 2018	\$ 1,919.58
----------------------	-------------

ADD:

Interest	.70
Dividends	<u>884.37</u>
885.07	

DEDUCT:

Advent Christian Church, Inc.	428.27
Advent Christian Homes, Inc.	428.27
Seventh Day Adventist Church	428.27
Vernon Union Church	<u>428.27</u>
	(1,713.08)

BALANCE June 30, 2019	\$ 1,091.57
-----------------------	-------------

Trustee – Town Treasurer

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

2018-2019 Grand List			
Appraised Value - Town		\$	3,253,999.52
1% of Grand List		\$	32,540.00
2018-2019 Municipal Tax Rate			0.4357
2018-2019 Local Agreement Tax Rate			0.0019
Total Municipal Tax Rate			0.4376
2018-2019 School Grand List (as determined by state)			
Homestead Education		\$	1,297,736.58
Non-Residential Education			3,707,154.00
2018-2019 School Tax Rates (as determined by state)			
Homestead Rate: 1.3314			1.7690
Non Residential Rate: 1.4052			1.8428
Taxes to be raised per Town Meeting March 5, 2018			
School Budget Expenditures		\$	5,730,650.00
State Spending Grant			0.00
Total School Taxes to be Raised			\$ 5,730,650.00
Homestead Education Raised			1,733,745.74
Non-Residential Education Raised			3,778,288.11
Grand Total School Taxes to be Raised			\$ 5,512,033.85
Total Town Taxes to be Raised			
Municipal Grand List		\$	1,417,755.51
Local Agreement			6,182.61
Grand Total Town Taxes to be Raised			\$ 1,423,938.12
Total Town and School Taxes to be Raised			\$ 6,935,971.97
Late Filed HS-121			(2,654.63)
Entergy Vermont Yankee			450,000.00
Lister's Error			(118.89)
Penalties on Late Filed HS-121			310.07
Total Taxes Billed			\$ 7,383,508.52
Current Taxes Raised - 5-02-2019			\$ 6,288,554.93
Total Delinquent Taxes Paid 18/19			545,033.13
Total Delinquent Taxes Owed 18/19			32,476.52
Tax Credits: School			520,787.11
Refund Overpaid Taxes			(2,781.45)
Disb. Overpaid Taxes to Delinquent Tax Collector - Whipple			(561.72)
Total Taxes Accounted For			\$ 7,383,508.52

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Outstanding Taxes July 1, 2018	\$ 61,971.62
ADD: 2018/2019 Delinquent Tax	577,509.65
LESS: 2018/2019 Collections	(596,966.45)
Total Delinquent June 30, 2019	\$ 42,514.82

	To Collector	July 17-June 18 Collections	Balance June 30, 2018
2018/19	577,509.65	545,033.13	32,476.52
2076/18	47,268.36	40,543.69	6,724.67
2016/17	11,406.88	9,810.75	1,596.13
2015/16	588.36		588.36
2014/15	556.06		556.06
2013/14	<u>2,151.96</u>	<u>1,578.88</u>	<u>573.08</u>
\$	639,481.27	\$596,966.45	\$ 42,514.82

The following Delinquent Taxes are charged against the names below on the Tax Collector's books **as of June 30, 2019.** Several payments have been made since that fiscal year ending date.

Unless the Auditors are notified to the contrary, it will be assumed the tax amounts listed are correct. Penalties are added by the Tax Collector according to the Vermont Statutes.

1 % interest is also added monthly per vote at Town Meeting, March 1996.

ANY PAYMENT RECEIVED **AFTER JUNE 30, 2019,** IS NOT REFLECTED IN THIS LISTING.

2018/2019

Bailey, Philip & Jo Ann	2,373.77
Bell, Kelley V.	2,345.88
Buisa, Mario	435.16
Carman, Nathan	1,030.12
Casey, Jean A.	2,187.39
Chamblee, Marcus C.	13.14
Cliche, Marian E. & Rose M. (Estate)	751.86
Casey, William & Jean A. (Estate)	
Deering, Mary E.	2,394.12
Dunham, Jeffrey	1,810.48
EGP, Inc.	3,001.20
Evans, Margery C., Charles E. & Chester R.	368.92
Gilbert, Shenandoah	1,276.23
Jenson, Donald F. & Patricia G.	88.97

Kellom, Denise	268.57
Lee, Jackie B. & Robert E.	1,485.30
Lee, Robert E.	141.51
Manch, William A.	595.98
Maycock, Louisa A.	56.70
Mercier, Terry J.	1,160.97
Nesbitt, Cameron	2,207.67
Paquette, Robert (Estate) & Patti	276.55
Paquette, Steven L.	328.63
Parro, Scott & Ann-Lyn	1,481.48
Putnam, Craig K. & Lori	687.36
Putnam, Kevin D.	1,691.00
Rausch, Peter Joseph	224.77
Miller-Rausch, Michele Ann	
Renaud, Heath	49.87
Gouin, Wilfred L.	
Tyson, Deborah J.	393.87
Washburn, Elliott S.	347.23
Williams, Arnold & Melanie	2,038.39
Worden, Michael J. & Lisa Marie	1,013.43

2017/2018

Bailey, Philip & JoAnn	755.67
Cliche, Marian E. & Rose M. (Estate)	721.38
Casey, William & Jean A. (Estate)	
Dunham, Jeffrey	1,321.02
Lee, Robert J.	48.12
Lynch, Jerome P. & Diane P.	1,863.30
Lynch, Shirley A. & Jesse F.	
McAllister, Daniel H. & Kelly A.	553.76
Putnam, Craig K. & Lori	659.49
Tyson, Deborah J.	801.93

2016/2017

Clinche, Marian E. & Rose M. (Estate)	690.93
Casey, William & Jean A.	
Lynch, Jerome P. & Diane P.	401.23
Lynch, Shirley A & Lynch, Jesse F.	
McAllister, Daniel H. & Kelly A.	59.97
Tyson, Deborah J.	444.00

2015/2016

Clinche, Marian E. & Rose M. (Est)	588.36
Casey, William & Jean A.	

2014/2015

Cliché, Marian E. & Rose M. (Est)	556.06
Casey, William & Jean A.	

2013/2014

Cliché, Marian E. & Rose M. (Est)	573.08
Casey, William & Jean A.	

COMPARATIVE BALANCE WORKSHEET FY 18-19

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand or in Bank		
Town Checking Account	44,000.00	44,000.00
Invested Sweep Account	2,114,655.65	1,880,050.89
Treasurer's Change Fund	100.00	100.00
Treasurer's Office Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Town Clerk's Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Emergency Management Petty Cash	50.00	50.00
Inventory Gas and Diesel	31,319.76	31,522.20
Grant Receivable	43,236.75	
	<u>\$ 2,233,462.16</u>	<u>\$ 1,955,823.09</u>
Delinquent Taxes Receivable		
Real & Personal (Prior Years)	61,971.69	42,514.89
Interest Receivable	4,946.49	5,291.20
Penalty Receivable	4,838.52	5,699.30
	<u>\$ 71,756.70</u>	<u>\$ 53,505.39</u>
Accounts Receivable		
Vernon School District		
Gas	93.75	80.79
Treasurer's Supplies		
Treasurer's Dental		
RE Taxes Owed to Town		
Miscellaneous		
Recreation Income	4,673.36	6,902.53
Prepaid Expense		
Vernon Free Library		
State of Vermont	231.50	
Delinquent Taxes Due Town	24,654.15	6,854.23
Delinquent Tax Interest Due Town	995.84	416.27
Due Town For Del. Tax Collector	1,713.89	550.33
Prepaid Taxes		
Bus Pass Income		50.00
Town Picnic	3,170.98	1,331.23
Miscellaneous Income:	269.73	278.43
VLCT Property & Casualty		793.01
Town Clerk Remittance		50.00
Professional Services		25,871.35
Muni Grant		5,830.00
Adjustment per Outside Audit	(653.06)	(1,306.12)
Due From Other Funds		
Capital Fund	(794,800.03)	(472,813.60)
Culvert Fund	(57,639.30)	(150,355.79)
Dog Fund	(23,989.53)	(24,492.34)
Farmland Protection Fund	(49,152.85)	(49,177.43)
Parking Lot Maintenance Fund	(67,166.42)	(69,700.94)
Polly Lee Cemetery Fund	(1,205.05)	(1,405.71)
Professional Services	(152,722.02)	(225,181.89)
Reappraisal Fund	(192,180.94)	(153,878.18)
Restoration Fund	(14,537.24)	(19,144.37)
Reserve Fund	(50,258.22)	(50,282.10)
Town of Vernon Grange #228	(47.44)	(47.46)
Town Road Upgrade Fund	(298,258.70)	(184,907.28)
Unemployment Fund	(8,619.46)	(7,043.32)
Whithed Cemetery Fund	(243.79)	(243.91)
PAYT Fund	(2,052.15)	2,903.50
Solid Waste Fund	4,406.80	4,832.20
Town Road Upgrade Fund	544.93	
Elderly Assistance Fund	95.00	
Professional Services	4,032.59	
Reappraisal Fund		369.30
J M Miller Forest Fund		185.64
PAYT Fund	5,576.30	5,375.50
Unemployment Fund	176.71	2,138.75
Vernon Free Library	2,447.93	3,323.21
	<u>(1,660,442.74)</u>	<u>(1,341,844.17)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 644,776.12</u>	<u>\$ 667,484.31</u>

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
AND FUND BALANCE		
Accounts Payable	53,398.53	66,938.11
Accrued Salaries & FICA	17,865.38	23,974.68
Prepaid Taxes	7,656.31	6,517.78
Fees Due Tax Collector	4,838.53	5,785.78
Emp. Prop. Tax Withholding	800.00	800.00
BSCS Insurance Liability	(373.76)	(191.02)
Aflac	(149.21)	(219.65)
Dental Liability	1.60	162.92
Overpaid Taxes	1.53	16.92
Deferred Revenue	43,236.75	
Deferred Rec. Income	13,709.00	13,709.00
Deferred Tax Revenue	60,300.00	60,300.00
	<u>\$ 201,284.66</u>	<u>\$ 177,794.52</u>
Total Liabilities & Appropriations	\$ 201,284.66	\$ 177,794.52
Designated Funds (Reserves)	52,917.59	52,917.59
Fund Balance	390,573.87	436,772.20
Net Fund Balance	390,573.87	436,772.20
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ 644,776.12</u>	<u>\$ 667,484.31</u>

NOTE: The Town of Vernon has no long term indebtedness; therefore, a schedule of maturities is not included.

	FY18	FY19
Designated Fund Balance:		
Leader Program	991.05	991.05
EOC Budget Reserve	13,540.42	12,724.55
Fire Pond Maintenance	8,765.40	2,006.40
Pre-school Fundraiser	9,623.66	24,861.98
Tax Listing	2,435.00	2,435.00
Town Picnic	5,416.29	1,389.44
Recycling bin	197.60	0.10
Pre-school Scholarships	11,948.17	11,948.17
Bus Pass Income		1,559.12
L. Peduzzi Scholarship		950.34
B. Current Donation		164.95
Total Designated Fund Balance	\$ 52,917.59	\$ 59,031.10



SELECTBOARD REPORT 2020

2019 was another successful year for Vernon. Activities at the Vermont Yankee site are moving forward as expected and the Selectboard, along with the Planning and Economic Development Commission, has already taken steps toward planning future development at the site. This year, NorthStar, Inc. graciously agreed to fund our Annual Report, and as a result, we thought it was appropriate to dedicate space to showing residents the progress of decommissioning.

Another huge accomplishment this year was the completion and federal approval of our Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan will serve to highlight priorities and set goals that primarily focus on the safety of our residents. This includes road upgrades and erosion control where flooding is an issue, protection against invasive species, natural disaster preparedness and public education initiatives. Completion of this plan is not only a roadmap for future goals, but also a gateway to grant funding that has previously been out of our reach.

The Selectboard has begun to update ordinances on a regular basis. It is our intention to continue to review local ordinances on a regular basis in order to ensure they are relevant to the current times and current climate of our residents.

We completed work on the Municipal Planning Grant and were awarded another grant that the Planning Commission will use to work with NorthStar, Inc. and Antioch University in order to begin development planning for the Vermont Yankee site. Two (2) recreation grants were used to install video cameras, replace the doors to the pool house and add privacy screening to the bathrooms at the recreation center. The Highway department received two (2) grants to cover road improvements and planning. Additional grants are pending at the time of this publication.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Vernon. The Selectboard thanks all those who give their time and energy to serve on local boards or commissions. Without the volunteer spirit of our residents the work of this community would not get done. We all owe a debt of gratitude to all those who work in the service of others.

SELECTBOARD PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-2021

	Budget	Actuals	Receipts	Budget		
	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	Balance	Budget	Proposed Budget
				FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE						
Town Clerk's Salary	49,024.00	49,023.52		0.48	49,496.00	49,260.00
Assistant Town Clerk's Salary	15,767.00	15,072.83		694.17	15,919.00	15,848.00
Town Clerk's FICA	4,956.13	4,576.46		379.67	5,005.00	4,981.00
Health Insurance	14,798.00	14,772.30		25.70	15,486.00	16,260.00
Dental Insurance	627.00	597.96		29.04	627.00	659.00
New/Replace Office Equipment	200.00	72.49		127.51	200.00	200.00
Postage for Ballots	300.00	67.40		232.60	300.00	300.00
Vote Scanner Equipment	1,800.00	2,375.00		(575.00)	800.00	2,400.00
Travel & Conferences	600.00	478.00		122.00	1,600.00	800.00
Miscellaneous	600.00	742.36		(142.36)	400.00	800.00
Marriage License Quarterly Return	1,000.00	900.00		100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Income			16,812.17	<u>16,812.17</u>		
	89,672.13	88,678.32	16,812.17	17,805.98	90,833.00	92,508.00
TOWN TREASURER'S OFFICE						
Treasurer/Finance Director Salary	51,930.00	51,929.80		0.20	52,430.00	55,636.00
Assistant Treasurer	17,254.00	17,253.60		0.40	17,420.00	17,337.00
Treasurer/Finance Director's FICA	5,293.00	4,856.09		436.91	5,344.00	5,583.00
Health Insurance	14,798.00	14,772.30		25.70	15,486.00	16,260.00
Dental Insurance	627.00	597.96		29.04	627.00	659.00
New/Replace Office Equipment				-	-	
Travel & Conference	100.00	49.51		50.49	100.00	100.00
Income			1,185.66	<u>1,185.66</u>		
	90,002.00	89,459.26	1,185.66	1,728.40	91,407.00	95,575.00
LISTERS' OFFICE						
Listers' Salaries	43,059.00	26,868.81		16,190.19	43,059.00	43,059.00
Listers' FICA	3,295.00	2,067.38		1,227.62	3,295.00	3,295.00
Health Insurance	6,695.00	3,934.20		2,760.80	6,695.00	6,883.00
Dental Insurance	627.00	597.96		29.04	627.00	659.00
Travel & Conferences	1,200.00	747.21		452.79	1,200.00	1,200.00
	54,876.00	34,215.56		20,660.44	54,876.00	55,096.00

	Budget	Actuals	Receipts	Budget Balance	Budget	Proposed Budget
	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021
SELECTBOARD						
Select Board Salaries	10,000.00	10,000.00		-	10,000.00	10,000.00
Town Administrator	50,000.00	50,000.08		(0.08)	50,481.00	50,242.00
Select Board 's Administrative Assistant	6,000.00	1,735.99		4,264.01	3,000.00	3,000.00
FICA (Sel Bd, Secretary , Del Tax Coll.	5,049.00	8,166.24		(3,117.24)	4,857.00	6,000.00
Health Insurance (Administrator)	14,280.00	14,255.28		24.72	14,944.00	15,705.00
Dental Insurance (Administrator)	627.00	597.96		29.04	627.00	659.00
New/RepI Equipment/Supplies	500.00	-		500.00	500.00	500.00
Printing of Town Report	1,500.00	632.35		867.65	1,200.00	1,000.00
Postage for Town Report	200.00	177.65		22.35	200.00	200.00
Legal Services	20,000.00	15,409.27		4,590.73	15,000.00	15,500.00
Safety Committee Recommendations	500.00			500.00	500.00	500.00
Travel	1,000.00	3,173.83		(2,173.83)	2,500.00	2,500.00
Outside Audit	13,000.00	15,290.00		(2,290.00)	13,000.00	13,900.00
Miscellaneous		30.00		(30.00)	-	
Misc. Expense (Fireworks)		7,200.00		(7,200.00)		
Misc. Expense (Twn Picnic)		180.00	2,257.29	2,077.29		
Contributions & Gifts	200.00	150.44		49.56	300.00	300.00
Green-up - Local	150.00	123.08		26.92	150.00	150.00
Green-up - State *					150.00	150.00
Appreciation Activities	500.00					
Emergency Repair/Replacement	10,000.00	1,648.45		8,351.55	10,000.00	
*Welcome Signs: Maintenance/Landscaping	450.00	275.03		174.97	450.00	450.00
457(b) Contribution	10,500.00	10,509.97		(9.97)	11,000.00	11,100.00
Flags	100.00				265.00	100.00
Hiring Expenses	100.00					
Recruitment						6,500.00
Capital Needs Assessment						15,000.00
	144,656.00	139,555.62	2,257.29	7,357.67	139,124.00	153,456.00
*New 2019-2020						
GENERAL EXPENSES						
Secretary Service (Floaters)				-		
FICA				-		
General Office Supplies	5,500.00	4,368.88		1,131.12	5,500.00	5,500.00
Advertising	1,000.00	626.06		373.94	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone	14,000.00	13,659.72		340.28	14,000.00	14,000.00
Postage	3,500.00	2,051.02		1,448.98	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	500.00	318.45		181.55	500.00	500.00
VT. League of Cities and Towns	3,500.00	3,570.00		(70.00)	3,700.00	3,750.00
County Tax	26,134.00	26,134.00		-	26,500.00	34,116.00
Contracts Maint. & Repair	15,500.00	22,294.60		(6,794.60)	15,500.00	26,400.00
Technology Upgrades	5,000.00	4,001.80		998.20	5,000.00	5,000.00
Insurance & Bonds	121,000.00	120,177.50		822.50	121,000.00	121,000.00
Communications				-	1,800.00	1,800.00
Risk/Exposure Income			1,937.90	1,937.90		
	195,634.00	197,202.03	1,937.90	369.87	197,500.00	216,066.00
PLANNING						
Postage, Misc.	225.00	448.46		(223.46)	300.00	400.00
Windham Regional Planning Commission	9,000.00	4,975.00		4,025.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
Professional Assistance	685.00			685.00	685.00	1,000.00
Matching Grant *				-	6,000.00	6,000.00
Friend of Village Matching Grant		3,956.11	4,000.00	43.89		-
17' Muni Planning Grant		55.59		55.59		
18' Muni Planning Grant		21,335.83	15,262.00	(6,073.83)		
	9,910.00	30,770.99	19,262.00	(1,598.99)	12,185.00	12,600.00
*New 2019-2020						

	Budget	Actuals	Receipts	Budget Balance	Budget	Proposed Budget
	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021
RECREATION DEPARTMENT						
Director's Salary	49,631.00	49,416.47		214.53	49,868.00	49,773.00
Assistant Director's Salary	36,805.00	36,628.80		176.20	36,981.00	39,007.00
Maintenance Foreman	5,307.00	6,380.59		(1,073.59)	5,800.00	6,500.00
Water Safety Instructors	29,331.00	19,826.55		9,504.45	29,000.00	22,000.00
Day Camp Staff	13,906.00	15,279.60		(1,373.60)	13,500.00	13,500.00
Customer Service	5,494.00	5,303.02		190.98	5,494.00	5,494.00
Pre-school Director	28,086.00	26,616.97		1,469.03	27,301.00	28,793.00
Pre-school Assistant	28,325.00	29,820.88		(1,495.88)	29,390.00	29,390.00
Weekend Supervisor	3,000.00	2,072.41		927.59	3,000.00	3,000.00
FICA	15,954.00	15,014.66		939.34	15,326.00	15,106.00
Heath Insurance	76,653.00	71,025.05		5,627.95	72,441.00	77,671.00
Dental Insurance	2,508.00	2,391.43		116.57	2,508.00	2,634.00
Supplies	19,930.00	14,938.26		4,991.74	17,880.00	18,880.00
Utilities/Fuel Oil	8,700.00	6,807.04		1,892.96	8,700.00	7,200.00
Telephone	1,300.00	998.31		301.69	1,300.00	1,100.00
Contracts & Rentals	1,590.00	1,787.69		(197.69)	1,590.00	1,590.00
New/Replace Equipment	-	1,167.32		(1,167.32)		
Repairs and Maintenance	1,050.00	1,736.98		(686.98)	4,050.00	1,050.00
Programs	25,100.00	19,770.48		5,329.52	24,300.00	22,300.00
Matching Grant *					2,000.00	2,000.00
Travel & Conference		63.80		(63.80)		
Income			141,344.09	141,344.09		
	352,670.00	327,046.31	141,344.09	166,967.78	350,429.00	346,988.00
Pre-school Partnership		42,479.90		(42,479.90)		
Income (Pre-school Partnership)			\$ 82,491.75	82,491.75		
Preschool Fundraiser		\$ 2,017.06		(2,017.06)		
Income (Preschool Fundraiser)			\$ 3,517.00	3,517.00		
Grants/ Donations		\$ 13,821.70		(13,821.70)		
Income (Grants/Donations)			\$ 12,066.00	12,066.00		
	352,670.00	385,364.97	239,418.84	206,723.87	350,429.00	346,988.00
*New 2019-2020						
RECREATION SCHOOL RENTAL						
	221,270.00	221,270.00			227,466.00	231,105.00
	221,270.00	221,270.00		-	227,466.00	231,105.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS						
Groundkeeping		2,965.00		(2,965.00)	6,000.00	6,000.00
Cleaning	8,000.00	7,609.10		390.90	8,200.00	8,200.00
Snow Removal	2,500.00	1,705.67		794.33	2,500.00	2,500.00
Supplies	1,000.00	963.77		36.23	1,500.00	1,500.00
Custodial Equipment	100.00	-		100.00	100.00	100.00
Fuel Oil	9,000.00	8,500.60		499.40	9,000.00	9,000.00
Electricity - Town/Lib/North	15,000.00	10,309.98		4,690.02	15,000.00	12,000.00
Repairs to Equipment	500.00	-		500.00	200.00	200.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	8,000.00	8,273.77		(273.77)	10,250.00	8,000.00
	44,100.00	40,327.89		3,772.11	52,750.00	47,500.00

	Budget	Actuals	Receipts	Budget Balance	Budget	Proposed Budget
	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021
CEMETERIES						
Caretaking	16,200.00	7,529.34		8,670.66	16,424.00	16,424.00
Tyler Cemetery Fund *	(8,320.00)			(8,320.00)	(8,320.00)	(8,320.00)
North Cemetery Fund *	(500.00)			(500.00)	(500.00)	(500.00)
Supplies	500.00			500.00	500.00	500.00
Repair & Maintenance	3,000.00			3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Memorial Day Supplies		781.15		(781.15)		800.00
	10,880.00	8,310.49		2,569.51	11,104.00	11,904.00
*New 2018-2019						
VERNON SENIORS						
Activities	2,550.00	2,550.00		-	2,550.00	2,550.00
	2,550.00	2,550.00	-	-	2,550.00	2,550.00
TOWN VAN						
Van Driver	10,873.00	5,024.84		5,848.16	8,000.00	7,000.00
FICA	832.00	384.38		447.62	613.00	536.00
Gasoline	1,000.00	1,000.00		-	1,000.00	1,000.00
Van Maintenance	1,000.00	1,593.05		(593.05)	1,000.00	2,000.00
Bus Pass Expense (Fuel)		1,408.92		(1,408.92)		
Bus Pass Income			660.00	660.00		
	13,705.00	9,411.19		4,953.81	10,613.00	10,536.00
HISTORIANS SOUTH SCHOOL MUSEUM						
Electricity	450.00	362.85		87.15	450.00	450.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	250.00	167.60		82.40	500.00	500.00
Grounds	1,500.00	1,630.52		(130.52)	1,500.00	1,500.00
Lawn Care	800.00	800.00		-	814.00	814.00
	3,000.00	2,960.97		39.03	3,264.00	3,264.00
CONTRACTED PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES						
Law Enforcement Contract	70,000.00	69,999.96		0.04	84,552.00	82,000.00
Income			3,163.54	3,163.54		
	70,000.00	69,999.96	3,163.54	3,163.58	84,552.00	82,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT						
Fire Chief Stipend	5,000.00	5,000.00		-	5,000.00	5,000.00
Assistant Fire Chief Stipend*					1,000.00	1,000.00
Lost Wages	800.00	-		800.00	300.00	300.00
FICA	400.00	382.52		17.48	460.00	460.00
Uniforms	1,000.00	3,905.59		(2,905.59)	1,200.00	1,200.00
Inoculations	500.00			500.00	500.00	500.00
Physicals	500.00	85.00		415.00	500.00	500.00
EAP	400.00	475.20		(75.20)	400.00	400.00
Supplies	1,200.00	1,125.71		74.29	1,200.00	1,200.00
EMS Rescue Supplies	3,000.00	2,405.64		594.36	3,000.00	3,000.00
New/Replace Equipment	13,000.00	14,235.16		(1,235.16)	13,000.00	13,000.00
Public Education	1,000.00	999.18		0.82	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel Oil	8,000.00	7,873.77		126.23	8,000.00	8,000.00
Electricity	3,000.00	1,998.58		1,001.42	3,000.00	3,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	900.00	928.00		(28.00)	1,200.00	1,200.00
Southwest Mutual Aid	30,000.00	29,457.50		542.50	30,000.00	30,000.00
Gasoline	2,500.00	1,940.75		559.25	2,500.00	2,500.00
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	6,000.00	2,944.70		3,055.30	6,000.00	6,000.00
Truck Repair & Maintenance	8,000.00	7,549.34		450.66	8,000.00	8,000.00
Fire Pond Maintenance	4,000.00			4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	4,000.00	4,005.90		(5.90)	4,000.00	4,000.00
Training, Travel & Conferences	1,000.00	980.14		19.86	500.00	500.00
Training, Travel & Conference: Rescue	1,500.00	720.32		779.68	1,500.00	1,500.00
Travel Reimbursement	2,000.00	1,347.00		653.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Matching Grant *					2,000.00	2,000.00
Income			80.00	80.00		
	97,700.00	88,360.00	80.00	9,420.00	100,760.00	100,760.00
*New 2019-2020						

	Budget	Actuals	Receipts	Budget Balance	Budget	Proposed Budget
	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021
OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY						
Health Officer	2,500.00	2,500.00		-	2,500.00	2,500.00
FICA	200.00	191.26		8.74	200.00	200.00
Fire Warden - Permits	500.00	478.00		22.00	100.00	500.00
Deputy Health Officer				-		
Siren's Maintenance/Batteries	2,400.00			2,400.00		
EOC Building Expenses	3,500.00	4,142.06		(642.06)	3,500.00	4,500.00
Rescue's Monthly Payment	51,422.00	51,421.86		0.14	51,930.00	52,459.00
	60,522.00	58,733.18		1,788.82	58,230.00	60,159.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE						
Equipment Rental	5,500.00	5,886.35		(386.35)	5,500.00	5,500.00
Guard Rails	1,100.00	-		1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Culverts	5,500.00	5,249.68		250.32	5,500.00	5,500.00
Gravel	8,000.00	8,873.18		(873.18)	8,000.00	8,000.00
Chloride	7,000.00	5,433.75		1,566.25	7,000.00	7,000.00
Asphalt	1,500.00	1,143.85		356.15	1,500.00	1,500.00
Salt	46,000.00	41,612.20		4,387.80	49,000.00	49,000.00
Sand	8,000.00	8,089.60		(89.60)	8,000.00	8,000.00
Tree Warden	2,300.00	2,315.00		(15.00)	2,300.00	2,300.00
Stormwater Run-off Permits	4,400.00	2,714.80		1,685.20	4,800.00	4,800.00
RSMS/Culvert Inventory	400.00			400.00		
	89,700.00	81,318.41		8,381.59	92,700.00	92,700.00
TOWN GARAGE OPERATION						
Road Commissioner's Salary	60,271.00	62,254.29		(1,983.29)	60,802.00	62,250.00
Equipment Operator's Salary	40,592.00	40,987.31		(395.31)	40,945.00	43,270.00
Equipment Operator/Mechanic's Salary	42,897.00	43,398.56		(501.56)	43,270.00	43,270.00
Part-time Operator's Salary	5,000.00	1,637.44		3,362.56	5,000.00	5,000.00
FICA	11,381.00	10,452.95		928.05	11,477.00	11,765.00
Health Insurance	50,387.00	44,142.60		6,244.40	52,729.00	42,113.00
Dental Insurance	1,881.00	2,124.17		(243.17)	1,881.00	2,000.00
Uniforms	2,500.00	2,296.44		203.56	2,600.00	2,600.00
Drug & Alcohol Testing	500.00	190.00		310.00	200.00	200.00
Supplies	4,800.00	4,515.95		284.05	4,000.00	4,000.00
Fuel Oil	11,000.00	9,537.14		1,462.86	11,000.00	11,000.00
Electricity	3,000.00	2,753.44		246.56	3,100.00	3,100.00
Dues & Subscriptions	300.00	89.50		210.50	300.00	200.00
Gas & Diesel	16,000.00	11,228.32		4,771.68	16,000.00	16,000.00
Road Tools & Supplies	4,000.00	3,639.09		360.91	4,000.00	4,000.00
Safety Equipment	3,000.00	1,208.29		1,791.71	2,000.00	2,000.00
Building Repair & Maintenance	4,000.00	2,717.18		1,282.82	3,500.00	3,500.00
Travel & Conferences	400.00	180.16		219.84	400.00	250.00
Dumpster Fee	1,000.00	960.00		40.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Income			509.03	509.03		
	262,909.00	244,312.83	509.03	19,105.20	264,304.00	257,618.00
ROAD EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINT.						
Trucks	10,000.00	14,959.88		(4,959.88)	10,000.00	10,000.00
Grader	2,500.00	543.11		1,956.89	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tractor	1,000.00	791.48		208.52	1,000.00	1,000.00
Snow Plows & Sanders	3,000.00	2,167.06		832.94	3,000.00	3,000.00
Front End Loader	2,500.00	93.76		2,406.24	2,500.00	2,500.00
Small Equipment	2,400.00	1,904.82		495.18	2,400.00	2,400.00
Radios	500.00	119.00		381.00	500.00	500.00
	21,900.00	20,579.11		1,320.89	21,900.00	21,900.00
Carryover per Statute	53,899.95	57,707.63		(3,807.68)		
	75,799.95	78,286.74	-	(2,486.79)	21,900.00	21,900.00

	Budget	Actuals	Receipts	Budget Balance	Budget	Proposed Budget
	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021
TOTAL BUDGET	1,835,656.13	1,813,380.78	284,626.43	307,561.78	1,866,547.00	1,894,285.00
Deduct Estimated Income	(315,550.00)				(293,700.00)	(285,700.00)
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	1,520,106.13	1,813,380.78	284,626.43	307,561.78	1,572,847.00	1,608,585.00
ESTIMATED INCOME						
Interest on Del. Taxes	10,000.00				10,000.00	10,000.00
St of VT: Current Use Pmnt	32,000.00				40,000.00	40,000.00
St of VT: Agency of Natural Resources	8,000.00				8,000.00	8,000.00
St of VT: Railroad Tax	3,000.00				4,000.00	4,000.00
School Tax Billing	13,500.00				17,500.00	19,000.00
Homestead Late Fees	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,000.00
Town Clerk Remittance	15,250.00				16,000.00	16,000.00
Interest on General Fund	800.00				2,000.00	5,000.00
Treasurer's Income	1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00
Recreation Income	190,000.00				157,500.00	147,500.00
Partnership Income	32,500.00				32,500.00	32,500.00
Highway Income	500.00				200.00	200.00
Police Income	6,000.00				2,000.00	1,000.00
Bus Pass Income	1,000.00				1,000.00	500.00
Building & Grounds Income						
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	\$ 315,550.00				\$ 293,700.00	\$ 285,700.00



MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS

	<i>Balance Previous Years</i>	<i>Transfers and Appropriations</i>	<i>Income 2018-2019</i>	<i>Expenses 2018-2019</i>	<i>Balance</i>
MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS					
Library Administration & Operation		86,468.00		(86,468.00)	-
Elderly Assistance Fund		10,000.00		(10,000.00)	-
Town Road Upgrade Fund		90,550.00		(90,550.00)	-
Capital Fund		-		-	
Professional Services Fund		25,000.00		(25,000.00)	-
Parking Lot Maintenance Fund		2,500.00		(2,500.00)	-
Solid Waste Fund		64,198.00		(64,298.00)	
Emergency Management	12,062.00	15,000.00		(10,143.10)	16,918.90
Culvert Reserve Fund		50,000.00		(50,000.00)	-
Vernon Historians'		800.00		(800.00)	-
Town Picnic		3,223.00		(1,833.56)	1,389.44
Balances as of June 30, 2019 do not include appropriation amounts voted at March 2019 Town Meeting					

2018-2019 GRANT AWARDS AND EXPENDITURES

Revenue and Expenses	Estimated Revenue/ Beginning Balance	Expenditures in FY19	Received in FY19	Spent in Previous Years	Unused
Emergency Management					
Recreation Department					
Preschool Partnership	82,491.75	42,479.90	82,491.75		40,011.85
Special Staff Grant	11,116.00	11,116.00	11,116.00		-
Town Office					
2017 Muni Planning Grant	7,627.00	12,667.53	7,627.00		(5,040.53)
2018 Muni Planning Grant	14,000.00	21,403.35	14,000.00		(7,403.35)
					-
Highway Department					-
					-
Grants in Aid Pilot Project	3,700.00	7,321.00			(3,621.00)
Better Road Grant	15,621.23	19,526.53			(3,905.30)
					-
Library					
2018 Courier Grant	390.00	390.00			-
2019 Courier Grant	292.50		292.50		
2018 Summer Performer Grant	200.00		200.00		200.00
2019 Summer Performer Grant	200.00		200.00		200.00

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

VERNON FREE LIBRARY 2019 TRUSTEES

At the March 2018 Town Meeting, Vernon tax payers voted to increase the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget of the Vernon Free Library by \$17,468, from \$70,000 to \$86,468. Thanks to the vigilance of our Library Director, Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Library expenditures came in under budget by \$2,648.

At the March 2019 Town Meeting, Vernon tax payers voted not to fully fund the Library's budget request, with \$80,000 to be raised by taxes and \$6,855 appropriated from the Library's Gift Fund. Unfortunately, the Library's computers are outdated, unreliable, and desperately need replacing. This additional expenditure was not factored into the budget approved at Town Meeting.

Nonetheless, the Library has been able to maintain existing patron services and add others to meet the evolving needs of our patrons. Thanks to great staff and a loyal corps of volunteers who generously give of their time and talents, the Library remains the literary and media center of Vernon, providing ongoing educational opportunities for all and continuing to serve as a treasured local institution.

Traditionally, the role of the Library Board of Trustees has been to work with the Library Director in policy development and budget oversight. With the decreased appropriation from the Town, the Trustees have focused on fund raising, including activities such as the Plants, Books and Bake Sale, the fourth annual fund raising appeal letter, the bake sale at the Vernon Artisan Market, and participation in the Brattleboro Food Co-op's Bag-a-Bean program (October 2019). Going forward, in order to help the Library keep operating, we will continue to work on fund raising.

Because we believe libraries are essential to the education and lifelong learning of their patrons, to the economic development of the towns where they exist, and to the building of strong communities, the Vernon Free Library Trustees are committed to providing quality library services to Vernon.

Trustees (Term):

Bronna Zlochiver (chair) (2021)	579-1567
bronna.zlochiver@gmail.com	
Joanne Leveille (vice chair) (2020)	254-8439
dannysgirl_63@yahoo.com	
Kristen Detrich (secretary) (2022)	617-279-3518
dtrick2480@hotmail.com	
Ian Hefe (2021)	246-7096
ian.hefele@gmail.com	
Elaine Detrich (2022)	246-7761
ewd513@hotmail.com	

VERNON FREE LIBRARY

Vernon Free Library continues to be a vital community gathering place in Vernon's Center. Vernon's residents can enjoy participating in various programs which include the Reading Group, Knitting Group, Cribbage Club, and Rhyme Time. The library has also

continued to offer Floral Workshops under the direction of Nancy Renaud.

This year were able to complete our Capital project for the children's area. Books bins were purchased and now the picture books are in bins, making access easier for both the children and adults. The children are enjoying the easier access to the books.

Patrons, numbering over 855, borrowed over 9350 items from the library's collection of approximately 20,000 items. Our digital library, ListenUp Vermont which offers approximately 17,000 downloadable audio and e-books, was used 1292 times by our patrons.

We again offered the Summer Reading Program to children ages 0 to 18 years. It's important to keep the children reading during the summer to prevent the "Summer Slide". Children who do not read during the summer lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall. The Summer Reading Program offers the children weekly crafts and activities, reading materials and Bedtime Math problems. Fifty-three children and young adults participated in the Summer Reading Program.

The library has also been able to serve the technology needs of many of our residents. Along with public computers and high-speed fiber optic Wi-Fi, we are able to copy, fax, and scan. We were able to help residents print tax forms, hunting licenses, scan and email important documents and print and copy.

Patrons also have access to UNIVERSAL CLASS, which includes over 500 online, non-college credit Continuing Education courses. VERMONT ONLINE LIBRARY (VOL) is another available resource that includes Health, Language Learning, Chilton's DIY Auto Repairs, Job Seekers, Small Business Owners, Travel Tools, Reference Databases, Periodicals and more. The library also subscribes to CONSUMER REPORTS online. Links to all these resources are available through the library website.

The library again sponsored the Holiday Giving Tree. Eighty-three "Angel" tags were fulfilled and made the holidays a little brighter for many of our Vernon residents. Thank you for your generosity.

Our core of volunteers remains strong and dedicated. Without them the library would not be able to function and fund raising would not happen. We are fortunate to have such dedicated residents in our community who are willing to give of their time and talents to keep the library running.

Thank you!

DIRECTOR: Jean Carr

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: June Turner & Beth Armington

VOLUNTEERS: Ellen Hardy, Kathy Korb, Joanne Leveille, Rita Mudd, Aaron Slade and Katelyn Slade

Vernon Free Library	F/Y 16/17	F/Y 17/18	Revised 17/18	F/Y 18/19	ACTUALS 18/19	F/Y 19/20	F/Y 20/21
Gross Wages	\$74,616	\$68,151	\$34,394	\$47,949	\$46,884.55	\$48,355	\$48,531
FICA	5,709	5,214	2,736	\$3,669	\$3,436.41	\$3,700	\$3,713
Subtotal Payroll	\$80,325	\$73,365	\$37,130	\$51,618	\$50,280.96	\$52,055	\$52,244
Insurances	11,000	11,000	7,300	8,030	8,770.98	8,380	8,789
Supplies	1,100	1,400	1,400	1,400	295.93	1,400	1,400
Books	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700	13,682.46	12,700	12,700
New Equipment	200	1,485	1,485	1,485	1,871.49	1,485	1,485
Leased Equipment	1,100	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Periodicals	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	868.47	1,200	1,200
Audio/Video	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,337.91	2,000	2,000
Internet Access	700	700	700	700	0.00	700	700
Software	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
Marketing/Fund Raisin	0	600	600	1,000	1,021.72	600	600
Electronic Resources	50	250	250	250	0.00	250	250
Postage	800	800	800	800	636.07	800	800
Dues	170	170	170	170	100.00	170	170
Technology	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,602.04	1,000	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,273.18	1,200	1,200
Miscellaneous	40	40	40	40	0.00	40	40
Programs	500	500	500	500	289.75	500	500
Program Supplies	1,375	1,375	1,375	1,375	943.05	1,375	1,375
Travel & Conference	150	150	150	1,000	230.82	1,000	1,000
Subtotal Expenses	\$35,285	\$36,570	\$32,870	\$34,850	\$32,923.87	\$34,800	\$35,209
Totals	\$115,610	\$109,935	\$70,000	\$86,468	\$83,204.83	\$86,855	\$87,453
VFL GIFT FUND					\$18,329		

United States Census 2020

more. This year, you will have the option of responding online, on the telephone, or with a traditional, short-form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. It is critical that *everyone* participate and that all household members be included. The 2020 Decennial Census begins in March. Make sure that *your* community counts!

Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires an enumeration of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as The Census. For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than \$675 billion will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and

TOWN OF VERNON PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Vernon Planning and Economic Development Commission (VPC) completed two important plans in 2019 that set the stage for development of a Village Center, and redevelopment of the Vermont Yankee site. After two years of work, in January 2019, the Town received approval by the Windham Regional Commission of an extensive update of the *Town Plan*, which is valid for nine years. An approved Town Plan is very important since it is the basis of the Town's review of proposed development projects that trigger state permits, and it is required in order to receive a variety of grants from the State. The updated plan was funded by a Vermont Municipal Planning Grant, with WRC staff contributing extensively to writing the plan, and producing a series of land use maps. Michelle Pong, Town Administrator, was instrumental in applying for the state grant, and worked closely with John Bennett, Jeff Nugent, and Marion Major of WRC.

Another significant project was completion of the *Vernon Village Center Master Plan* in January 2019, which was written by professional land use planners from SE Group, and Doug Kennedy Advisors, with mapping assistance from WRC. This project was funded by a Vermont Municipal Planning Grant, Friends of Vernon Center, and the Town.

This project builds on the 2017 State designation of a Village Center which brings a number of benefits, including financial incentives, to help attract new businesses.

The master plan was undertaken with four primary goals in mind:

- Create a welcoming public process to broaden the input on how the Village Center might evolve
- Understand the demographic, land use, economic and fiscal realities of the town
- Explore a range of options for a vision of a future Village Center that incorporates both public input and these fiscal/economic realities
- Identify potential initiatives that can advance the vision and support future decision-making and act as guidance to long-range investments

The master plan has detailed recommendations for both short-term and long-term projects that could help revitalize the Town with public events, farmers market, residential/commercial development, and linkages to future development of the Vermont Yankee site.

Another significant milestone took place in 2019 with the donation of the Governor Hunt House to the Friends of Vernon Center, Inc., something anticipated in both the *Town Plan* and the *Village Center Master Plan*. Future uses are anticipated to include, among other things, rental of office space to other non-profits, public events, conferences, and private functions.

In December 2019 the town was awarded another Vermont Municipal Planning Grant to work with Antioch New England graduate students to conduct a detailed analysis of the development potential of the Vermont Yankee property after it is fully decommissioned in 2030 by Northstar Nuclear Decommissioning Company. Northstar is providing funding over a 3-year period for the work by Antioch graduate students.

The VPC also participated in regular meetings of the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Committee.

WRC's Jeff Nugent is working with students from Keene State University to provide new hiking and snowmobile trail maps that will grade the existing trail system based on difficulty and trail quality; map lesser known trails; identify potential Connecticut River boat launch sites; and conduct a survey of residents about use of trails.

Other official activities of the VPC include reviewing and commenting on proposed solar facilities, with the VPC discouraging development of solar arrays on agricultural land in accordance with the Town Plan.

We were disappointed to have Jessica Freeman-Earp resign from the Planning Commission and thank her for more than two years of excellent contributions.

Bob Spencer, Chair

Tom Rappaport, Vice Chair

Maddy Arms

Martin Langeveld

Jeffrey Dunklee

Patty O'Donnell



TREASURER

FY18-19 saw the first year that the Homestead Tax Rate was LOWER than the Non-Residential Tax Rate, this was due in part because Vernon voted to withdraw from the school district.

Total delinquent taxes due at the end of the fiscal year was down from the prior year by \$19,456.80, with the total outstanding as of 06-30-2019 of \$42,514.82.

Our office processed \$7,213,207.10 in accounts payable during the fiscal year and \$7,996,825.19 in accounts receivable for the Town, the Vernon Free Library and taxes for Vernon Elementary School. 25 college students were awarded scholarships through the James Cusick Scholarship Fund. We generated 906 tax bills and 75 revised tax bills. We continue to collect taxes in three installments, but please note that is perfectly acceptable to pay the entire bill at any time. Our office also makes available the option of making smaller payment throughout the year to help meet your financial needs. Additionally, it is important to remember that the Homestead Declaration must be done each year no later than April 1st.

We have successfully concluded our third year of a three year auditing contract with RHR Smith and Company out of Buxton Maine.

All Town financial reports in the Town Report are provided by this office; we are always happy to answer any questions you may have regarding these reports or any other questions you may have. Our office hours are 6:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday thru Thursday. Additionally, you can call us at (802) 257-3077 or e-mail us @ treasurer@vernonvt.org.

Town Meeting gives you the opportunity to make your voice heard, please make every effort to come to this year's Town Meeting.

CINDY TURNLEY KATHY WALKER

REPORT OF THE LISTERS

As it has been said in previous reports, Listers have two basic duties; to appraise all personal and real properties at fair market value and to produce a defensible Grand List. Saying that there are just the two basic duties is really quite simplistic. There are a lot of things that are done before the final Grand List is ready to hand over to the Town Clerk.

We do a “drive through” of the town to see if there is any new construction or other visible changes to properties since the previous year. For property transfers, we read the deeds and property transfer forms and check for surveys in the case of

land splits, etc. When all the changes or additions are entered into the computer, new values are generated and change of appraisal notices are sent. Grievance or appeal meetings are held for anyone who either just has questions about their assessment or is appealing the assessment.

After the appeal process is complete, the Grand List is set and the Selectboard will set the tax rate.

The tax stabilization contract with Entergy/Vermont Yankee which is due to expire in the 2021 tax year has been picked up by North Star for the duration of the contract. At that time a new assessment will be set or a new contract drawn up. Contracts with Great River Hydro (formerly TransCanada) and Vermont Transco expired in 2019 and both utilities will be revalued for the 2020 tax year.

The townwide reappraisal was completed as of April 1, 2019. The reappraisal was conducted by an outside contractor, New England Municipal Resource Center, with two men who did the actual field work of collecting data, taking photos and making sketches of each property. These two men also met with property owners for the grievance meetings.

Hopefully, in the near future, the Lister cards and property tax maps will be available on line.

The Listers Office has been short one Lister for about a year. We would encourage anyone who has an interest in the Lister position to contact our office. It would involve only a few hours per week. Other towns in the State have been facing the same problem of not finding people willing to run for the office. The only recourse is for the Selectboard to hire an Assessor to do the day to day work. So rather than elected officials, it would become an appointed/hired person answering to the Selectboard.

It would take a vote at town meeting as to whether the office of Lister be eliminated and an assessor hired.

Again, we would remind people that it is absolutely necessary to file the Homestead Declaration (HS 122) and HI 144, Property Tax Adjustment Claim by April 15th, the State usually lags behind in processing some of them. Therefore, when you get your tax bill in August, please check to make sure that you were billed correctly as either resident or nonresident.

Finally, Listers are responsible only for the assessment of properties; we do not set the tax rate. That is the result of what is voted at Town Meeting to take care of the town expenses divided into the Grand List.

If anyone has questions about the Homestead Declaration or would like to see their property tax card, please give us a call or come into our office. We will do our best to help.

VERNON LISTERS

VERNON HISTORIANS INC

The Vernon Historians, Inc. was established in 1968 by a group of Vernon residents. Articles of Association lay out the Corporation's overall purpose to preserve and present history, especially the history of Vernon. Founders believed, "understanding the history of one's community is basic to the democratic way of life, giving a better understanding of one's state and nation, and promoting a better appreciation of one's American heritage."

The Historians display Vernon artifacts in the 172-year-old, one room South School house located at 4201 Ft Bridgman Road. These displays include the original school room, a farmhouse kitchen, a tool room, a large collection of photographs, genealogy information and more.

Also on the property is the Annex which houses horse drawn buggies, a weaving loom, firefighting equipment, ice cutting tools and a small portion of the post office that was previously in the Grange building. The South School Museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is open to the public June through September, Sundays from 2-4 p.m. or by appointment.

The Vernon Historians own and maintain the Pond Road Chapel, built in 1860. It is also on the National Register of Historic Places. The Chapel features its original, playable renowned Estey Organ. The Historians host an annual Memorial Day Program at the Chapel and it is available for special events and is open by appointment.

On May 28, 2019, Barbara Moseley, one of the founders of the Vernon Historians passed away. Barbara had a lifelong interest in history and particularly Vernon history. She was lovingly called Vernon's Historian, and rightly so. Her love of history was known and appreciated by those who knew her well. Her many writing projects recorded different aspects of Vernon history. Barbara was not only a historian, but also an accomplished artist. Among other things, she generously donated paintings, Christmas ornaments, a booklet on the Vernon Cannon and Wise Sayings, to be used as fund raisers. Her gifts of writing and painting have been of great value to the Vernon Historians and have brought much pleasure to everyone who has purchased any of them.

We are so thankful for this lovely woman to have been a part of our lives and for instilling in us as well as our children an interest and love of our history.



Membership dues and donations also help to cover the costs associated with the Historians. Please consider joining us as we

continue with our mission. Come and visit us Sunday afternoons during the summer and see the many interesting items and displays the Museum has to offer.

New members and supporters are always welcome!

CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE 2019 TOWN REPORT

The Capital Plan Committee assists the Town of Vernon and the Selectboard in identifying necessary future capital expenditures over \$10,000 to be included in the Capital Plan Projections as part of the overall annual budgeting process.

Our committee now has five members- thanks to the addition of Sandra Rulewich who after observing our September 11th meeting, chose to volunteer. Sandra is our recording secretary as well as helping with our assigned tasks. We are happy to have her!

This year we did as in the past-divvied up the departments, interviewed the department heads as to their future needs, and any changes to their existing capital budgets, etc. It is heartening to see that our department heads are very conservative in their needs. This year they have returned \$70,501 with \$63,215 coming from the front-end loader purchased by the Highway Department, \$5,452 from the Recreation Department. The Library and Town Offices were able to return unspent monies to the Capital Plan too.

Adding to the budget this year are expenses for 2022/2023 for exterior repair, power washing and painting of the Town Office building; 2029/2030 for the Town Office furnace; 2030/2031 for the Town Office septic system and 2035/2036 for equipment for the Highway Department and Fire Department.

We also contacted Putney, Guilford, Hinsdale, Brattleboro and Newfane to see how they financed their Capital needs. Each town used a different method, but all tried not to borrow but to plan and save, look for grants, etc. We advised the Selectboard of our findings and of the Capital Needs Assessment Criterium done by Lalancette & Dudka Engineers of Rutland VT for the Town of Guilford. The Selectboard had Town Administrator Michelle Pong contact that firm to see how they could benefit Vernon.

It is gratifying to see that the Emergency Capital Plan budget is being reimbursed by the Town departments and general budget as required by the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund administrative directives. This will ensure that there is money for future emergencies and the Town will benefit from the interest earned by the fund.

It has been our pleasure to serve on this committee.

LYNDA STARORYPINSKI, Chair

JOYCE GOODNOW

RITA MUDD TOM RAPPAPORT

SANDRA RULEWICH

Barbara at the John Sugland Memorial Service

WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The year of 2019 has closed and it was one marked with a lot of change for the Windham County Sheriff's Office. On June 30th, 2019, Sheriff Keith Clark retired his star after nearly thirty years in law enforcement and over twelve years as Sheriff. He worked to restore many services to the county, he piloted various initiatives striving toward a better criminal justice system, and worked to rebuild the reputation, professionalism, and the infrastructure of the Sheriff's Office. While Sheriff Clark is onto a new adventure with his family, his focus on providing ever better law enforcement and community safety will continue.

Following Keith Clark's retirement, Governor Phil Scott accepted the recommendation of the Windham County Democratic Committee and appointed Mark Anderson to fulfill the remainder of Sheriff Clark's term. With nearly fifteen years' experience serving as a deputy sheriff in Windham County, Mark Anderson assumes this position with substantial operational and institutional knowledge of the sheriff's office. He is committed to strengthening the long-term relationships with the various stakeholders in Windham County. He is looking to improve access to emergency services, improve accessibility to rural policing, developing ways to aid towns with animal control, and working with education facilities to ensure the most modern plans are implemented to keep children safe.

Currently, the Sheriff's Office has joined forces with the interdisciplinary Consortium on Substance Abuse, working to resolve the opioid and substance use issues that have affected Windham County. The office is updating its information technology infrastructure to improve our services for all of Windham County. It has also been meeting with community groups and individuals to discuss fair and impartial policing in Windham County. One issue of particular concern is how to assure all county residents that they can access emergency services without fear that their immigration status will be used against them. We've also begun teaching the "Run, Hide, Fight" options based resiliency training to educate people how to protect them from harm. The Sheriff's Office continues to support the following programs and initiatives: coordination with the Windham County Highway Safety Task Force; daily Are You Okay? welfare check phone calls; Work Zone Safety Enforcement; Toys for Kids; and snow mobile patrols. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications. It is the continued support of

Vernon and other towns which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

For the 2018 fiscal year (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019), Vernon contracted with the Sheriff's Office to provide a total of 2000 hours of service throughout the year. The Sheriff's Office was able to provide 2019 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The services provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to calls for service, or calls where response would not be provided by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During the contract period, we issued a total of 39 tickets with the potential net revenue for Vernon of \$1149. Additionally, deputies have issued 14 warnings and responded to 642 calls for service.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office is pleased to serve the people of Vernon and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies. We are also accessible on our website at windhamcountyvt.gov.

Sheriff Mark R. Anderson

VERNON SENIORS

The Vernon Seniors meet twice monthly, once for a business meeting with a pot luck lunch and the second being a birthday social with a program or other activity. This allows our members to get out, enjoy the companionship of others.

Our skillful bus driver and the well maintained town bus made it possible for seniors that otherwise would have been unable to enjoy several trips. Transportation is available to and from all meetings. Each month several trips are offered such as Senior Meals to various location; mall shopping trips in Keene, Holyoke, as well as West Lebanon, and activities like miniature golf and bowling. Some of this years' favorites included a visit to the Big E, the Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, Worchester Art Museum, and the Tea Party in Chester.

At our monthly transportation meeting we encourage our members to bring their ideas of places they would enjoy visiting.

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; and 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, Family Services/Crisis Resolution, (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Vernon we have provided the following services during FY2019:

Weatherization: 10 housing units (30 people) received energy efficiency measures at a cost of \$24,260

Emergency Heating System Replacement: 3 homes (5 people) received heating system repairs or replacements at a cost of \$846

Vermont Matched Savings: 1 household (1 person) earned matched savings of \$2,000, received matched savings of \$2,000 and financial literacy education services valued at \$1,661

VT Health Connect: 3 households (5 people) received assistance to enroll or make changes in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$1,116

Family Services: 13 households (30 people) received 35 services valued at \$578 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel/Utility Assistance: 9 households (22 people) received 11 assists valued at \$12,442

Housing Assistance: 1 household (1 person) received 1 assist valued at \$2,422

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.

Stephen Geller

(800) 464-9951 or (802) 722-4575

sevca@sevca.org



RESCUE INC.

Our dedicated staff of 78 medical and rescue personnel responded to 6500 requests for service this year, an 8% increase from last year. Our fleet of nine ambulances responded to 100% of emergency calls in our 500 square mile coverage area for the third consecutive year! These calls included medical and traumatic emergencies, fire scenes, motor vehicles accidents and countless public assists. Our technical rescue team of volunteers answered calls for water rescues, flood response, missing person searches, drone searches and a cliff rescue.

Our training staff taught more than 100 emergency medical providers in this region as well as stop-the-bleed and CPR to most of the region's firefighters and teachers. We are proud that our system has been recognized for reliability, response and cost effectiveness by agency leaders and legislators. We are recognized as a model of ambulance service delivery.

As your non-profit regional ambulance service, we cannot overstate the importance of community support and volunteer time to our success. Annually, we receive grants and donations that support our emergency response and education program; we could not succeed without them. Our staff and volunteers donate hundreds of hours of labor in support of emergency response, planning and education.

As the areas' only ambulance service provider, we work hard to be an industry leader in the delivery of emergency medicine. This year we are pleased to be the first service in Vermont with bedside ultrasound, a new technology that will help diagnose internal injuries, reduce wait times, reduce costs, and improve care to our patients. This is a 100% grant-funded study that will shape the future in EMS in Vermont.

Significant changes will be happening to EMS systems nationwide as a result of federal legislation. The effect of this legislation on Vermont is still unknown, however we look forward to the future and will ensure the reliable, efficient patient-centered care you deserve does not change.

~Drew Hazelton

Chief of Operations

Rescue Inc

VERNON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The highway department has had a busy year in addition to our normal maintenance, paving of the following roads were completed: Silver Lane, Allison Lane, Christine Court, Shirley Drive and Blodgett Road.

Gravel shoulders were replaced also on each of these Roads.

In addition new culverts were put in two on West Road, one on Blodgett Road, one on Broad Brook Road and also one on Stebbins Road. All with pre-cast concrete headers and stone line ditches at inlets and outlets.

Per Storm Water Regulations, stone line ditches were added to a section of West Road, Tyler Hill Road and Stebbins Road. Along with various culverts around town we added stone to inlets and outlets to meet requirements.

The Highway Department is asking all landowners or renters not to fill in or dump materials of any kind in town ditches or over town right of way banks, this impedes water flow, which could cause roads to washout.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Highway Department, 254-9428.



THE WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide

effective local governance and to work collaboratively 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 Select board appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Vernon is currently represented by Tim Arsenault and Jim Pinkerton, Jr. Arsenault serves as a member of the WRC Executive Board, and chairs both the Community Development and Energy Subcommittees. Pinkerton

serves on the Project Review, and Natural Resources Subcommittees.

The commission assists towns with a number of different activities, and helps towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively. Past year highlights include an application for a VT Public Service Department Broadband Innovation Grant in collaboration with Valley Net and the Center on Rural Innovation to develop a feasibility analysis and business plan to improve access to high-speed broadband to underserved communities for the region as a whole. This work will be done in collaboration with towns. We've established a regional Emergency Management Directors (EMD) Roundtable, and have worked with EMDs and assistance agencies to create a Vulnerable Population Phone Tree to facilitate outreach to those most at risk during a disaster. We continue to help towns apply for grants to support compliance with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit compliance. 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)

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Vernon's assessment for this year is \$5,238.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

“To promote recreation services that will foster and encourage the development of a healthy lifestyle for the community”

Generally, when I sit down to type my Town Report the goal is to use the opening paragraph as a means to grab the consumer’s attention. I attempt to do this with some sort of interesting story or at least intriguing statement that makes you want to keep reading. After hours of thought and failed attempts I am left with this, “Volunteers teach local youth how to start tennis courts on fire while doing somersaults!”

Confused? I would hope so. If that statement makes any sense to you I would advise that you put this report down and seek out any number of self-help books available both online as well as your local book store.

Providing you are not frantically typing “Directions to Books R Us” into your iPhone 10, 11 or whatever number we are on I am going to assume you are still reading and looking for some clarity.

Here goes. This past year our community was as supportive as ever. It is very rewarding to work along with the countless volunteers that make our programs possible. Whether coaching, developing flyers, cleaning up, or perhaps offering some words of wisdom in a challenging situation you are so greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Tennis Courts on Fire? I guess I got my words a little mixed up. I can assure you this did not happen. What did happen is the introduction of a couple of new programs. With newly resurfaced Tennis Courts Greg Allen had perfect timing as he graciously volunteered to offer lessons through the department. Twenty-one local youth and adults took him up on that offer. Thanks Greg!

Partnering with the Fire Department we had an awesome time while organizing the first, “Vernon Fire Camp”. Local youth had the opportunity to learn search and rescue techniques, radio communication, how to operate extinguishers, forcible entry, and more. At the conclusion of camp, we shared a barbeque lunch with our Day Camp program with the Fire Campers showing off their new skills.

While not a new program Gymnastics continues to grow in popularity. Thanks to Tai Morse (and her assistant Ian Deyo) we have more kids than ever participating in both Fall and Spring sessions.

Hopefully I have offered just enough clarity into my “intriguing statement” that you are willing to stick with me for just a few more moments. In addition to offering some new programs we have continually evaluated existing offerings in an effort to allow them to meet the community’s needs, all the while maintaining a cost effective approach. The preschool is a tremendous example of this. With new challenges each year the staff continues to work nonstop, adapting their curriculum to provide their students with a fun and safe learning environment.

I gotta run. Just got word that, “The Drama Club is building ginger bread houses in the pool”. I better look into that. We’ll talk more soon!

SETH DEYO, Director

This year we offered 32 programs with over 1,600 participants:

Adult Basketball	15-25
Adult Swim	5-10
Aerobics	5-8
After School Program	35
Archery	32
Baseball/Softball	66
Basketball	82
Basketball Tournaments *	
Boys	9 Teams
Girls	6 Teams
Camp In	16
Christmas Crafts	28
Craft Fair	50 vendors
Day Camp	21
Diving Lessons	25
Drama Club	21
Family Swim Passes	136
Fitness	5-8
Fire Camp	15
Gymnastics	61
Gym Rentals	5
Open Gym	10-25 daily
Parent/Toddler Swim	5-8
Pool Party/Campout	27
School Break Open Gym	20-25 daily
Soccer	109
Sports Camp	23
Swim Lessons	104
Teen Swim	20-25
Tennis Lessons	21
Trunk or Treat	200
Turkey Shoot	74
Vernon Preschool	28

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Thank you to the Selectboard and voters from the Town of Vernon for your ongoing support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS). Since 2007, (SeVEDS) has taken on shared economic challenges we face as a region. SeVEDS, founded as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), takes a proactive, long-term approach to economic development. Improving wages, attracting and keeping people, and fostering a healthy regional jobs base are all critical. But it is beyond the capacity of any single community to substantially affect these things. SeVEDS creates strategies, attracts resources, and helps us act together regionally in order to build a vibrant economy. We use municipal funding in three key ways:

- (1) As seed funding to bring more money to the region (in FY19 \$415,924 of federal and state funding);
- (2) For capacity to write grants, to create the programs and research and planning; and
- (3) To fund implementation of programs & projects.

Background & Request

SeVEDS requests funding from all 27 towns we serve. In 2019, thirteen communities funded SeVEDS, representing 74% of Windham residents. We leverage municipal investments alongside BDCC investment to secure bring in new dollars from state, federal and foundation sources. Our work is guided by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a regional plan funded by municipal investment. Its goals are simple: Strengthen Business, Support People.

This 2019 Southern Vermont CEDS, which is available online, is the region's next step towards becoming an Economic Development District to better coordinate federal support.

SeVEDS leads regional economic development with strategy and insight. SeVEDS helps to fund these initiatives which were have directly result from the CEDS and SeVEDS research:

- The new Pipelines and Pathways Program operates in all 4 high schools and since September has conducted 10 field trips, dozens of classes, and worked with 350 students so far. Through visits, speakers, work-based learning and events, we will connect 50+ employers to regional HS students this year.
- The Workforce Center of Excellence, which includes Southern Vermont Young Professionals, has since 2018 put on 20 networking events, 10 financial or homebuyer trainings, and engaged 500 young people living here.

- BDCC Paid Internships has placed 105 interns since 2014, visited over 20 campuses since 2017, and worked with over 175 employers. 25% of interns are hired on to stay. We place regional college students of all ages, and students returning for summer or for good.

- Building a regional workforce development system connecting people with opportunities, and employers with people. In FY'19 we helped 500 job-seekers and career-changers. We worked with 67 employers on everything from funding a new workforce training program, to welcoming students who may become future employees.

- Innovative services, lending and technical assistance for small businesses and startups through INSTIG8. In 2019 we worked with employers that provide 25% of the jobs in the Windham Region.

- Capacity-building for communities (Southern Vermont Economy Project and Community Facilities Assistance Program) helping towns and non-profits to improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 we provided 89 trainings (like a grant-writing workshop and broadband summits) with over 1,000 participants, plus 32 online webinars to help solve problems or find resources (7,000 views so far).

- SeVEDS & BDCC visit every community, listen and learn, to keep evolving and adapting the work we do for you.

We have asked the Town of Vernon to include SeVEDS in your 2020 general fund budget. We ask every town in the Windham Region to contribute at the rate of \$3.00 per person. Therefore, we are asking the Town of Vernon to appropriate \$6,618.00 (based on a population of 2206) to support SeVEDS.



VERNON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This year has been relatively quiet for the Emergency Management Office. We will always be in the process of redirecting our energies, rewriting plans to meet the “All Hazards” type of plan, and updating them on an annual basis. We participated in a Vermont State wide exercise in October 2019 that was tagged as a “Cat 4”. The level of involvement was only phone contact with the EOC.

We still have not relocated our EOC, and it will be one of our biggest challenges, moving Emergency Operation Center to a different building. At this time of writing, it is not clear what the new owner has for plans. We will continue the process of gathering information as to our options.

At this time it appears that the town offices might be the choice? As we continue to review the task of emergency power and radio communications at this site.

With the reactor shut down, the fuel rods were successfully placed in dry cask storage and are in various stages of decay stored on site. There is still no plan from the Government for long term storage of these highly radioactive bundles. Our focus on VY has changed drastically. However emergency planning for the plant is still in the foresight of this office, and will be, as the decommissioning, structure demolition and the process of removing buildings are finished over the next few years. It is important that we don’t let our guard down as this is a critical time and a large industrial hazardous material site.

After careful consideration and evaluation, it was decided that the alert sirens should be removed and disposed of, with the exception of the one at the fire station. The high cost of maintenance to keep them operational, the cost versus benefit did not make sense. With the technology available to us, we feel that the most effective way for notification to the public is through VT ALERT, public radio, weather alerts, and route alerting if necessary.

We are part of the school’s safety committee and will be providing assistance to them in updating the VY plan, as well as fire or chemical evacuation, active or hostile event, and general safety of our precious occupants of the school. The committee and staff have been active in preparing and evaluating the hostile action plan.

We continue working with the Fire Department assisting with updating their operational plans: preplans in places of concern, the railroad with reviewing freights and passenger trains. We will help coordinate training with staff in the event of a derailment or a mass casualty event.

We work with the Highway Department and assist with any risk analysis for road closures, such as routine maintenance or storm related issues, or emergencies.

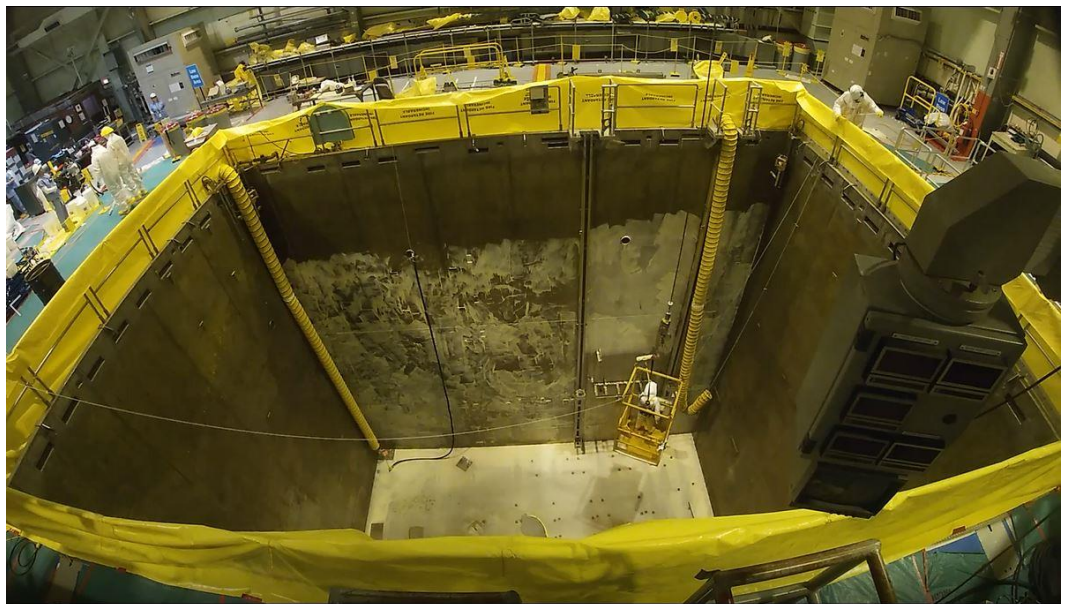
We are available to work with the Sheriff’s Office in a Unified Command role, providing assistance and in coordination with the general public. We will take on any tasks that may need to be completed.

Two very important messages! We are asking **ALL** residents to sign up for **VT-ALERT**. It is a free service, and will **NOTIFY YOU**, via phone, text, email (*or all of them*) about emergencies that affect you and your loved ones. Alerts are relevant and localized, based on home/work addresses, as well as your current location. **DON’T WAIT, SIGN UP NOW!** Go to; www.vtalert.gov

I look forward to serving this community and continuing to make Vernon a safe place to live. Safety is the responsibility of all of us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, at **802-257-0709** or email at, vernonemd@gmail.com

Sincerely,
David J. Emery Sr.
Emergency Management Director



TOWN CLERK

This has been a year of change for the Vernon Town Clerk's office. Long time volunteer Phil Nelson has decided to step down. For his many years of service to our community, in both the Town Clerk's office and the Vernon Free Library, we owe him a huge debt of gratitude. We remain fortunate to have the services of volunteers Lynda Starorypinski and Carol Shippee.

There have also been numerous changes in Vermont state law, with new restrictions on who is allowed to purchase birth and death certificates, increased fees and reporting requirements for land records submissions, licensing requirements for Notaries Public, and an increased emphasis on election related cyber security. Our staff has increased attendance at both statewide and regional trainings to keep up with the pace of change.

This year, the office has processed 33 death certificates, 18 birth certificates, notarized 118 documents, sold 16 marriage license, processed 75 property transfers, and 1440 pages of land records. We've sold 317 dog licenses, 119 vehicle

registration renewals and 64 passes for the Vernon Town Bus. We've sold snowmobile trail permits for the Vernon Trailbreakers, copies of land records, cemetery plots, overweight vehicle permits and the Green Mountain Passport, which allows veterans and anyone over 62 to have free access to Vermont State Parks and historic sites.

The year ahead will be a busy one, with the annual Town Meeting and municipal elections, plus the March presidential Primary, the state primary in August, and the November general election. We still use paper ballots, but the technology used by the state to print, tabulate and report those ballots will be upgraded this year.

Your Town Clerk achieved status as a Certified Vermont Clerk by the Vermont Municipal Clerk Treasurers Association this fall. Every day, we seek to do the jobs better, and work to carry out changes in Vermont state law. It remains an honor to serve you

Timothy Arsenault Town Clerk
Susan Fiske-Gagne Assistant Clerk

VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

It has been a busy year for the Vernon Fire Department. We have answered 221 calls for help at the time this report was put together. Out of the 221 calls they break down to 7 fire calls, 7 calls for mutual Aid, 12 motor vehicle accidents, 1 carbon monoxide investigation, 170 medical calls, and 24 miscellaneous other calls for help. On top of answering calls for help the membership meets every Wednesday for training, and does fire prevention day for the Vernon School and Vernon Pre-school in October.

This year the Vernon Fire Dept worked with the Vernon Recreation Dept on our first ever "Fire Camp." This was a 5 week program that brought youth between the ages of 13- 18 years old together and give them a chance to experience what the fire service is all about. The cadets had the chance to learn fire extinguisher basics, basic hand tools, hand line basics, and much more. At the end of the camp program the cadets had the opportunity to come in to the Vernon Rec dept day camp and teach the campers some of the stuff they learned. It was a lot of fun for everyone involved and we plan on hosting it again this coming summer. Our hopes with this program is to introduce youth to the emergency service so one day they may to serve their community. We had participants from Vernon, Newfane, Hinsdale NH, and Colrain MA in attendance. To our knowledge most of the kids that participated in the program are now involved in some way with departments in their community.

The department worked with Boy Scouts of America Green Mountain Council and did some recruiting for our explorer

program this year. We have been fortunate over the years to bring youths up through the explorer program and when they turn 18 they transition from explorers to firefighters or EMTs for the department. Due to a majority of our explorers turning 18 this past year and transitioning out of the explorer program and over to the department we needed more youths in order to maintain our explorer charter. We were fortunate enough to recruit 6 more explorers this year. The explorers train with the department every Wednesday. One Wednesday a month the explorers do their own training with the explorer advisors. This coming year we plan on doing some explorer events with surrounding towns. If you know any young men or women from the ages of 14- 18 years old that may be interested in the fire or ems field bring them by the station any Wednesday at 7:00 PM and have them check out the program.

We thank you all for the opportunity to serve you.

Chief Todd Capen
Asst. Chief Keith Franklin Jr.



WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988. At that time, only eight towns were members of the District. These towns cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro. In 1995, federal landfill regulations forced WSWMD to seek alternative landfill sites or an alternative to landfill disposal, and WSWMD opted to get out of the landfill business and construct a materials recycling facility (MRF) on Old Ferry Road, which operated until July 2107. Today, the District has 18 member towns with a combined population of 35,328. The District is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Supervisors representing member towns.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished FY 19 with revenues of \$1,036,285 and expenses, before capitalized expense, at \$971,325. After capital expense the District ended the year with a small surplus. FY 19 capital expenses included a new front-end loader, and facility security cameras.

Transfer Station: WSWMD operates a regional drop-off center for landfill materials, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station diverts 76% of all materials to recycling and composting, including electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, oil-based paint and other paint products, sharps, textiles, books, and tires. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker for \$36/year. The cost for trash disposal is \$3.00 per 33-gallon bag, or \$145/ton.

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 6th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. In calendar year 2019 WSWMD composted 1,400 tons of food scraps, of which about 50% was from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program, and the balance from commercial and institutional sources brought to the compost site by private trash haulers. Total tons of organic materials processed, including leaves, wood chips, and paper fiber was 3,200 tons. The District sold more than 2,000 cubic yards of “Brattlegrow” compost in 2019, primarily through 8 retail distributors. In addition, WSWMD donates compost for town projects, school, and community gardens.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): WSWMD closed the MRF 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.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): Household hazardous waste collection, and education/outreach, are mandated by Act 148, as well as numerous other requirements, as contained in the SWIP. By July 1, 2020, on behalf of member towns, we will draft and submit an amended SWIP as required by the State. Membership in WSWMD makes member towns compliant with these mandates.

Trucking: Since closure of the MRF in 2017, WSWMD no longer collects recyclable materials from member towns, but retained a driver with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables from our transfer station, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Solar Array: WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital who operate a 5 megawatt solar array on the landfill. It is the largest group net-metered project in the state, and has contracted for 20 years with the towns of Brattleboro, Wilmington, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, Dummerston, Halifax, and Newfane; schools in Brattleboro, Vernon, Putney, and Marlboro; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: WSWMD held four household hazardous waste collection events, as mandated by VT ANR Materials Management Plan. Collections were held in the Towns of Townshend and Vernon on June 1, and Brattleboro and Stratton on October 19, with 277 households from District towns participating. Total cost for the collection and processing of HHW from the two events was \$45,895, an average of \$163 per household.

Business Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its business resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

School Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its school resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

Special Event “Zero Waste” Outreach and Technical Assistance: 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 provided event-sorting stations and technical assistance to 26 events serving over 17,000 persons.

HEALTH OFFICER

Local Health Officers are responsible to investigate complaints and abate any existing and/or potential public health hazards as outlined in the Town Health Officers Environmental Health Handbook. Duties include, but are not limited to, administer and enforcement of the State Rental Housing Code; handling animal bites, investigate failed septic systems, and any other potential public health hazard.

A reminder to all pet owners, all cats, dogs, and ferrets in Vermont must receive regular rabies shots. Owners of all domestic dogs and wolf-hybrids more than 6 months old must also license their animal at the town clerk's office.

How can you help prevent rabies in your pet and yourself?

Do not touch or pick up unfamiliar or wild animals – even baby animals – or try to feed them or make them into pets. Report unknown or strangely behaving animals to your town's animal control officer. If the animal is wild, contact the Rabies Hotline or a Game Warden (link is external). <https://anrweb.vt.gov/FWD/FW/WardenLookup.aspx>

- Make sure trash cans and recycling bins are tightly closed, and do not leave pet food outside.
- Feed pets inside the house and keep pets indoors at night. If they are out during the day, keep them on a leash or within a closed space. Pets that roam free are more likely to be exposed to a rabid animal.
- Make sure that all family pets get rabies shots and keep shots up to date. Animals can be vaccinated by a veterinarian or at a rabies clinic.

What to do if an animal bites you or your pet?

- Contact your doctor and Town Health Officer and follow their instructions.

- Wash the bite wound very well with soap and running water.
- Try to capture the animal only if you can do it without getting bitten again. You are more likely to need rabies shots if the animal cannot be found. If the animal is wild, contact the Rabies Hotline or a Game Warden (link is external).

Call your veterinarian if you believe your pet was exposed to a potentially rabid animal; they will be able to decide if your pet is at risk for rabies and tell you what steps to follow next. For more information on rabies exposure, visit the CDC web site at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/exposure/index.html>

You can find up-to-date advisories, and resources, by visiting Vermont Department of Public Health Department's web site at <http://healthvermont.gov/>

For local questions or concerns you may contact Health Officer Mark Snow at (802) 451-6842,

Mark A. Snow
Vernon Health Officer



TOWN OF VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT



**FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2019**

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

WSESU / WSESD SEEK TO IDENTIFY CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

All children have a right to a public education. Federal and State law provide that all qualifying children with disabilities have a right to a free appropriate public education when the eligibility evaluation qualifies the student as eligible according to state rules for special education and related services.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union (WSESU) and Windham Southeast School District (WSESD) with all of its member towns (Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, and Vernon) (collectively, “the District”), have a duty to identify and locate any children, ages 3 through 21, who may be eligible for special education (including children who are highly mobile, such as migrant children, or who are homeless or in protective custody by the state), who are residents of the District and may have disabilities, or who are attending private schools or a program of home study within the boundaries of the District, or who are not receiving services, in order to evaluate and determine accommodations to support learning, as appropriate, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and/or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

WSESU/WSESD supports identification and evaluation to identify infants and toddlers (birth to age 3) for early intervention services under Part C of the federal special education law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act). The District hereby provides notice that such children may be entitled to early intervention services (birth-3) or to special education and related services (3-22).

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone: Superintendent of Schools, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union/Windham Southeast School District, 53 Green Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301; 802-254-3731 or Marisa Duncan-Holley, Director of Special Education, 53 Green Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301; 802-254-3748. Information provided will be used only to carry out child find purposes, so those protected by the educational access laws will be contacted with respect to potential eligibility, and all information will remain confidential within the District’s child find system, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its regulations, 334 C.F.R. Part 99.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT 2019/2020

Windham Southeast has always had the reputation of being a well working school system, therefore, the first school year under consolidation has brought few changes at the classroom level. Teachers and administrators in all schools work well together sharing resources as able and combining for professional development opportunities.

As we enter the spring of the school year, all classrooms are deep into the curricula of the grade or course. Classroom routines were established early in the school year, and students, teachers, staff and administrators continue to work on best practices in both academics and behavior practices. As we continue to focus on best practice in literacy and math, professional development has been offered to also ensure best practice in social, emotional and behavioral support in the classroom. This professional development has included work with experts on trauma informed teaching as we continue to increase skills to reach all students in our schools.

To support the focus on social, emotional, behavioral and trauma support many schools have begun or expanded restorative practices. Through the use of trained professionals within our schools and the assistance of community organizations, students and teachers have used restorative practices. One of the tenets of restorative practices is to repair harm and restore positive relations.

In addition to the above, there has been an increased focus on science education. Through the use of Federal funds we have updated and increased the science materials available for use in the classroom. These materials provide more hands-on science opportunities for students, and also allow access to online data collection tools and simulations. As well, a significant number of classrooms are collaborating with Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center to provide both on-site and field-trip outdoor science experiences to elementary students.

All schools have leadership opportunities for students. Students work together on areas they feel would increase awareness on topics such as inclusion of all students, getting to know students outside one’s immediate peer group, and other community service oriented projects. Research shows that students participating in school leadership and learning social competencies are less likely to engage in high risk behaviors.

With the approval of extra funding for Diversity, Equity and Social Justice at the first Windham Southeast School District Annual meeting in June, schools have been able to create teacher leader positions. Some of the responsibilities of the Diversity, Equity Social Justice Teacher Leaders

include participating in study groups to learn more about diversity, equity and social justice, plan faculty meetings devoted to diversity, equity and social justice, increase the variety of materials in each school to show more diverse cultures. There is also ongoing work toward recruitment of a more diverse work force in WSESU.

All school sites are working with food service providers to ensure we are offering nutritious, healthy foods. The focus has been to increase local foods, and cut down on processed foods with high sugar or fat content. Our providers have been very willing to work with us in these efforts. Additionally, school sites recycle and compost in each cafeteria and a student group at Brattleboro Union High School is looking at methods to reduce the use of plastic ware and use silverware in the cafeteria.

All the schools in Windham Southeast School District and Windham Southeast Supervisory Union appreciate the support of the greater community. Families and community members are encouraged to contact their local school for information specific to the ongoing activities and opportunities for involvement.

Lyle Holiday
Superintendent of Schools

BRATTLEBORO UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Brattleboro Union High School continues to offer an excellent comprehensive high school education. In recent years we have focused our program on increasing student support, improving school culture and climate, and creating opportunities for students to personalize their high school experience. We continue to offer unparalleled co-curricular opportunities that range from a myriad number of athletic programs to a music and drama program that define excellence for New England. Our teaching staff are all certified as highly qualified by the State of Vermont and our facilities crew continue to decrease our carbon footprint and improve efficiency throughout the campus.

In recent years we have focused our professional development resources on creating a proficiency-based graduation system for BUHS. We are currently continuing the process of implementing a proficiency-based system. At this point, we are looking to coordinate more explicitly with our preK-8 colleagues to ensure a cohesive, consistent experience for our families. Over the past two years we have shifted our professional development focus towards our students' social emotional health, school climate and a strong emphasis on how we can create a school community that is sensitive to stress and trauma. This work represents a dramatic shift for our staff and we plan to return to this as an area of emphasis over the next few school years.

BUHS continues to carefully assess our facility needs. As our "new" school is well into its second decade of service we are looking ahead to start some important planned maintenance on our climate systems. Our wood chip plant has seen some renovation but continues to serve us reliably and efficiently. We routinely examine and replace sections of flooring as they wear out and we are just finishing up a new maintenance garage for our outside groundskeepers. We continue to be a sustainability role model for other schools across New England and we continue to enjoy our Energy Star Status.

Our teachers remain among the very best in the area and in New England. Each of our departments are reviewing their course offerings and curricula to ensure they are relevant to the needs of our students as they graduate from high school. Our departments are examining ways to help our students become informed, discerning citizens regarding many issues such as climate change and the current political landscape. We offer 25 Advanced Placement and dual credit courses at BUHS which allow students to access college-credited courses as high school juniors and seniors. Our Mentoring and Dimensions of Social Change courses are designed to allow our students opportunities to work with local elementary students as group facilitators and one-on-one mentors. Finally, our three personalized academies (STEM, Visual and Performing Arts, and International Studies) give selected students a focused four-year program that combines rigorous course work with apprenticeships with local professionals. Our greatest strength as a school lies with our teachers, and they continually improve their instruction.

We are all proud of the work that our staff does every day at BUHS and we are also proud of the graduates that leave our school. Our students pursue a diverse array of opportunities after school; including, two and four year college, military service and apprenticeships with local employers. We are confident that our programs and staff provide all students with access to the knowledge and skills necessary for today's complex, changing world. Please visit our website at [www. http://buhs.wsesdvt.org/](http://buhs.wsesdvt.org/) to learn more about our school.

Respectfully submitted by,
Steve Perrin, Principal
Mike Harrigan, Assistant Principal
Kate Margaitis, Assistant Principal
Chris Day, Dean of Students



BRATTLEBORO AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

My name is Keith Lyman and it is an honor and privilege to serve as the principal at BAMS. I am proud to be serving the students, parents and the Brattleboro community. Following are highlights of our programming at BAMS:

WE WELCOME NEW STAFF TO BAMS

A number of new staff members joined the BAMS family this year: Marisa Fuoroli—Special Educator, Sue Bos—Front Office, Nicholas Yialiades—Social Studies (1-year), Charlotte Nicholson—World Languages, and Tom Nasiatka—Music. We are delighted they have joined the BAMS community of staff members.

ENROLLMENT AND STRUCTURE

Brattleboro Area Middle School has seen stability in our enrollment and we anticipate we will serve about 315 students during the 2020-21 school year. The students are divided into four grade level teams—two teams in Grade 7 (Draco and Leo) and two teams in Grade 8 (Canis Major and Taurus). At BAMS, students remain on the same academic team for two years. Two school counselors serve students on the four academic teams. In addition, our exploratory team of teachers, known as the UFOS (United Forces of Success), collectively teach all students in grades 7 and 8. Our instructional support team of teachers includes special educators and academic support teachers.

THE BAMS VISION

BAMS students and staff work hard to reflect our vision: *Learning for Life; Caring for Others; Doing the Right Thing; Together*. The initial letters of each statement—LCDT—drove the decision to name our four teams, and the staff chose the broad theme of ‘constellations’ (based on the recommendations put forth by the student council) to launch these names. Each of our four academic teams has taken advantage of its constellation configuration to create a strong team identity. The bulls (Taurus), the big dogs (Canis Major), the lions (Leo), and the dragons (Draco) roam the halls of BAMS in peaceful co-existence!

LOOPING

At BAMS, we enjoy the practice of assigning students to one team for two years, known as “looping.” This approach has many benefits for students, staff members and parents. Students benefit from the relationships they establish when they arrive at BAMS, the continuity of these relationships into their 8th grade year, the connections they make with each other and their teachers, and the advances they make in academic growth by being taught by teachers who come to know them quite well during this two-year period. Teachers benefit because they know their students well at the start of their second year together. They know their students’ needs, strengths and learning styles; at the same time, students know their teachers’ expectations,

requirements, and teaching styles. Parents, too, share in this familiarity. Because their children have the same set of teachers for two years, parents also become knowledgeable more quickly in the second year about teachers’ expectations. In addition, looping allows us to reduce the number of teachers your child has during a two-year period, a phenomena for middle schoolers which can cause anxiety and confusion.

CURRICULUM

BAMS operates on a quarter and semester schedule. There are eight grade reports each year, four mid-term progress reports and four end-of-quarter report cards. In addition to a traditional core curriculum in English, math, science, social studies, all BAMS students enjoy an exploratory program of full year or half year courses. Each student may take a variety of courses in such areas as art, health, technology education, physical education, music, family and consumer sciences, and world languages. In addition, our master schedule includes a period called skills block. Our intent during this period is to advance the learning of all students, offering additional academic support to address the diversity of need within our student population.

We are making an intentional effort to educate all students, to the greatest extent possible, within the context of the general education environment. Special educators, paraeducators and academic support teachers are working collaboratively with regular educators to provide supportive environments for all students.

Lastly, parents have immediate access to their children’s grade reports and attendance data via the Parent Portal of Power School, our student management software program. Feedback from parents about this access is very positive.

CIRCLES OF SUPPORT

All students at BAMS receive intensive support to succeed. In addition to that which they receive from their teachers and counselors, BAMS offers students such programs as PEAK (alternative education), the Educational Support Team, the Planning Room, transition services and access to the Restorative Justice program and a school based clinician. Teachers of Special Education, Academic Support, and English as a Second Language have merged into a team called the Instructional Support Team (IST). Together, they provide students with additional academic support throughout the school day.

As in other years, BAMS offers an extended-day program, called Extensions, designed to capture students throughout the entire school year as their academic needs surface. Our goal is to prevent students from failing. This program is continuing to work well, and provides an additional period of academic support for all students in need at the end of each school day, staffed by a qualified teacher.

CO-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

Students at BAMS have many opportunities to become involved in athletic and non-athletic co-curricular activities. Fall sports include boys and girls soccer for each grade, football, cross country running and field hockey. Winter sports include interscholastic basketball and Nordic skiing. In the spring, students participate in baseball, softball, lacrosse and track. Our philosophy is that all students who are interested will be able to play sports at BAMS. When limitations necessitate a reduced number of students on a team, we strive to create instructional leagues for students who are interested in playing and who need additional skill development work. In essence, no student is ever “cut” from playing a sport at BAMS.

We are in the 12th year of the 21st Century Community Learning Grant designed to expand the learning opportunities for all students through extended-day and summer programming. We offer a rich after-school and summer program to students for learning and enrichment opportunities. Impressively, more than two-thirds of BAMS students participate in BEAMS, athletic and other after-school programming throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted by:
Keith Lyman, Principal
Tom Daughton, Assistant Principal

WINDHAM REGIONAL CAREER CENTER

To the Citizens of the Windham Southeast School District,

As the Interim Director of the Windham Regional Career Center, it has been my pleasure to get to know many of your children. The region has a wonderful technical center that offers about 400 students in grades 9-12, an in-depth, experiential learning opportunity in the areas of:

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
BUSINESS
CONSTRUCTION/ARCHITECTURE
CULINARY ARTS
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
ELECTRONICS/ELECTRICITY
ENGINEERING AND ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING
FILMMAKING AND DIGITAL EDITING
FORESTRY/NATURAL RESOURCES
HEALTH CAREERS
CAREER FOUNDATIONS
PERFORMING ARTS
PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

We also offer students classes and services in:

TECHNICAL ENGLISH
TECHNICAL MATHEMATICS
ACADEMIC SUPPORT
DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES (High School and College Credit)
WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS
CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (CTSO'S).

Each year students in grades 8 and 10 have the opportunity to tour the Career Center and explore the opportunities that are offered. Our goal is to support students in learning the skills necessary to successfully enter the region's workforce.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,
Nancy Wiese, Interim-Director



TOWN PICNIC
• JUNE 29, 2019 •

11 AM	Fire Muster Cheer on the Vernon Fire Department as they compete against area departments. <small>*till 2 PM Huckle Hill Field</small>
12 NOON	FREE SWIMMING during normal Saturday pool hours Vernon Rec Pool
3-3:45 PM	Bike decorating Contest Vernon Rec
3:45-4 PM	Parade of Bikes Pond Road
4:00 PM	Family Carnival until 6 PM, Vernon Rec. field area \$1 for 10 tickets.
	DJ Tim Arsenault DJ and dancing until 8 PM Vernon Rec Pavilion
	3 vs 3 B-ball Tournament <small>Huckle Hill field Registration (required) starts at 3:15. \$20 per team</small>
6:15 PM	Tornadoes Jump Rope show until 6:30 PM Vernon Rec <i>Looking for Alumni!</i>
8:15 PM	Memorial Moment: Patriotic Hymn Sing until 8:45 PM
Plus food vendors Bring a blanket, pack/buy dinner, and enjoy the company of friends & neighbors while awaiting the fireworks	

BAKE SALE <small>Throughout the day Proceeds to benefit the 2020 Town Picnic/Fireworks</small>	FIREWORKS 9 PM
--	---------------------------------



381 Governor Hunt Road, Vernon, VT 05354 ■ 802-254-5373 ■ vernonschool.org ■

Dear Vernon Community,

This year students engage with curriculum in the areas of: literacy, math, science, social studies, chinese, art, music, library, physical education and band. Students also engage in content about how to demonstrate kindness in our school and the larger community. This is the focus of class meetings and celebrations throughout the year. Students demonstrated this kindness this fall and winter in a variety of ways. Classes are paired as big buddies and little buddies. This gives young children an opportunity to learn from a mentor and older children leadership opportunities.

Our designated school leadership team, made up of 5th and 6th grade students, plans and implements activities and programs to encourage community kindness. For example, older children volunteer time to attend recess with younger children to model safe and kind play. Our Project Feed the Thousands food drive, led by our student leadership team, yielded nearly one ton of food for our local community members in need. Students visit Vernon Green to share time and musical talents, led by our music teacher throughout the year. In the spring, art is created and shared in the Brattleboro community at Diversity Day.

Our Vernon School Board consists of five members: Ms. Kerry Amidon, Ms. Sandy Morrison, Mr. Walter Breau, Ms. Hannah Rosinski and Mr. Chad Mulverhill. The school board traditionally meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 PM. Our parent group, which actively supports student programming and community events, traditionally meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 PM in the school library.

Please feel welcome to reach out to me directly to share your perspective of the school and it's role in Vernon. Thank you so very much for the many ways in which you support our community of learners!

Kindly,

Mary Ross

Mary Ross, Vernon School Principal



Vernon Town School District

2019-2020 Faculty and Staff

Position Name

Principal	Mary Ross
Administrative Assistant	Christine Nesbitt
Kindergarten	Beth Eriksson
Kindergarten	Jordan Leonard
Grade 1	Kim Kunkle
Grade 2	Joan Cook
Grade 3	Lisa McKenney
Grade 3	Marcia Woodruff
Grade 4	Tai Morse
Grade 5	Deborah Patno
Grade 6	Noreen Cooper
Grade 6	Shannon Miner
Resource Room	Latisha Keeffe
Resource Room	Emily Fennes
Resource Room	Sheila Overman
Literacy	Dawn Grobe
Literacy	Mickie Herbst
Guidance Counselor	Jamie Card
ESOL	Anna Rawson
Chinese	Gao Ping
Speech Language (50%)	Fran Swanson
Literacy Assistant	Jill Johnson
Art (60%)	Tessa Carpenter
Physical Education (80%)	Rachel Holland
Classroom/Instrumental Music	Joyana Damon
Medial Center/Literacy	Eileen Roach
Nurse	Christine Kierstead
Head Custodian	Dennis Atwater
Custodian	Matthew Poston
Custodian	Peter Burdo
Custodian	Greg Smith
Paraeducator	Amanda Daniels
Paraeducator	Cheryl Deyo
Paraeducator	Jonathan Halberg
Paraeducator	Amanda Houle
Paraeducator	Jeff Loomis
Paraeducator	Helen Skiathitis
Paraeducator	Julie Stafford
Paraeducator	Norma Manning
Paraeducator	Sandy Wyckoff
Cafeteria	Cindy Strong
Cafeteria	Cheryl Brown

2019-2020 ENROLLMENT VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BAMS AND BUHS

	Students
Kindergarten	26
Grade 1	14
Grade 2	19
Grade 3	27
Grade 4	21
Grade 5	20
Grade 6	24
Grade 7	24
Grade 8	20
Grade 9	19
Grade 10	25
Grade 11	23
Grade 12	23
Vernon Elementary –	151
Brattleboro Area Middle School –	44
Brattleboro Union High School –	90
Other Tuition –	20

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT						
FY21 PROPOSED BUDGET - REVENUE & EXPENSE SUMMARY						
cc Board Approved 1/13/20	2018-2019 ADOPTED	2018-2019 ACTUAL	2020-2020 ADOPTED	2020-2021 PROPOSED	\$ Diff.	% Diff.
Revenues						
LOCAL						
Interest	750	2,265	750	1,650	900	120%
Miscellaneous	2,000	29,995	3,069	900	(2,169)	
Rent-Town of Vernon Rec.Dept	221,270	221,270	227,466	231,105	3,639	2%
WSESU SUB-GRANTS						
EPSDT Nurse Grant	6,017	6,017	5,237	5,237	-	0%
Medicaid Literacy Grant	43,099	28,574	4,420	36,420	32,000	
Title 2A subgrant	1,500	2,875	2,200	2,200	-	
STATE & FEDERAL						
GENERAL EDUCATION SUPPORT	5,125,666	5,115,159	5,384,673	5,703,556	318,883	6%
State On behalf of Dist. Career Center	101,348	101,348	98,529	102,732	4,203	4%
Transportation Aid	79,000	-	87,106	-	(87,106)	-100%
OTHER LOCAL						
Fund Balance & Educ. Reserves	150,000	-	150,000	270,000	120,000	80%
Transfer from Capital Fund	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL REVENUES & TRANSFERS	5,730,650	5,507,503	5,963,450	6,353,800	390,350	6.5%
Expenditures:						
Elementary Instruction & Support Svs.	2,545,602	2,499,946	2,617,312	2,645,352	28,040	1%
WSESU Admin & Instruction Support	162,891	162,891	188,349	193,041	4,692	2%
Food Services	43,500	43,500	43,500	20,284	(23,216)	-53%
Transfer to Reserve	50,000	50,000	50,000	-	(50,000)	
Sub Total K-6 Regular Ed Expenses	2,801,993	2,756,337	2,899,161	2,858,677	(40,484)	-1%
PreK Education	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	-	0%
Special Education PreK-12	351,147	351,147	368,022	697,233	329,211	89%
Transportation K-12	194,000	126,906	199,267	141,018	(58,249)	-29%
Secondary Tuition 7-12	2,278,510	2,239,325	2,392,000	2,551,872	159,872	7%
Sub Total Other Expenses	2,928,657	2,822,378	3,064,289	3,495,123	430,834	14%
Total Expenses Prek-12	5,730,650	5,578,715	5,963,450	6,353,800	390,350	6.5%
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(0)	(71,212)	0	-		
Changes in Fund Balance [prelim]		General Fund	Capital Fund			
Beginning fund balance @ 7/1/18 [audited]		739,129	611,925			
FY19 Revenues		5,507,503	51,009			
FY19 Expenses		5,578,715	51,619			
FY19 Surplus		(71,212)	(610)			
FY19 Ending Fund Balance		667,917	611,315			

School Tax Rate Estimate, FY 21 Proposed Budget

District: **Vernon**

Property dollar equivalent yield [set by Legislature]

Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income

Expenditures

1. **Budget** (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)

2. *plus* Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting

7. **Total Budget**

Revenues

10. Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)

14. **Education Spending**

15. Equalized Pupils

16. **Education Spending per Equalized Pupil**

17. *minus* Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equaliz -

25. Excess spending threshold

26. *plus* Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any) +

27. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate

28. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)

Prorating the local tax rate

29. Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (prorated by line 30)
[\$17,178.37 ÷ (\$10,883.00 / \$1,000)]

30. Percent of Vernon equalized pupils not in a union school district

31. District equalized homestead tax rate to be assessed by town
(100.00% x \$1.58)

32. **Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)**

33. Actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town
(\$1.5785 / 104.48%)

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,883 for every \$1,000 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$13,396 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.654. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.** Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor. The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Prepared 1/13/2020

School Tax Rate Estimate, FY 21 Proposed Budget						
District:	Vernon	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	\$Diff
	Property dollar equivalent yield [set by Legislature]	10, 160	10,220	10,648	10,883	235
	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income			13,081	13,396	
Expenditures						
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$4,054,800	\$5,730,650	\$5,963,450	\$6,353,800	390,350
2.	Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-		-		
7.	Total Budget	\$4,054,800	\$5,730,650	\$5,963,450	\$6,353,800	390,350
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$395,912	\$503,636	\$477,430	\$547,512	70,082
14.	Education Spending	\$3,658,888	\$5,227,014	\$5,486,020	\$5,806,288	320,268
15.	Equalized Pupils	219.43	341.64	337.84	338.00	0
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$ 16,675	\$ 15,300	\$ 16,239	\$ 17,178	940
17.	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equaliz	\$ 46				
25.	Excess spending threshold	\$ 17,386	\$ 17,816	\$ 18,311	\$ 18,756	445
26.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any), +	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Ra	\$ 16,675	\$ 15,300	\$ 16,239	\$ 17,178	940
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	164.119%	149.704%	152.503%	157.846%	5.34%
Prorating the local tax rate						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (prorated by line 30) [\$17,178.37 ÷ (\$10,883.00 / \$1,000)]	\$ 1,494	\$ 1,497	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,579	\$ 0.054
30.	Percent of Vernon equalized pupils not in a union school district	63.84%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	0.0%
31.	District equalized homestead tax rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.58)	\$ 0.954	\$ 1,497	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,579	\$ 0.054
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	106.59%	112.44%	107.91%	104.48%	-3.4%
33.	Actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.5785 / 104.48%)	\$0.895	\$1.331	\$1.413	\$1.511	\$ 0.098

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY21 Proposed Expenditure Budget

Financial Statement Format: Program, Grade Level, Function, Object

Account	Description	FY19 Adopted	FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted	FY21 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
101.1313.01.11.0.1101.5.5620.0	PreK Tuition to Private Provider	105,000	101,785	105,000	105,000	0	0.0
Level: PreKindergarten - 01 Totals		105,000	101,785	105,000	105,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.1110.0	Elementary Teachers	936,940	936,639	963,349	992,662	29,313	3.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.1220.0	Paraeducator	187,044	210,851	215,919	221,625	5,706	2.6
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.1310.0	Substitutes	26,500	21,624	20,000	32,350	12,350	61.8
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.1730.0	Stipends	5,000	1,018	5,000	5,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2110.0	Health Insurance	242,791	151,369	206,736	228,127	21,391	10.4
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2170.0	HRA	48,800	56,225	54,800	54,800	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2200.0	FICA	85,528	86,986	89,142	95,753	6,611	7.4
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2310.0	Retirement	2,500	10,720	11,708	11,708	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2350.0	403(b)	7,085	15,504	7,800	15,500	7,700	98.7
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2510.0	Tuition Reimbursement	15,000	8,086	15,000	10,000	-5,000	-33.3
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2610.0	Unemployment Compensation	0	863	0	0	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2710.0	Workers Compensation	8,635	10,250	9,041	10,241	1,200	13.3
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2810.0	Dental	19,334	17,458	18,459	18,459	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2910.0	125 Plan Fee	375	0	85	85	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2920.0	Life	2,247	2,010	2,247	2,247	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.2940.0	LTD	5,469	6,027	5,470	6,025	555	10.2
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.3210.0	Professional Educational Services	6,000	6,041	6,000	8,000	2,000	33.3
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.4430.0	Rentals-Computers/Related	0	5,421	5,200	5,400	200	3.9
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.5310.0	Communications	6,200	3,519	6,200	6,200	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.5360.0	Internet	2,000	1,920	2,000	2,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.5620.0	Tuition to Appr Priv Provider	72,000	98,495	72,000	0	-72,000	-100.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.5810.0	Travel	1,400	5,465	1,400	1,400	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.6110.0	General Supplies Elem	20,500	17,045	21,000	21,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.6110.4	General Supplies SRSA Grant	0	9,820	0	0	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.6410.0	Books and Periodicals	10,000	5,937	11,000	11,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.6510.0	Supplies-Tech Related	0	0	5,400	5,400	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.7340.0	Tech-Related Hardware	11,500	11,200	11,500	11,500	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.7350.0	Technology Software	1,800	8,067	1,800	1,800	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.1101.5.7360.0	Equipment	11,250	911	11,250	11,250	0	0.0

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY21 Proposed Expenditure Budget

Financial Statement Format: Program, Grade Level, Function, Object

Account	Description	FY19 Adopted	FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted	FY21 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
Function: Direct Instruction - 1101		1,735,899	1,709,470	1,779,505	1,789,532	10,027	0.6
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.1710.0	Guidance Services	44,580	43,580	55,330	57,473	2,143	3.9
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.2110.0	Health Insurance	10,525	6,511	17,905	20,529	2,624	14.7
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.2170.0	HRA	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.2200.0	FICA	3,257	2,873	4,424	4,397	-27	-0.6
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.2310.0	Retirement	600	1,275	1,308	1,308	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.2510.0	Tuition Reimbursement	1,050	1,264	1,050	1,050	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.2710.0	Workers Compensation	358	388	515	515	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.2810.0	Dental	795	632	0	632	632	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.2920.0	Life	116	81	86	86	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.2940.0	LTD	305	243	215	215	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2120.5.6110.0	General Supplies Guidance	200	379	200	200	0	0.0
Function: Guidance Services - 2120		61,786	61,227	85,033	90,404	5,372	6.3
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.1110.0	Health Services	49,671	47,171	49,216	51,298	2,082	4.2
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.2110.0	Health Insurance	15,525	9,619	12,139	13,919	1,780	14.7
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.2170.0	HRA	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.2200.0	FICA	3,609	3,489	3,765	3,924	159	4.2
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.2350.0	403(b)	400	944	400	400	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.2510.0	Tuition Reimbursement	900	1,140	900	900	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.2710.0	Workers Compensation	396	420	396	396	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.2810.0	Dental	900	1,018	1,040	1,040	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.2910.0	125 Plan Fee	100	0	0	0	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.2920.0	Life	104	90	104	104	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.2940.0	LTD	270	270	270	270	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.3410.0	Physician	800	200	800	800	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2131.5.6110.0	General Supplies Nurse	500	535	500	500	0	0.0
Function: Health Services - 2131		73,175	68,895	73,530	77,551	4,021	5.5
101.1313.11.11.0.2213.5.3310.4	Emp Training/Develop SRSA	0	4,800	0	0	0	0.0
Function: Instruct Staff Train - 2213		0	4,800	0	0	0	0.0

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY21 Proposed Expenditure Budget

Financial Statement Format: Program, Grade Level, Function, Object

Account	Description	FY19 Adopted	FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted	FY21 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
101.1313.11.11.0.2219.5.1730.0	One Percent Program Improve Salary	3,100	0	3,100	3,100	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2219.5.2200.0	FICA	230	0	235	237	2	0.9
101.1313.11.11.0.2219.5.3210.0	Environmental Studies	2,000	752	2,000	2,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2219.5.3310.0	Emp Training/Develop	2,000	655	2,000	2,000	0	0.0
Function: Othr Instruct Improve - 2219		7,330	1,407	7,335	7,337	2	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.1710.0	Library/Media Services	59,925	59,925	61,123	62,346	1,222	2.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.2110.0	Health Insurance	6,932	6,335	7,994	9,166	1,172	14.7
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.2170.0	HRA	3,200	4,000	3,200	3,200	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.2200.0	FICA	4,584	4,421	4,676	4,769	94	2.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.2350.0	403(b)	275	1,199	900	900	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.2510.0	Tuition Reimbursement	720	0	720	720	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.2710.0	Workers Compensation	503	533	503	503	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.2810.0	Dental	795	815	832	832	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.2910.0	125 Plan Fee	175	0	0	0	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.2920.0	Life	132	108	132	132	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.2940.0	LTD	308	343	308	308	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.6110.0	General Supplies Library	500	414	500	500	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.6410.0	Books and Periodicals	4,000	4,109	4,000	4,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2220.5.6510.0	Supplies-Tech Related	1,000	948	1,000	1,000	0	0.0
Function: Library/Media Services - 2220		83,049	83,148	85,889	88,376	2,488	2.9
101.1313.11.11.0.2311.5.1910.0	School Board Wages	15,000	13,130	15,000	15,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2311.5.2200.0	FICA	1,148	1,004	1,148	1,148	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2311.5.2710.0	Workers Compensation	0	111	0	0	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2311.5.3410.0	Legal Services	3,000	1,018	3,000	3,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2311.5.5410.0	Advertising	1,500	880	1,500	1,500	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2311.5.6110.0	General Supplies School Board	2,200	369	2,200	1,000	-1,200	-54.6
101.1313.11.11.0.2311.5.8110.0	Dues and Fees - Staff	2,000	820	2,000	1,000	-1,000	-50.0
Function: Board of Education - 2311		24,848	17,332	24,848	22,648	-2,200	-8.9

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY21 Proposed Expenditure Budget

Financial Statement Format: Program, Grade Level, Function, Object

Account	Description	FY19 Adopted	FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted	FY21 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
101.1313.11.11.0.2313.5.1610.0	Board Treasurer	1,700	1,689	1,689	1,689	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2313.5.2200.0	FICA	130	129	129	129	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2313.5.2710.0	Workers Compensation	0	15	0	0	0	0.0
Function: Board Treasurer - 2313		1,830	1,833	1,818	1,818	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.1410.0	Principal	92,000	92,000	94,760	97,603	2,843	3.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.1610.0	Admin Asst	41,982	42,983	43,243	44,638	1,394	3.2
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2110.0	Health Insurance	21,670	23,716	24,993	28,657	3,664	14.7
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2170.0	HRA	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2200.0	FICA	9,877	10,003	10,557	10,881	324	3.1
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2310.0	Retirement	0	1,275	1,308	1,308	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2350.0	403(b)	4,600	4,809	4,600	4,600	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2510.0	Tuition Reimbursement	3,300	4,837	3,300	3,300	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2710.0	Workers Compensation	1,085	1,201	1,085	1,085	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2810.0	Dental	485	1,515	2,080	2,080	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2910.0	125 Plan Fee	200	0	0	0	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2920.0	Life	476	469	476	476	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.2940.0	LTD	498	706	498	498	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.5310.0	Communications	3,800	313	3,800	3,800	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2410.5.6110.0	General Supplies Principal	1,000	503	1,000	1,000	0	0.0
Function: Office of the Principal - 2410		188,973	192,329	199,700	207,926	8,226	4.1
101.1313.11.11.0.2490.5.5930.0	WSESU Assessment	162,891	162,891	188,349	191,473	3,124	1.7
Function: Support Services-School Admin - 2490		162,891	162,891	188,349	191,473	3,124	1.7
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.1820.0	Custodian	138,842	130,449	138,848	143,012	4,164	3.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.2110.0	Health Insurance	44,020	41,090	36,825	37,323	498	1.4
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.2170.0	HRA	12,000	14,000	12,000	12,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.2200.0	FICA	10,204	9,389	9,803	10,940	1,137	11.6
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.2310.0	Retirement	4,000	4,261	4,200	4,200	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.2350.0	403(b)	0	0	800	800	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.2710.0	Workers Compensation	8,317	8,437	8,500	8,500	0	0.0

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY21 Proposed Expenditure Budget

Financial Statement Format: Program, Grade Level, Function, Object

Account	Description	FY19 Adopted	FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted	FY21 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.2810.0	Dental	1,290	1,812	1,938	1,938	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.2920.0	Life	290	243	290	290	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.2940.0	LTD	0	530	0	540	540	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.4310.0	NonTechnlg Repair/Maint	32,000	37,907	32,000	32,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.5210.0	Insurance (Not Emp Ben)	12,500	11,918	12,500	12,500	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.5310.0	Communications	3,500	3,983	3,500	3,500	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.6110.0	General Supplies Custodian	14,000	18,522	16,000	16,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.6220.0	Electricity	33,000	15,404	30,000	11,000	-19,000	-63.3
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.6240.0	Oil	24,000	26,887	28,000	28,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.6290.0	Net Metered Electricity	0	13,586	0	16,000	16,000	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.7360.0	Equipment	8,250	2,968	8,250	8,250	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2610.5.7360.3	Equipment School Safety Grant	0	5,649	0	0	0	0.0
Function: Operation of Buildings - 2610		346,213	347,035	343,454	346,794	3,339	1.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2630.5.4310.0	NonTechnlg Repair/Maint	0	1,500	0	0	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2630.5.6110.0	General Supplies Grounds	5,000	1,783	5,000	5,000	0	0.0
Function: Care and Upkeep of Grounds - 2630		5,000	3,283	5,000	5,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.2711.5.5930.0	Transportation Assessment	194,000	126,906	199,267	141,019	-58,248	-29.2
Function: Resident Students - 2711		194,000	126,906	199,267	141,019	-58,248	-29.2
101.1313.11.11.0.2715.5.5190.0	Field Trip Transportation	3,000	3,478	6,000	6,000	0	0.0
Function: Field Trips-Edu Related - 2715		3,000	3,478	6,000	6,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.5020.5.8310.0	Redemption of Principal	10,000	1,666	0	0	0	0.0
Function: Debt Serv-Cap Construct - 5020		10,000	1,666	0	0	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.0.5390.5.9110.0	Trnsfr to Cap-FacilityBus	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	-50,000	-100.0
Function: Fund Transfers - 5390		50,000	50,000	50,000	0	-50,000	-100.0
101.1313.11.11.4.1101.5.1730.2	Stipends Title I	0	2,565	0	0	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.4.1101.5.1730.2	Stipends Title IV	1,394	907	2,044	2,044	0	0.0

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY21 Proposed Expenditure Budget

Financial Statement Format: Program, Grade Level, Function, Object

Account	Description	FY19 Adopted	FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted	FY21 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
101.1313.11.11.4.1101.5.1730.2	Stipends Title IIA	0	1,750	0	0	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.4.1101.5.2200.2	FICA	106	393	156	156	0	0.0
101.1313.11.11.4.1101.5.2710.2	Workers Compensation	0	44	0	0	0	0.0
Function: Direct Instruction - 1101		1,500	5,659	2,200	2,200	0	0.0
Level: Elementary (K-6) - 11							
101.1313.31.11.0.1101.5.5610.0	Tuition to Pub VT LEAs	2,949,493	2,841,358	3,051,928	2,978,079	-73,850	-2.4
101.1313.31.11.0.1101.5.5620.0	Tuition to Appr Priv Provider	1,832,347	1,804,246	1,932,000	2,113,000	181,000	9.4
101.1313.31.11.0.1101.5.5630.0	Tuition to nonVT Pub LEAs	0	46,854	0	103,236	103,236	0.0
101.1313.31.11.0.1101.5.5640.0	Tuition to nonVT Priv LEAs	0	163,568	0	132,753	132,753	0.0
Function: Direct Instruction - 1101		248,000	31,236	255,000	15,618	-239,382	-93.9
Level: Secondary (7-12) - 31							
Program: Regular Education - 11							
101.1313.11.12.0.1101.5.1750.0	Summer School	3,000	1,600	3,000	3,000	0	0.0
101.1313.11.12.0.1101.5.2200.0	Summer School	0	0	0	230	230	0.0
Program: Academic Summer School - 12		3,000	1,600	3,000	3,230	230	7.7
101.1313.11.15.5.3100.5.9120.0	Trnsfr to Food Service program	43,500	43,500	43,500	20,284	-23,216	-53.4
Program: Food Service - 15		43,500	43,500	43,500	20,284	-23,216	-53.4
101.1313.01.22.0.1201.5.5930.0	Essential Early Ed Assessment	56,396	56,396	62,120	84,038	21,918	35.3
Level: PreKindergarten - 01		56,396	56,396	62,120	84,038	21,918	35.3
101.1313.11.22.0.1201.5.5930.0	Spec Ed Assess Elementary	294,751	294,751	305,902	381,233	75,331	24.6
Level: Elementary (K-6) - 11		294,751	294,751	305,902	381,233	75,331	24.6
101.1313.31.22.0.1201.5.5930.0	Spec Ed Assess Secondary	0	0	0	230,065	230,065	0.0
Level: Secondary (7-12) - 31		0	0	0	230,065	230,065	0.0
Program: K-12 Sp Ed Ineli for Reim - 22		351,147	351,147	368,022	695,336	327,314	88.9

VERNON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT							
FY21 Proposed Expenditure Budget							
Financial Statement Format: Program, Grade Level, Function, Object							
Account	Description	FY19 Adopted	FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted	FY21 Proposed	Diff	Pct Diff
101.1313.31.31.0.1101.5.5660.0	Tuition to VC-On Behalf of State	101,358	101,348	105,000	102,732	-2,268	-2.2
101.1313.31.31.0.1101.5.5670.0	Tuition to Vocational Center	96,805	92,073	100,000	84,533	-15,467	-15.5
Program: Vocational Regular - 31		198,163	193,421	205,000	187,265	-17,735	-8.7
Grand Total Expenditures		5,730,650	5,578,715	5,963,450	6,353,800	390,350	6.6
Financial Statement Format: Program, Grade Level Definitions:							
Location: VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-1313							
Report Format Example: Based on Agency of Educ. Chart of Accounts							
Location: VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 1313				Object			
Budget Account Code Example: 101.1313.31.31.0.1101.5.5660.0							
				Function			
Program: Vocational Regular - 31				Level: Secondary (7-12) - 31			

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union
FY21 Proposed Budget Program Summary

Program	Description	FY19Amended	FY19 Actual	FY20Amended	FY21Proposed	FY21v20 %chg
Revenues						
11	Admin. Instruction & Transport	3,144,285	3,389,561	3,873,279	3,942,492	1.8%
21	Special Ed. School Age	10,950,462	10,805,226	11,131,950	13,399,340	20.4%
22	Special Ed. PreSchool Age	662,017	656,221	750,751	923,598	23.0%
	Subtotal Special Education	11,612,479	11,461,447	11,882,701	14,322,938	20.5%
11	Grant Funded Programs	3,001,387	2,736,754	2,691,088	2,848,885	5.9%
15	Food Service Revenues	1,478,832	1,492,480	1,459,599	1,669,159	14.4%
	Total Revenues	19,236,983	19,080,242	19,906,667	22,783,474	14.5%
Expenditures						
11	Administration, Instruction	2,429,285	2,423,888	2,734,098	2,753,387	0.7%
	Transportation	865,000	1,132,750	1,139,181	1,189,105	4.4%
	Subtotal 11	3,294,285	3,556,638	3,873,279	3,942,492	1.8%
21	Special Ed-School Age, nonGrant	10,088,604	10,385,185	10,282,724	12,480,242	21.4%
	Special Ed-School Age Grant	814,885	809,779	849,226	919,098	8.2%
	Subtotal 21 [includes 4228]	10,903,489	11,194,964	11,131,950	13,399,340	20.4%
22	Special Ed-EEE, non Grant	644,773	700,510	699,300	886,503	26.8%
	Special Ed-EEE Grant	64,217	28,771	51,451	37,095	-27.9%
	Subtotal 22	708,990	729,281	750,751	923,598	23.0%
	Total Special Education	11,612,479	11,924,245	11,882,701	14,322,938	20.5%
11	Instruction, Instruction Support					
	Grant Funded	3,001,387	2,625,562	2,691,088	2,848,885	5.9%
15	Food Services	1,478,832	1,492,480	1,459,599	1,669,159	14.4%
	Total Expenditures	19,386,983	19,598,925	19,906,667	22,783,474	14.5%
	Surplus/(Deficit)	(150,000)	(518,683)	-	-	
	WSESU Fund Balance @ 6/30/19		342,657			

Fiscal Year 2021 Budgeted WSESU Sub-Grants to be sent to Member Districts

District	Student Assistance	Title I	EPSDT	IEP Medicaid	21st Century	Total
Vernon			5,237	36,420		41,657
WSESU	40,000	1,152,781	37,763	343,015	57,014	1,630,573
Totals	40,000	1,152,781	43,000	379,435	57,014	1,672,230

WSESU Assessment of Budgeted Expenditures - Allocation Methodology to Districts

Approved by WSESU Board

WSESU Expense Functions to Allocate	Basis to Allocate FY21 SU Expenditures to Districts
Administrative Services & Support of Instruction	Two year average of Regular Ed Nov. 1 Student Census for all school districts Grades K-12, (e.g. FY21 budget basis uses average of Nov. 2019 & Nov. 2018 AOE-adm) Census data excludes EEE and PreK census data
Special Education School Age Expenditures (Program 21), for all WSESU K-6 Schools and Dummerston & Putney grades K-8	Two year average of Regular Ed Nov. 1 Student Census for all school districts in Grades K-6 and D&P K-8, (e.g. FY21 budget basis uses average of Nov. 2019 & Nov. 2018). Census data excludes EEE and PreK
Special Education School Age Expenditures for Brattleboro Area Middle School and Brattleboro UHS in Grades 7 through 12	<p>Step 1: Identify the two year average of Nov. 1 Student Census IEP Resident Students from the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney & Vernon, attending BAMS/BUHS.</p> <p>Step 2: Calculate the proportion of IEP Student enrollment attending BUHS from step 1.</p> <p>Step 3: Identify the eligible costs to be allocated between WSESD, and Vernon. Budgeted costs at the WSESU-BUHS site are reduced by VT State special education aid, non-member district excess cost reimbursements, and outside placement costs, to derive SU eligible allocated special education costs</p> <p>Step 4: The proportion of IEP students attending BAMS/BUHS identified in step 2 is multiplied by the SU eligible special education costs identified in step 3 to define the assessment amount to WSESD and Vernon school District.</p>
Special Education Prek Essential Early Education (EEE) age Expenditures (Program 22), for all WSESU Elementary Schools	Two year average of Regular Ed Nov. 1 Student Census for all school districts in Grades K-6 and D&P K-8, (e.g. FY21 budget basis uses average of Nov. 2019 & Nov. 2018). Census data excludes EEE and PreK
Transportation – To and From School (excludes field trips)	Regular Education contracted transportation costs are assessed based on the number buses assigned to the District. Special Education contracted transportation costs are based on utilization of the service provided.

WSESU FY21 Budget Expense Allocation Statistics					
Statistics used for Admin., Support Instruct. [Excludes PreK]					
AOE ADM updated 1.2.20		Nov. 7, 2018	Nov. 7, 2019	Two Yr. Avg.	Two Yr. Avg.
		FY19 AOE Census	FY19 AOE Census	Proportion for	Proportion for
		basis FY20budget	basis FY21budget	FY20 Budget	FY21 Budget
Total Enrollment K-12					
Brattleboro	K-6	718	690	31.6%	31.1%
Dummerston	K-8	140	139	6.2%	6.2%
Guilford	K-8	134	102	5.8%	5.2%
Putney	K-8	164	177	7.1%	7.5%
Vernon	K-6	162	156	7.1%	7.0%
Brattleboro UHS	7-12	969	977	42.2%	43.0%
Sub Total *		2,287	2,241	100.0%	100.0%
*Excludes EEE and PreK		287	292		
VTSD Not @ BUHS#6		18	18	Diff	% Diff
Total Enrollment		2,592	2,551	(41)	-1.6%
Administration & Support of Instruction Expense Allocations					
Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]					
		FY20	FY21	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro		840,267		(840,267)	-100.0%
Dummerston		165,802		(165,802)	-100.0%
Guilford		153,984		(153,984)	-100.0%
Putney		188,526		(188,526)	-100.0%
Vernon		188,349	191,473	3,124	1.7%
Brattleboro UHS		1,123,200		(1,123,200)	-100.0%
WSESD		-	2,534,914	2,534,914	
Sub Totals		2,660,128	2,726,387	66,259	2.5%
Special Education School - School Age Expense Allocations (Elem & Secondary Combined)					
Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]					
		FY20	FY21	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro		1,364,695		(1,364,695)	-100.0%
Dummerston		269,282		(269,282)	-100.0%
Guilford		250,088		(250,088)	-100.0%
Putney		306,189		(306,189)	-100.0%
Vernon		305,902	611,298	305,396	99.8%
Brattleboro UHS		1,824,212		(1,824,212)	-100.0%
WSESD		-	4,394,121	4,394,121	
Sub Totals		4,320,367	5,005,419	685,052	15.9%
Essential Early Ed (EEE) Expense Alloc. To Districts					
Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]					
		FY20	FY21	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro		277,132		(277,132)	-100.0%
Dummerston		54,684		(54,684)	-100.0%
Guilford		50,786		(50,786)	-100.0%
Putney		62,178		(62,178)	-100.0%
Vernon		62,120	84,038	21,917	35.3%
WSESD			598,306	598,306	
Sub Totals		506,900	682,344	175,444	34.6%
Total WSESU Admin, Instruct. Support & Special Ed & EEE Expense Alloc. to Districts					
		FY20	FY21	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro		2,482,094	-	(2,482,094)	-100.0%
Dummerston		489,767	-	(489,767)	-100.0%
Guilford		454,858	-	(454,858)	-100.0%
Putney		556,893	-	(556,893)	-100.0%
Vernon		556,372	886,809	330,437	59.4%
Brattleboro UHS		2,947,412		(2,947,412)	-100.0%
WSESD			7,527,341	7,527,341	
Sub Totals		7,487,395	8,414,150	926,755	12.4%

WSESU Administration & Support of Instruction Expense Allocations			
Derivation of Net Assessment			
	FY20	FY21	Pct. Change
SU Admin, Instruct., Transport	3,873,279	3,942,492	
less transport contract	1,183,651	1,189,105	
less other sources of revenue: Grants	7,500	7,500	
Federal indirect cost grant	22,000	19,500	
	-	-	
Assess. for Admin & Instruction	2,660,128	2,726,387	2.5%

WSESU Assessment Assumptions			
Transport Service Charge to District:			
	FY20	FY21	Prorated use
State Aid Reimbursement - based on FY20 fcst			
VTSD 3 of 17 buses	67,059	68,824	17.6%
WSESD: 14 of 17 buses	312,941	321,176	82.4%
Estimated State Aid (3150)	380,000	390,000	100.0%
Transport Cost of Services			
VTSD 3 of 17 buses	208,880	209,842	17.6%
WSESD: 14 of 17 buses	974,771	979,263	82.4%
Estimated Transport Contract Expense	1,183,651	1,189,105	
Transport Net Assess to Districts:			
VTSD 3 of 17 buses	141,821	141,019	
WSESD: 14 of 17 buses	661,830	658,086	
Total Net Assess to Districts	803,651	799,105	

BASIS of WSESU Elementary (k-6/8) Special Education Assessment to WSESD & VTSD				
and				
Essential Early Education (EEE), grade PreK, Assessment to WSESD & VTSD				
Assessment Allocation based on proportional Regular Ed Grades K-6/8, using a two year average of the Average Daily Membership (ADM) data				
Statistics from Nov 2018 & Nov 2019, updated from data provided by AOE				
School Site	Nov1 2yr. Avg Cens	Allocation	FY21 ElemSchAge	FY21 EEE
Brattleboro	704	54.5%		
Dummerston	140	10.8%		
Guilford	118	9.1%		
Putney	171	13.2%		
WSESD subtotal	1,132	87.7%	2,714,186	598,306
Vernon	159	12.3%	381,233	84,038
SU Assess Elementary (k-6/8)	1,291	100.0%	3,095,419	682,344
SU Assessments Secondary Secondary SE Expenses			1,910,000	
Total SU Assessment, SE (K-12) to Districts			5,005,419	

MINUTES 2019 TOWN MEETING

Town Moderator Timothy Arsenault gaveled the meeting to open at 6:42PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the body.

A Moment of Silence was held in honor of those residents who lost their lives over the past year.

Moderator Arsenault introduced guest VT Representative Sara Coffey who gave a brief statement on the current activities at the Vermont legislature. She then read a proclamation and presented it to longtime resident Barbara Emery Moseley. A standing ovation of appreciation by the body was given to Moseley.

Moderator Arsenault reviewed the Rules of the Meeting. Printed copies of the Rules were available at the check-in table.

Moderator Arsenault explained **Article 3: Vernon Town School Budget** is on the Australian ballot for Tuesday. He introduced School Board Chair Kerry Amidon, who explained the proposed budget, and invited questions.

A brief recess was called to allow School Board members to be seated in body and Select Board members to be seated at the head table.

Moderator Arsenault introduced Select Board Chair Josh Unruh. Mr. Unruh introduced the other Select Board members present at the table:

Sandra Harris, Jean Carr, Jeff Dunklee, & Christopher Parker.

Chairman Unruh thanked the volunteers that support the Town of Vernon throughout the year in their many capacities. He asked volunteers present to stand and be recognized.

Chairman Unruh recognized the valuable work of Town Administrator, Michele Pong. She was presented with flowers from the Board.

Moderator Arsenault read **Warning Article 4: Shall the voters authorize the total general fund expenditures for operating expenses of \$1,831,995.00 of which \$1,538,295.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$239,700.00 by estimated income?**

Select Board Chair Josh Unruh made the motion as stated. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Harris. Unruh explained a PowerPoint presentation concerning the Town Budget for 2019/2020. Questions from the Body were taken

by department, and responded to by the appropriate Department Head.

Town Clerk's Office: no discussion

Town Treasurer's Office: no discussion

Lister's Office: no discussion

Select Board General Expenses Questions about the floors in Town hall being redone. Administrator Pong said only one vendor responded

Planning Dept: No questions

Recreation Dept: Munson Hicks asked why the school rental was subject to a cost of living adjustment. Recreation Director Deyo said the line item had not changed in two years, and was set by the school board

Cemeteries: Munson Hicks asked if the funds were being invested, and if the maximum return was coming in.

Vernon Seniors: no questions

Town Van: Change due to reduced use Historians South School Museum: No Questions

Contracted Public Safety Services: The proposed budget Number \$50,000 provides 19 hours per week of coverage by the Windham County Sheriff's office. Jonathon Hall moved to increase the weekly hours to a total of 20 per day, at a cost of \$295,732.00. A paper ballot was sought and the amendment defeated, 40 yes and 127 no. An amendment was proposed by Andrew Gantt, to eliminate all funding for the Sheriff's office, and the motion failed on a voice vote. Mark Hanke moved to continue 40 hour a week coverage for the sheriff's office, at a cost of \$84,552. The vote was taken by voice, and the Moderator then asked for a standing vote, with the result 92 yes, and 50 no.

Fire Department: no discussion;

Other Public Safety: Siren testing no longer needed Highway Department no discussion.

The amended motion read: **The voter authorize a total general fund expenditure of \$ 1,866,547.00, with estimated revenues of \$293,700.00 and the amount to be raised by taxes of \$1,572,847.00.** The motion passed on a voice vote.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 5: Shall the voters appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$82,855.00 for administration of the Vernon Free Library for which \$76,000.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$6,855.00 shall be appropriated from the Vernon Free Library Gift Fund.**

Sandra Harris made the motion as stated, with Chris Parker making the second. Library Trustee Chair Bronna Zlochiver moved to amend the motion as follows: **"Shall the voters appropriate a total Library Fund Expenditure of \$86,855 for administration of the Vernon Free Library for which \$80,000 shall be raised by taxes and \$6,855 shall be appropriated from the Vernon Free Library Gift Fund"** Motion seconded. Zlochiver spoke to the question. Discussion was had, and

the amendment was approved on a voice vote. The motion , as amended, was approved by a voice vote.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 6: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of one year through Town Meeting in March of 2020.**

Kristen Dietrich made the motion: **“I nominate Joanne Leveille to fill the unexpired term of one year through Town Meeting of March of 2020.”** 2nd from the Floor. No discussion. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 7: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of three years through Town Meeting of March of 2022.**

Joanne Leveille made the motion; **“I nominate Kristen Dietrich to fill the unexpired term of three years through Town Meeting of March of 2022.”** 2nd from the Floor. No discussion; Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 8: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the term of three years through Town Meeting of March of 2022.**

Janis Pereira made the motion: **“I nominate Amy Emery to fill the term of three years through Town Meeting of March of 2022.”** 2nd from the Floor. No discussion; Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 9: To elect the Marsh Fund Committee.**

Jeff Dunklee made the motion: **“I move that we appoint James Brown and Sandra Harris to the Marsh Fund Committee.”** Josh Unruh 2nd. No discussion. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 10: To elect a Memorial Day committee.** Chris Parker made the motion: **“I move that we appoint Peter and Angela Miller to the Memorial Day committee.”** 2nd by Josh Unruh. No discussion; Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$200,899.00 for funding of items approved in the Capital Plan of which \$193,184.00 to be raised by taxes?**

Jeff Dunklee made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$200,899) for the funding of items approved in the Capital Plan of which One Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$192,184) to be raised by taxes.”** Jean Carr 2nd the motion. Discussion: Dunklee thanked the Capital Plan Committee on behalf of the Selectboard for all their hard work: Lynda Starorypinski, Tom Rappaport, Joyce Goodnow & Rita Mudd. Rappaport spoke on the Capital Plan. Two items added: Fire Station roof @ \$38,000 over 3 years; Fire Department Life Pack 12 Defibrillator Monitor

@ \$30,000 over 2 years. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 12: Shall the voters appropriate \$25,600 to be raised by taxes to reimburse the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund for expenses related to light replacement at the Vernon Recreation Area?**

Josh Unruh made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate Twenty –Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$25,600) to be raised by taxes to reimburse the Emergency Capital Reserve Fund for expenses related to light replacement at the Vernon Recreation Area.”** Sandy Harris 2nd the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 13: Shall the voters appropriate \$100,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Road Upgrading Fund”?**

Chris Parker made the motion: **“I move the the voters appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be raised by taxes to fund the Town Road Upgrading Fund.”** Motion 2nd by Jean Carr. Discussion: Mike Brooks: asked about Sak Road maintenance & the balance remaining in the Fund. Road Commissioner David Walker replied the improvements are back at square one because rights of way were not able to be secured. Mark Parker thanked the Department for maintaining safe roads. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 14: Shall the voters appropriate \$40,000 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Culvert Fund”?**

Jean Carr made the motion: **“I move the voters appropriate Forty Thousand Dollars to be raised by taxes to fund the Town Culvert Fund.”** Jeff Dunklee 2nd the motion. Discussion: Question concerning Tyler Hill road. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 15: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund”.**

Jean Carr made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund”.** Chris Parker 2nd the motion. Discussion: Nancy Burrington queried the Treasurer concerning the current fund balance. It is approximately \$67,000. This request is to continue to slowly increase the Fund until needed for scheduled maintenance. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 16: Shall the voters appropriate \$25,000 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Professional Services Fund”?** Josh Unruh made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate Twenty Five**

Thousand Dollars to be raised by taxes to fund the Professional Services Fund.” Jeff Dunklee 2nd the motion. Discussion: none. Request to divide the House by standing vote. Motion passes.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 17: Shall the voters appropriate \$15,162.00 for the Windham Solid Waste District Assessment to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Solid Waste Fund”.** Josh Unruh made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$15,162) for the Windham Solid Waste District Assessment to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Solid Waste Fund”.** Jean Carr 2nd the motion. There being no discussion, voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 18: Shall the voters appropriate \$63,000.00 for municipal refuse, town wide recycling and compost disposal to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Solid Waste Fund.** Josh Unruh made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate Sixty Three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) for the municipal refuse, town wide recycling and compost disposal to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Solid Waste Fund.”** Sandy Harris 2nd the motion. Unruh explained this fund is for picking up Town Office garbage each week, town wide recycling pickup and disposal and compost pick up and disposal. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 19: Shall the voters appropriate \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Elderly Assistance Fund”.** Jeff Dunklee made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Elderly Assistance Fund”.** Jean Carr 2nd the motion. Discussion: Emily Vergobbe: What is the history of expenses for the past 2 years. Concerned that the fund is being spent down too low and might need additional funding. Nancy Burrington made a similar inquiry and statement of concern. Inquired how is it spent and who is eligible. Committee Chair Marylynn Scherlin responded by outlining the fund guidelines. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 20: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,100 to be raised by taxes to fund the Vernon Historians for the purpose of records preservation, retention and promotion of history educational initiatives and insurance coverage?** Sandy Harris made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred (\$1,100) to be raised by taxes to fund the Vernon Historians for the purpose of records preservation,**

retention and promotion of history educational initiatives and insurance coverage?”. Jean Carr 2nd the motion. The being no discussion a voice vote was taken. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 21: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000 to be raised by taxes to fund a public Fireworks display?** Jeff Dunklee made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be raised by taxes to fund a public Fireworks display”.** Chris Parker 2nd the motion. Discussion: Hannah Gantt encouraged the motion be defeated. This was previously funded by donations. She expects to host a fund raiser for the coming July 4th celebration. No further discussion. Voice vote was called. Motion defeated.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 22: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$6,025.00 to be raised by taxes to support the following in the designated amounts?:**

Senior Solutions	\$ 800.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	\$1,850.00
The Current	\$ 125.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH	\$3,250.00”.

Sandy Harris made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Twenty-Five Dollars (\$6,025.00) to be raised by taxes to support the following Senior Solutions for \$800.00 – HCRS for \$1,850.00 - The Current for \$125.00 - Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH for \$3,250.00”.** The motion was 2nd by Jean Carr. Discussion: Terry Hyland from Visiting Nurse and Hospice gave a brief presentation on their services; Hannah Gantt encouraged that the motion be defeated as folks can contribute on their own to organizations of their choice. Josh Unruh called for a paper ballot. Motion passed as follows:

Senior Solutions	59 yes	50 no
H C R S	58 yes	52 no
The Current	51 yes	70 no
Visiting Nurse and Hospice	76 yes	54 no

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 23: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the operation of the Emergency Management Office?** Josh Unruh made the motion: **“I move that the voters appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be raised by taxes for the operation of the Emergency Management Office”.** Chris Parker 2nd the motion. There being no discussion a voice vote was called. Motion passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 24: Shall the voters of the Town of Vernon authorize the Selectboard to spend \$110,000.00 from the Vernon Farmland Protection**

Fund to pay a portion of the costs that will permanently conserve 146 acres on Route 142 owned by Whitney Elms, LLC? Jean Carr made the motion: “I move that the voters of the Town of Vernon authorize the Selectboard to spend One Hundred and Ten Thousand (\$110,000.00) from the Vernon Farmland Protection Fund to pay a portion of the costs that will permanently conserve 146 acres on Route 142 owned by Whitney Elms, LLC.”. Sandy Harris 2nd the motion. Discussion: Art Miller from the Farmland Committee made a presentation to describe the purpose of the project. Printed handouts were available at the check in table. Additional discussion took place with several residents speaking in support of the project. Paper ballot was request and supported by more than 7 members of the body.

The article passed 78 yes and 29 no.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 25: Shall the voters appropriate a sum of \$20,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Vernon Farmland Protection Fund? Jean Carr made the motion: “I move that the voters appropriate a sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Vernon Farmland Protection Fund.”. Josh Unruh 2nd the motion. A short discussion took place, and the article was passed by a voice vote**

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 26: Shall the voters authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer in three installments, with the due dates being, September 12, 2019, January 16, 2020 and May 07, 2020? Chris Parker made the motion: “I move that the voters authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer in three installments, with the due dates being, September 12, 2019, January 16, 2020 and May 07, 2020”. Seconded by Jeff Dunklee. There being no discussion a voice vote was called. Motion passed.**

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 27: Shall the voters approve the provision of notice of availability of the Town Report and Auditor’s Report by “postcard,**

mailed to all registered voters” at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Town Report and Auditor’s Report as authorized by Vermont Law and 24 V.C.A. § 1682(a)(2)? Chris Parker made the motion: “I move that the voters approve the provision of notice of availability of the Town Report and Auditor’s Report by “postcard, mailed to all registered voter” at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Town Report and Auditor’s Report as authorized by Vermont Law and 24 V.C.A. § 1682(a)(2). Jean Carr seconded the motion. There being no discussion a voice vote was called. Motion was passed.

Moderator Arsenault read **Article 28: To discuss any other business.**

Discussion: Emily requested that the Selectboard consider adding funding for the continuation of the James Cusick Scholarship Fund to the warrant for the 2020 Town Meeting. No further discussion.

Moderator Arsenault called the meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Moderator

Select Board Chair

Assistant Town Clerk

WARNING FOR 2020 TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The legal voters of the Vernon Town and Vernon Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Vernon Elementary School (cafetorium) at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 02, 2020 in said Town to act upon the following articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot; beginning with Town Meeting Article 4.

Voting on Town Meeting Article 1, and School District Articles 2 and 3 will be by Australian Ballot at the Town Office Building (downstairs) on Tuesday, March 03, 2020. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The annual meeting will recess to meet at the Vernon Elementary School (cafetorium) on Wednesday, March 04, 2020 at 6:30 PM to consider any remaining Articles, if necessary.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT:

Selectboard – 2 yr Term Christopher Parker
Selectboard – 3 yr Term Jean Carr
Town Treasurer – 3 yr Term Cindy Turnley
Lister – 3 yr Term..... Chad Baldwin
Town Moderator – 1 yr Term..... Tim Arsenault
Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 yr Term .. Marylynn Scherlin
1st Constable 1 yr TermJesse Jobin
2nd Constable 1 yr Term
Town Agent – 1 yr Term
Grand Juror – 1 yr Term.....

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Town School District Officers by law to be elected at the Annual Town School District Meeting. (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

School Board – 2 yr Term
School Board – 3 yr Term Chad Mulverhill
Town School District Moderator..... Tim Arsenault

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Vernon Town School District authorize the School Board to expend \$6,353,800, which is the amount the Vernon Town School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuring fiscal year? It is determined that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,178.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.8% higher than spending for the current year. (VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the voters authorize the total general fund expenditure for operating expenses of \$1,894,285.00

of which \$1,608,585.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$285,700.00 by estimated income?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters appropriate a total Library fund expenditure of \$87,453.00 to be raised by taxes for administration of the Vernon Free Library?

ARTICLE 6: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of one year through Town Meeting in March of 2021.

ARTICLE 7: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term of three years through Town Meeting of March 2022.

ARTICLE 8: To elect a Library Trustee to fill the term of three years through Town Meeting of March 2023.

ARTICLE 9: To elect the Marsh Fund Committee.

ARTICLE 10: To elect a Memorial Day Committee.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$252,923.00 for the funding of items approved in the Capital Plan of which \$60,842.00 to be raised by taxes?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town continue to provide curbside trash collection (Pay-As-You-Throw)?

ARTICLE 13: If the Town votes NO on ARTICLE 12, Shall the voters authorize the town to dissolve the Pay-As-You-Throw Fund and cover negative expenditure from the Solid Waste Fund up to \$8,000.00?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town continue curbside recycling?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters appropriate \$108,000.00 for municipal building refuse, curbside recycling and compost recycling to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Solid Waste Fund”?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters appropriate \$14,518.00 for the Windham Solid Waste District Assessment to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Solid Waste Fund”?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters establish an Emergency Repair/Replacement Fund to cover urgent, unbudgeted expenses for the repair or replacement of Town property and/or equipment costing over \$500.00?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Emergency Repair/Replacement Fund”, if established by ARTICLE 17 above?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the voters eliminate the office of Lister and authorize the Selectboard to contract with or employ a professionally qualified assessor as provided by Title 17 § 2651c of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?
(VOTING BY PAPER BALLOT)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the purpose of the Professional Services Fund be amended to include representation of the Town of Vernon on issues relating to utilities “and industrial scale development “?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters appropriate \$100,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Road Upgrading Fund”?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the voters appropriate \$40,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Culvert Fund”?

ARTICLE 23: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the “Town Parking Lots Maintenance Fund”?

ARTICLE 24: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established “Elderly Assistance Fund”?

ARTICLE 25: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the Vernon Historians for the purpose of records preservation, retention and promotion of history educational initiatives and insurance coverage?

ARTICLE 26: Shall the voters appropriate \$2,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund a public Fireworks display?
Selectboard:

Joshua D. Unruh, Chair

Sandra Harris, Vice Chair

Jean Carr, Clerk

Jeffrey Dunklee

Christopher Parker

ARTICLE 27: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$3,250 to be raised by taxes to support Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT and NH ?

ARTICLE 28: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes for the operation of the Emergency Management Office?

ARTICLE 29: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes to fund the previously established Vernon Farmland Protection Fund?

ARTICLE 30: Shall the voters amend the James Cusick Scholarship Requirements which presently reads “Each full time resident recipient shall receive \$1,000.00 (or the amount voted) for two semesters at an institution of higher learning, a certified training center, or a vocational school. If the amount of the appropriation is not sufficient, it shall be divided equally among the students selected.” With “. The number of recipients, and the amount of scholarship provided to each shall be determined based on money available.”?

ARTICLE 31: Shall the voters authorize payment of Real and Personal Property taxes to the Town Treasurer in three installments, with the due dates being, September 10, 2020, January 14, 2021 and May 06, 2021?

ARTICLE 32: Shall the voters approve the provision of notice of availability of the Town Report and Auditor’s Report by “postcard, mailed to all registered voters” at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting, in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the Town Report and Auditor’s Report as authorized by Vermont Law and 24 V.S.A. § 1682(a)(2)?

ARTICLE 33: To discuss any other non-binding business.

Kerry Amidon, Chair

Walter Breau

Chad Mulverhill

Hannah Rosinski

Sandy Morrison



NorthStar

Nuclear Decommissioning