

ANNUAL REPORTS
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016



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THETFORD TOWN OFFICES

**PO BOX 126 3910 ROUTE 113
THETFORD CENTER, VT 05075-0126**

(802) 785-2922

FAX (802) 785-2031

www.thetfordvermont.us

POLICE, FIRE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, dial 911

THETFORD POLICE

Chief Michael Evans
Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2200

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Stuart Rogers
785-4392

COUNTY AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Vermont State Police, Bradford – 222-4680
Fish and Wildlife Warden – 234-9933
Orange County Sheriff – 685-4875

HEALTH OFFICER

Al Stone - By Appointment
785-4503

LISTERS

785-2922 ext 4

FIRE DEPARTMENT

PO Box 330

Thetford Center, VT 05075

Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2412

Chad Whitcomb, Chief – 333-4123

Fire Wardens (Burning Permits):

Chad Whitcomb 333-4123

Mariah Whitcomb 333-4123

Andrew Field 333-3727

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

785-2922 ext 3

TOWN CLERK

785-2922 ext 5

TOWN TREASURER

785-2922 ext 7

PUBLIC WORKS

Town Garage – 785-4679

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

785-2922 EXT 20

SELECTBOARD

Mondays at 7:00 PM
Town Hall

RECREATION COORDINATOR

785-2922 ext 6

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Thank you to Martha Howard, Director of the Thetford Historical Society, for providing the photographs of things that are no longer here.

THETFORD ELECTED OFFICIALS

[term expires in “()”]

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits - 1 year – vacant

Cemetery Commissioners – 3 year

Sam Eaton ('18)	333-9232	
Mark McMahon ('19)	603-667-0335	MoMMc5@aol.com
John Wilmot ('17)	785-4090	

Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 3 year

Mary Dan Pomeroy ('17)	785-2922	cdt@thetfordvermont.us
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Justices of the Peace – 2 year

Richard Balagur	785-4514	richard@balagur.com
Robin Brown	333-4727	rrbrown1122@gmail.com
Cathee Clement	785-2668	turtlepond@netzero.net
Wendy Cole	785-2698	wendy.s.cole@valley.net
Bill Huff	785-4640	chugalugskipper@gmail.com
Bill Keegan	333-9372	bill.b.keegan@gmail.com
Rick Maynard	333-9130	maynardmoon@aol.com
Sherry Merrick	333-9598	merricksherry@gmail.com
Cyrus Severance	333-4436	severance@valley.net
Janet Shepler	785-2431	janetshepler@yahoo.com

Listers – 3 year

Denise Adams ('18)	785-2922	listers@thetfordvermont.us
Diane Osgood ('17)	785-2922	listers@thetfordvermont.us
Janet Stowell ('19)	785-2922	listers@thetfordvermont.us

Representatives for Orange-Windsor

Tim Briglin	785-2414	tbriglin@leg.state.vt.us
James Masland	785-4146	jmasland@leg.state.vt.us

School Directors – 2 & 3 year

Julie Acker ('17)	785-2449	jacker.vt@gmail.com
Charlie Buttrey ('18)	785-4005	charliebuttrey@yahoo.com
Shannon Darrah, Chair ('19)	649-1505	shabbott88@gmail.com
Kristen Downey ('18)	802-384-7756	kristen.downey77@gmail.com
Scott MacPhee ('17)	333-4492	smacphee@mvrsl.org

School Moderator – 1 year

Mark McMahon ('17)	603-667-0335	MoMMc5@aol.com
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Selectboard – 2 & 3 year

John Bacon ('17)	785-4831	selectboard@thetfordvermont.us
James Dixon ('17)	785-4223	govehillbacon@gmail.com
Jessica Eaton, V Chair ('18)	333-9491	dixonj@hartsfordschools.net
Bill Huff ('17)	785-4640	j.eaton@thetfordvermont.us
Stuart Rogers, Chair ('19)	785-4392	chugalugskipper@gmail.com
Martie Moses, Selectboard Assistant - Appointed		stuart.p.rogers@valley.net

Senator-Orange County

Mark MacDonald 433-5867

Sheriff of Orange County

Bill Bohnyak 685-4875

Town Clerk – 3 year

Tracy Borst ('19) 785-2922 townclerk@thetfordvermont.us

Town Moderator – 1 year

Mark McMahon ('17) 603-667-0335 MoMMc5@aol.com

Town Treasurer– 3 year

Jill Graff ('17) 785-2922 treasurer@thetfordvermont.us

Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 year

Elmer Brown ('17) 785-2167

J. Rick Hoffman ('19) 785-2438

Joe Tofel ('18) 649-1434



Before there was a White Building at TA, this home, belonging to Porter and Sue Adams, overlooked the valley. It burned in 1933. (THS Archives)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Animal Control Officer

Stuart Rogers ('17) 785-4392

Assistant Town Clerk

Lori Magoon 785-2922

Assistant Treasurer

Rebecca Buchanan 785-2922

Conservation Commission

Sue Tallman ('18)	785-4579	sue.tallman@gmail.com
Libby Chapin ('18)	333-9308	lib.chapin@gmail.com
Ann Lavanway, Sec ('18)	785-9814	ann.m.lavanway@dartmouth.edu
Steven Lehman ('18)	785-4241	slehman616@gmail.com
Robert Pulaski, Trsr ('17)	333-4627	bobpulaski@myfairpoint.net
Li Shen, Chair ('17)	785-4950	lilian.shen.vt@gmail.com
Jeff Smith ('18)	785-2615	jeffrey.r.smith@valley.net
Connie Snyder ('18)	785-2729	c.crovosnyder@valley.net
Sue Fritz ('18)	785-2512	

Development Review Board

Jesse Anderson ('17)	917-407-5116	vermontian@gmail.com
Bill Bridge ('17)	785-2964	unharried@gmail.com
Don Longwell ('18)	785-4971	vtlongwell@aol.com
Sean Mullen, Chair ('18)	785-4373	mullharvey@valley.net
Tim Taylor ('18)	333-4455	tim@crossroadfarm.com

DPW Foreman

Chad Martin 785-4679 publicworks@thetfordvermont.us

Emergency Management Director

Mariah Whitcomb 802-291-1445 thetfordemergencymanagement@gmail.com

Energy Committee

Ellen Blumberg ('18)	785-9883	mjblumberg@valley.net
Marc Chabot ('18)	785-4459	marcchabotvt@gmail.com
Chris Hebb ('19)	333-9689	chris.hebb@valley.net
Michael Kiess ('19)	785-2438	michaelkiessvt@gmail.com
Manny Grewal ('19)	333-3292	manohar.grewal@gmail.com
Joel Legunn ('18)	785-3041	joel.legunn@gmail.com
Alice Stewart ('17)	785-3087	afs@finowen.net
Bob Walker, Chair ('17)	785-4126	bwalker@serg-info.org

Fire Warden

Chad Whitcomb ('19) 333-4123 chad@whitcombwelding.com

Greater UV Solid Waste District Representative

Jim Masland ('17) 785-4146 jmasland@leg.state.vt.us

Health Officer

Alford Stone ('19) 785-4503

Historian

Marshall Van Norden ('17) 333-4574

Historic Preservation Committee

Stephen Branchflower, Chair ('17)	785-2667	stephen@smithandvansant.com
John Hall ('19)	333-4077	jwhallvt@gmail.com
Roney Hoffman ('17)	785-2438	roney.hoffman@gmail.com
Doug Miller, Sec ('19)	802-299-6458	firstlightrenovations@gmail.com
Vacant		

Planning Commission

Liz Ryan Cole ('17)	785-4124	lizryancole@me.com
Jason Crance ('18)		jason@crancelaw.com
Vacant ('19)		
Kevin O'Hara, Chair ('19)	333-4846	kevin@oharagercke.com
Michael Schunk ('19)	785-2574	thetfordhilldesign@gmail.com
Jamie Thaxton, Vice Chair ('18)	785-4222	james.thaxton.01@gmail.com
Dean Whitlock ('19)	785-2012	boatman@deanwhitlock.com

Police Department

Michael Evans, Police Chief	785-2200
Stuart Rogers, Patrol Officer	785-2200

Recreation Advisory Council

Andrew Davis, Chair ('17)	333-9557	andrew.davis@snocountry.org
Deb Dixon, Sec. ('17)	785-4363	
Sara Ecker ('18)		
Douglas Kennedy ('17)	785-3175	
Jeff Vaughan ('17)	785-9839	
Mike Wells, V Chair ('18)	785-4731	
Vacant ('17)		
Nathan Maxwell, Ex Officio	785-2922	recreation@thetfordvermont.us

Recreation Director

Nathan Maxwell	785-2922	recreation@thetfordvermont.us
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Road Commissioner

Bill Huff ('17)	785-4640	chugalugskipper@gmail.com
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Senior & Affordable Housing Committee

Betty Campbell ('16)	785-2407	bettylc55@gmail.com
David Fisk ('16)	333-9607	Lutefisk_us@yahoo.com
Dale Gephart, ('17)	333-9748	dale.s.gephart@dartmouth.edu
Scott Hesser ('17)	617-285-0688	scotthesser@me.com
Manny Grewal ('16)	333-3292	manohar.grewal@gmail.com
Mark McMahon, Chair ('17)	603-667-0335	MoMMc5@aol.com
Heinz Trebitz ('17)	785-2129	lht63@wavecomm.com

Thetford Elder Network

Jody Biddle, Chair	785-4508
Betty Campbell	785-2407
Sue Gault, Secretary	785-2805
Dale Gephart, V Chair	333-9748
Priscilla (Pril) Hall	333-4077
Cathy Newbury	785-3136
Susan Rump	785-4029
Inge Trebitz	785-2129

Town Service Officer

Laurie Ingalls ('17)	785-3190	karolasting@aol.com
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Tree Warden

Louis Cadwell ('17)	802-356-2814
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Tri-Town Commission

James Dixon ('17)	785-4223	j.dixon@thetfordvermont.us
Ridge Satterthwaite ('17)		ridgevt@gmail.com
Renee Snow ('17)		reneelsnow@gmail.com

Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC

Jim Masland, ('17)	785-4146	jmasland@leg.state.vt.us
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Upper Valley Ambulance

Robin Pettingill ('17)	333-9882
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Zoning Administrator - 3 year

Mary Ellen Parkman ('18)	785-2922	zoning@thetfordvermont.us
Diane C. Osgood, Zoning Clerk		

Notaries Public

Karin Bonnett	785-2543
Mike Brown	785-4536
Wendy Cole	785-2698
Kate Cone	785-2964
Lynn J. Daley	785-4336
Emily S. Davis	649-2729
Dana C. Grossman	785-4074
Daniel F. Grossman	785-4074
Mary M. Hathorn	333-9176
Lynn Irwin	785-4581
Rick Maynard	333-9130
Kathy McQueen	785-4493
Diane C. Osgood	522-9376
Gloria Thurston	785-4805
Susie Weider	785-4014

TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

The annual Town and School Meeting will be held on

Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 9:00 am

Gymnasium, Thetford Academy

Town Meeting is first on the agenda.

A snack bar, benefiting the 7th grade trip to Washington DC,
will be open for the morning session.

Childcare will be available free of charge from 9 am to 3 pm.

Luncheon will be provided; proceeds benefit the
Thetford Academy Language Department Trip



*A 1907 view of Preston's Sawmill and the covered bridge over the
Ompompanoosuc, Sawnee Bean Road (THS Archives)*

2017 CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES	
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year	
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year	Richard P. Landry
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Mary Danner Pomeroy
Grand Juror, 1 year	
Lister, 3 year	Diane C. Osgood
Select Board, 3 year	John E. Bacon Douglas K. Stone
Select Board, 2 year	James Dixon
Select Board, 1 year to complete 3 year	Bill T. Huff
Town Moderator, 1 year	Mark T. McMahon
Town Treasurer, 3 year	Jill Graff
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	Elmer C. Brown
School Director, 3 year	Julie Acker
School Director, 2 year	Scott H. MacPhee
School Moderator	Mark T. McMahon



MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote at Town Meeting once a year, but when you volunteer you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Many thanks to all who so generously work to make Thetford a better place to be.

Mark McMahon
Town Moderator

VOTER INFORMATION NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Registered voters may participate and vote March 4 (Town Meeting) and March 7 (Australian ballot). Applications to the voter checklist are available at the Town Clerk's office at 3910 Vermont Route 113, Thetford Center or online at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>.

Clerk's Office Hours

6:00 pm-8:00 pm Monday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday
8:30 am to Noon Friday

Special hours due to election requirements:

March 6 open 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Early or Absentee Voting

Any registered voter that cannot make it to the polling place on voting day may request an absentee ballot - no explanation necessary. Absentee ballots may be requested by phone, in writing, or in person by the voter's family member (a voter's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse's parents, grandparents and spouse's grandparents) with the Town Clerk's office or online at the State of Vermont's My Voter Page, <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

Deadline to request absentee Australian ballots for yourself or on behalf of another voter:

March 6 by 5 pm. Town offices are open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Absentee Ballots may be voted in three ways:

- 1) In person at the Town Clerk's Office.
- 2) Mailed to you and mailed or delivered back to the Town Clerk's office by 7 pm on Election Day (March 7, 2017).
- 3) Brought to you (in the case of illness or physical disability) by two Justices of the Peace on the day of or day before election. Must be requested at least 3 days in advance.

Pre-School Meeting – February 28, 2017, 7:00 pm, Thetford Elementary School

Board of Civil Authority Meeting with Tabulator testing - February 16, 2017, 6:00 pm, Town Hall

Pre-Town Meeting – February 27, 2017, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

Town & School Meeting – March 4, 2017, 9:00 am, Thetford Academy Gymnasium
(Town Meeting first on the agenda)

Voting by Australian Ballot - Tuesday, March 7, 2017

For Town and School Officers and School District Budget

Thetford Town Hall

3910 VT Route 113

Thetford Center, VT 05075-0126

Polls open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm



Town of Thetford

• PO Box 126

• Thetford Center, VT 05075

• (802) 785-2922

2017 THETFORD TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford, in the County of Orange, and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet in the Gymnasium at Thetford Academy, in the Town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 4th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., to transact the following business:

- Article 1: To hear and act on the reports of the Town.
- Article 2: Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Monday, October 16th, 2017 by 8:00 pm? After this deadline, interest of 1% per month, or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month, or fraction thereof and 8% penalty will be due the Town?
- Article 3: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available, and the authority to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts?
- Article 4: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1,230,103 (one million, two hundred and thirty thousand, one hundred and three dollars) for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?
- Article 5: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$904,532 (nine hundred and four thousand, five hundred and thirty two dollars) for the budgeted expenditures of the Department of Public Works Fund?
- Article 6: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$140,000 (one hundred and forty thousand dollars) to be added to the Public Works Capital Equipment Fund; and \$22,000 (twenty two thousand dollars) to be added to the Police Capital Equipment Fund; and \$88,500 (eighty eight thousand, five hundred dollars) to be added to the Fire Capital Equipment Fund, for the purpose of executing the Capital Expenditure Plan as shown in the Town Report?
- Article 7: Shall the Town vote to exempt for a period of 5 years the properties located in Post Mills and Thetford Hill that are owned by the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department and are used exclusively for the purposes of such organization?
- Article 8: Shall the Town of Thetford take ownership of Parcel #0US05A.17.7 located westerly of Route 5 and northerly of Church Lane in East Thetford, VT, containing 2.96 acres, through grant funds and charitable contributions in the anticipation of future senior and affordable housing?

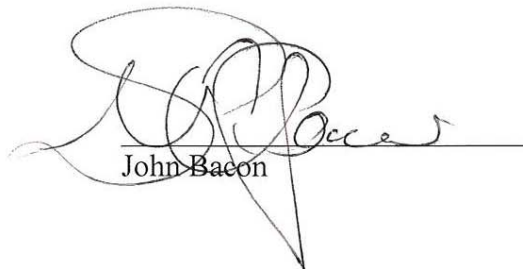
Article 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$38,488 to fund the combined total of the Town's Annual Appropriations, as listed in the Town Report?

Article 10: Shall the Town of Thetford vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,500 for the support of the Community Nurse of Thetford, Inc., to provide services to the residents of the Town?

Article 11: To transact any other business.

The following article shall be voted on by Australian ballot, on Tuesday March 7th, 2017. The Australian balloting will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Thetford Town Hall, 3910 Vt. Rt 113, Thetford Ctr., VT.

Article 12: To elect Town and School Officers.

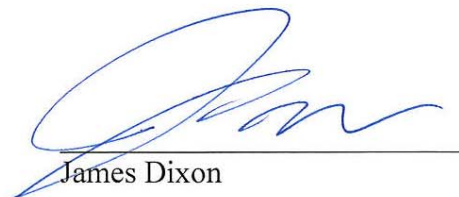


John Bacon

Jessica Eaton



Stuart Rogers (Chair)



James Dixon



Bill Huff

A true record:



Tracy Borst (Town Clerk)

SELECTBOARD REPORT

At this time each year, the Selectboard would like to thank all of those who offer their time working, volunteering and support for the Town, especially in view of all the changes and challenges of this past year. The Town and the Selectboard values, gains and learns from all of those who have contributed to discussions, offered advice, opinions and have brought many of their perspectives to our attention. The time and commitment of all those is what makes Thetford the place it is to live in today.

After much public comment, discussion and research, a new 10-year lease agreement with the Upper Valley Fish & Game Club was signed for their continued use of the Town Forest.

Roads are always a challenge and, most likely, will continue to be so. This year the Thetford community worked around the State-paving project of Route 113. Additionally, a state grant allowed substantial work to be completed on one end of Latham Road, with the final paving of that work to be done in 2017. An analysis of Route 132 was performed and discussion regarding the future work required there will continue in 2017. In addition, the Selectboard has been reworking the DPW Capital Equipment Schedule to ensure that the Town's trucks and equipment are working effectively and safely.

The construction of a new dam on Lake Fairlee was completed in October thanks to much work and planning by the Tri-Town Commission (Thetford, Fairlee and West Fairlee). There were some challenges in that construction along the way, but Lake Fairlee now has a well-constructed, secure and impressive dam.

Treasure Island saw many changes this year. After much discussion and review, the Town decided to create a new management system at Treasure Island. A tree management plan has thinned out at risk trees and added the benefit of a more open beach and picnic area. The plan also allowed for a long-needed upgrade and restructure of the parking area. The Selectboard will continue discussions to improve the management and facilities for the future.

As we plan for 2017, there are several tasks and jobs that are a priority for the Town. A replacement of the Town Hall septic system is being planned, as well as some needed building repairs. We anticipate the review process of a new Town Plan and will continue to assess and plan for the future needs of all Town property. As the Town and DPW make adjustments to the new rules and guidelines of Act 64, the Clean Water Act, we will continue work and upgrades to the Town's roads.

In certain years we may see some familiar faces leave Town Hall and then new ones arrive. This year, we saw Laurel Mackin leave as our Recreation Director, and we welcomed Nathan Maxwell into that position. Jim Lanctot resigned his term on the Selectboard, after spending many years serving the Town, first on the Police Dept. and then on the Board. Across the road at the Dept. of Public Works, Gardner "Sonny" Moses retired at the end of the year, where his depth of knowledge and experience will be missed. We wish each of them the best in all of their future plans.

We look forward to continuing to serve the Thetford community and hope that all will have peaceful and prosperous year in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bacon, James Dixon, Jessica Eaton, Bill Huff, and Stuart Rogers (Chair)

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Tracy Borst, Town Clerk

SERVICES

Animal Licensing
Certified copies of Vital Records
DMV Registration Renewals
Elections
Excess Weight Permits
Fish & Game Licenses and Land Posting
Green Mountain Passports

Hartford Recycle Center Permits
Land and Vital Records
Liquor Licenses
Marriage Licenses
Notary Services
Recycle Center Permits
Town Meeting & Town Board Minutes

The local town elections March 1 was the first for us with the state mandated (and purchased) tabulator. The tabulator worked well though we spent a few extra hours adapting our procedures to its use. In August, the State Primary allowed us another chance to use the tabulator and it went well, we fine-tuned our procedures. By the General Election, November 8th, we were ready as Thetford faced a voter turnout of 74% of the checklist. This was our big test of our developed procedures and it was a smooth night for the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). In December, we were asked to assist in a recount at the county level and that proved yet another chance to test our knowledge, and learn a little more about the tabulator and election systems. We've been cross training BCA members and I am so thankful for their steadfast efforts and willingness to learn new ways!

In 2016, the state of Vermont created an online access to voting services on a Voter Portal. This has proven to be a very good tool, allowing voters' access from their own computers to the checklist applications such as address changes and absentee ballot request. In the General Election, 393 out of 1657 voters voted via absentee ballot. This system is much easier and efficient than the earlier version, and we find it very user friendly.

Other than the busy election year, I've been working on a project to increase our open meeting law compliance. This has involved fine tuning our website and working with Thetford's town departments and committees. This work will continue into 2017 along with animal licensing, recording, minutes...you get the idea.

I welcome your questions, concerns and visits in the office at town hall, and I encourage you all to be involved in your local government. It is my pleasure to serve the residents of Thetford.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Borst
Town Clerk

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 18, 2017

10:00 to 11:00 am

Town Garage, Thetford Center

Rabies vaccinations (ONLY) available for cats and dogs for a fee by Oxbow Veterinary Clinic

TOWN LICENSING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL

10:00 TO 11:00 AM

**ALL DOGS, FERRETS AND WOLF-HYBIRDS OVER 6 MONTHS
MUST BE LICENSED**

DEADLINE FOR TOWN LICENSING IS **APRIL 1, 2017**

After that date, the penalty of \$25 will be applied and the licensing fee increases.

LICENSING FEES:

Current rabies vaccine and certificate of spay/neuter required.

Male/Female \$13.00

Spayed/Neutered \$9.00



*This hotel used to stand on the Northwest corner of Routes 5 and 113,
beside Wing's Store, in East Thetford. (THS Archives)*



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TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Our meeting began with the national anthem and pledge of alliance led by a small group of seventh grade students. Mark McMahon, Town Moderator, opened the meeting with a reading of the warning: The legal voters of the Town of Thetford, in the County of Orange, and the State of Vermont, are hereby warned to meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at Thetford Elementary School, in the Town of Thetford, on Saturday, February 27th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., to transact the following business. He called to suspend the rules of the meeting for a presentation of the 2015 Civic Pride Award. Stuart Rogers, Selectboard Chairman, presented the Civic Pride Award to Wendy Cole, a woman who has demonstrated a high level of involvement, care and support to the Thetford community, always with willingness and a smile. She has held various roles in town, including eight years as Selectboard member and over thirty years as a Justice of the Peace. Contributions also included a member of the Thetford FAST and EMT and care for children at TES and at TA.

The Town Moderator, Mark, led the meeting in a moment of silence honoring the life of Gary Ulman, a long time Thetford resident who displayed a true spirit of caring for community. Doug Stone offered memories of Gary Ulman, with whom he worked, particularly noting Gary's willingness to always be there to help the Town of Thetford.

Article 1: To hear and act on the reports of the Town. Moved and seconded. Michael Evans, Thetford Police Chief, provided a new chart of police service statistics and mentioned the Vermont State Police statistics are terribly inaccurate so those new numbers are on his handout. Tracy Borst, Town Clerk, spoke to the vote tabulator machine mentioned in the Town Clerk report and gave some thoughts on use of the tabulator on Tuesday for Australian ballot voting. Article 1 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 2: Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Monday, October 17th, 2016 by 8:00 pm? After this deadline, interest of 1% per month, or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month, or fraction thereof and 8% penalty will be due the Town? Article 2 was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. Article 2 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 3: Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available, and the authority to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts? Article 3 was moved and seconded. No discussion. Article 3 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 4: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1,177,714 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund? Article 4 was moved and seconded. Stuart Rogers, Selectboard Chairman, spoke to the meeting describing this as a challenging budget year. The board has presented a realistic budget with honest and real numbers to allow for the current services the town provides while previous year's level funding has eaten into fund balances. Notable are the budgets increases in Recycling, Tri Town Commission, Workers Comp Insurance and meeting dues as well as in Mowing costs (due to a 2015

budget error). The Capital Equipment Fund donations have been removed from the budget and placed on a separate warned article as requested at Town Meeting in 2015. The annual appropriations were moved to a separate warned article. Questions were asked of the new recycling mandates (Act 148) and Jim Masland and Tim Briglin, State Representatives spoke to the crowd as requested. Diana Kimball Anderson, Recycling Center Director, spoke to the options she's looked into and possibilities that may come in the future. She predicts the budget would need an additional \$48,000 to continue current rate of recycling services. Closing the center was briefly discussed, if we close the center we'd have to go through the permitting process to reopen. Other questions were asked of the legal fees, salaries, and the Lake Fairlee Dam project. Article 4 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 5: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$809,025 for the budgeted expenditures of the Department of Public Works (Highway) Fund? Stuart Rogers, Selectboard Chairman, spoke to a new approach to addressing the road conditions concerns with a realistic budget to reach those goals. The 2016 budget plans for worst case scenario with winter and mud season specifically in Budget lines Road Maintenance Supplies, Gravel Resurfacing and Winter Road Supplies. Previous year's reductions in line items needed to be brought back up and vehicles replacements (moved to a separate article) scheduled for a twelve year replacement but they require much more cost in repairs so moved back to an eight year replacement plan. We plan to cut repair costs with an aggressive maintenance plan. DPW budget shows significant Workers Compensation Insurance fees. A new line item, a part time Project Manager and Clerk is necessary with the new systems of grants as a much more involved and time consuming process. This allows the DPW foreman to work with crew on the town roads. We hope to be lucky enough to have good weather so the budget is underspent and the unspent funds would go toward replenishing funds in that department. There were a few questions including how long to get back to a normal fund balance (hoping three years), what the plan for potholes and grading and what is being done to proactively fix our workers comp premiums.

Article 5 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 6: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$125,000 to be added to the Public Works Capital Equipment Fund; and \$13,800 to be added to the Police Capital Equipment Fund; and \$82,500 to be added to the Fire Capital Equipment Fund, for the purpose of executing the Capital Expenditure Plan as shown in the Town Report? Article 6 was moved and seconded. Stuart Rogers pointed us to pages 77-79 the Capital Equipment Funds. When questioned about the number of police cruisers, Stuart Rogers explained Thetford previously had two cruisers financed and a third (the oldest) was not financed. Now we have two cruisers and how we go forward is an ongoing discussion with Chief Evans. It is anticipated to fill the third position this year; we are finding it hard to fill since many other departments are offering hiring bonuses and we are not able to do so. Article 6 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 7: Shall the Town approve that all future Town Plans be approved by the voters at Town Meeting, by Australian ballot?

Article 7 was moved and seconded. Stuart Rogers, Selectboard Chair, spoke to the article. The Planning Commission is expected to present an updated Town Plan this year and the present process would include the Planning Commission holding two duly warned public hearings then passing the Town Plan onto the Selectboard for approval. The option by state statute is for the voters to have the option to approve the Town Plan by Australian ballot. The previous adopted Town Plan didn't have significant changes, it was simply readopted and this time, due to state changes and different regulations, the proposed Town Plan shows significant changes over the previous version. The Selectboard would like the Australian ballot option. Li Shen, spoke against the article voicing that an Australian ballot wouldn't supply information, and wondered if people would read it before voting and would that be fair? She wants the Selectboard to represent town in this matter. Kevin O'Hara, Planning Commission

Chair, spoke to the current process of the Planning Commission who has been working on plan for years; they've invited people to the meetings for criticism, concern and comments, and holding public bi-weekly meetings. They've presented to Two Rivers Regional Planning Commission and to the Selectboard, there is still work to be done including maps that need to be completed and reports. Then they'll warn public hearings where we'll focus on the Town Plan and receive comments and possibly make changes as deemed necessary. If there are substantive changes then there would be another warned hearing to review the whole town plan. Kevin feels the process is wholly transparent and chooses to actively involve others.

Moderator Mark McMahon suggested a recess of the meeting for a lunch break. The motion passed by show of voter cards at 11:20am. The Moderator then suspended the rules to hear from our State Senator, Mark McDonald, and State Representatives, Jim Masland and Tim Briglin. Jim Masland concluded with the reading of a resolution congratulating Brian Kasten, on his International Hunting Indoor 3D World Championship in archery.

At 12:40pm the annual Town Meeting was called back into session by Moderator Mark McMahon. The discussion of Article 7 continued.

Several spoke to against the article, and one spoke in favor. A motion to close debate was seconded and passed. Article 7 failed.

Jessica Eaton, Selectboard member and liaison to the Planning Commission asked the meeting for feedback on the best way to distribute the draft Town Plan to the residents, please contact her.

Article 8: Shall the Town transfer annually, the sum of \$5,000 into the Town Land Capital Fund, from the revenues of timber harvests, in those years that such land management is done, or when such funds may be available? Article 8 was moved and seconded. James Dixon, Selectboard member, spoke to the need to balance the needs of the town with managing invasive through timber harvesting. During times of timber harvest we take those monies and do spraying for invasive plants. After some discussion, there was a motion to call the question. The motion was seconded and passed. Article 8 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 9: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of acquiring an engineered analysis of the condition of Rt. 132 to determine the scope of future work required? Article 9 was moved and seconded. Stuart Rogers explained this is what needs to be done. Route 132 is one of two state roads not maintained by state, and the repair is estimated to be \$1.3 million per mile. Jim Masland spoke to the history of the road, as it was moved to its current location when the dam was built by the Army Corps. The EPA is involved as the Elizabeth Mine Clean-up Project created lots of truck traffic, so the EPA acknowledged they are responsible in part for helping with the rebuild. First, we need the cost estimate. Jim doesn't believe that state will have any funds to help with this. Article 9 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 10: Shall the Town approve the proposed design for the Thetford Memorial Park in Post Mills as presented? Article 10 was moved and seconded. Jessica Eaton, Selectboard member and committee member for the Memorial Park spoke to the article. 2015 Budget had \$5000 approved to stump and smooth the post mills common, which was completed and the committee spent the remainder of the year planning to finish it up. The plans to complete include planting crab apple trees and maples trees, all of which are covered by donations. There is a possibility they come back to the voters for money for benches or other items. There will be a plaque honoring all Thetford veterans – past, present, future and their families and loves ones. Article 10 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 11: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$35,538 to fund the combined total of the Town's Annual Appropriations, as listed in the Town Report? Article 11 was moved and seconded. Stuart Rogers directed voters to page 62 of the town report for the listing of the 2016 appropriations. At the request of voters at last year's town meeting, a separate article was warned for the appropriations this year. There was no discussion. Article 11 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 12: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$2,200 as an Annual Appropriation to Stagecoach Transportation? Article 12 was moved and seconded. A representative from Stagecoach, Laura Perez, was invited to speak to the article. Laura spoke passionately about the power of public transportation and Stagecoach's renewed move to create sustainable public transportation. Their funding is 80 percent state and federal dollars and they need to raise 20 percent locally. We were not hitting the 20 percent amount but they are looking for fair and equitable ways to look at the towns and the percentage of population that is transit dependent – disabilities, elderly youth, below poverty line. Their goal is to have towns pay five percent. This funding level brings Thetford to 50 percent of its considered fair share. Stagecoach has increased its stops in Thetford. Article 12 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 13: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$750 as an Annual Appropriation to Vital Communities? Article 13 was moved and seconded. Bob Walker, former chair of SERG explained that in 2015 SERG merged into Vital Communities - moving the administrative work to Vital Communities. Thus the previous annual appropriation to SERG is now requested by Vital Communities. There were no questions or discussion. Article 13 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 14: To transact any other business. Article 14 was moved and seconded. As printed on the Annual Meeting Warning: *"As the Town is being faced with the replacement of the septic system at Town Hall, the Selectboard would like some guidance and opinion as to the location of said septic. Two options exist, one being a mound system between Town Hall and the Timothy Frost Church, the other being located across Rt. 113, in the back left corner of the Town Green. Cost effects are obviously involved between the two locations.* Stuart Rogers explained our current septic system was not replaced when renovations happened at town hall in 2003. The current tank is an aged septic tank, covered with a pressure treated wood platform. The decision will be a mound system between town hall and church or move the septic via pump chamber to back left corner of town green. It is possible we would share a system with the church. Community comments included possible use of composting toilets, a recommendation to be sure to install a sleeve under Route 113 this summer when they repave and various opinions about a mound system (aesthetics) vs. expense of crossing the road for the septic system.

The Moderator, Mark McMahon, suspend the rules so Senator MacDonald and Representatives Tim Briglin and Jim Masland could speak to the crowd

Article 15: To elect Town and School Officers shall be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The Australian balloting will take place from 8:00am to 7:00pm at the Thetford Town Hall, 3910 VT Rt. 113, Thetford Ctr., VT

The 2016 Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy Borst, Town Clerk

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS MARCH 1, 2016

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits	
Write In	36
Spoiled	0
Blank	1112
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

Cemetery Commissioner	
Mark McMahon	961
Write In	7
Spoiled	0
Blank	180
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

Cemetery Commission, 2 year	
Samuel Eaton	945
Write In	2
Spoiled	0
Blank	201
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

Grand Juror	
Write In	37
Spoiled	0
Blank	1111
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

Lister	
Janet Stowell	931
Write In	8
Spoiled	0
Blank	209
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

Latham Library Trustee, 2 year	
Beth Fernandez	794
Merit Scotford	791
Write In	5
Spoiled	1
Blank	705
Defective	<u>34</u>
Total (vote 2)	2330

Selectboard, 3 year	
Stuart Rogers	852
Write In	28
Spoiled	0
Blank	268
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

Selectboard, 2 year	
Jessica Eaton	932
Write In	23
Spoiled	0
Blank	193
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

Town Clerk, 3 year	
Tracy Borst	1042
Write In	2
Spoiled	0
Blank	104
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

Town Moderator	
Mark McMahon	978
Write In	4
Spoiled	0
Blank	166
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

Trustee of Trust Funds	
J. Rick Hoffman	907
Write In	1
Spoiled	0
Blank	240
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

Latham Library Trustee, 1 year	
Pauline Cole	932
Write In	1
Spoiled	0
Blank	215
Defective	<u>17</u>
Total	1165

STATE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Report from the Legislature - Representatives Jim Masland and Tim Briglin

2017 is the first year of a two year biennium for Vermont state government. From a new governor and all the new cabinet secretaries in the executive branch, to new leadership in both the Vermont House and Senate and the 30+ new legislators serving in the State House, there are many, many new faces in state government this year.

While there will be much change in state government personnel, some of the challenges faced in Montpelier will be very familiar in 2017. Based on existing programs and tax policy, the legislature will need to plug an anticipated \$70 million shortfall in this year's state budget. Between the increasing demand for social services and Governor Scott's pledge not to raise taxes, bridging the budget gap will be particularly challenging. Compounding this challenge is the likelihood that Congress will cut federal funding to states in the coming year.

Beyond confronting the projected budget shortfall, the legislature and governor need to address a variety of critical issues including:

- Opiate addiction – increasing treatment access; better education regarding opiate use; curbing the supply of opiates; supporting children victimized by a parent's addiction.
- Economic development – increasing support for workforce housing, broadband, worker training, and post-secondary education.
- Act 46 – providing more time and flexibility in the school district consolidation law to allow regions with less governance uniformity to comply.
- Clean water – the Lake Champlain and VT watershed clean-up will cost more than \$1 billion over the next 20 years. A funding plan must be developed to avoid EPA penalties.
- Health care – responding to the repeal of the Affordable Care Act by Congress; considering the future of the Exchange; examining an all-payer model implementation.

Tim continues to serve on the Health Care Committee, the committee that considers matters related to mental health and health care delivery, administration, and cost. Jim serves on the Ways and Means Committee, which has responsibility for the taxes and fees necessary to fund state government.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve and represent you in Montpelier. You can follow our activities day by day at www.leg.state.vt.us. We make occasional blog postings at www.jimandtimreport.com (you can subscribe at the site). We look forward to hearing from you, whether in person, by phone, or via email. Our contact information is:

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD AND ZONING REPORT

The Development Review Board (DRB) is a five member quasi-judicial board appointed by the Select board. The DRB conducts hearings and issues decisions on all subdivision applications, certain zoning applications and appeals from actions of the Zoning Administrator. Regularly scheduled meeting dates are set for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month unless there are no matters requiring hearings. Agendas are posted on the bulletin board outside the zoning office, at local post offices and on the town list serve.

The zoning office encourages applicants to plan ahead for projects. The reasons for this are that the zoning office is part-time, a hearing may be necessary and, due to public notice requirements, the application deadline in these cases can be well in advance of hearing dates. The applicant is responsible for understanding and following the zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations both of which may be found on-line at www.thetfordvermont.us/zoning.

Summary of Permits:	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Subdivision Plats Approved	3	3	3	7	1
Number of Lots Created	5	6	6	6	0
Annexations	1	4	2	2	1
Boundary Adjustments	1	0	0	2	0
Residences	2	5	8	11	5
Additions	7	10	12	12	8
Decks & Porches	8	18	8	11	11
Accessory Buildings	27	32	22	32	25
Businesses/Conditional Use	4	7	13	12	12
Mobile Homes	5	0	1	0	0
Telecommunication Facility	1	0	0	0	0
Home Occupation/Office	1	0	0	1	0
Driveways	4	3	2	6	4
Agricultural	0	2	0	2	2
Total Permits Processed *	74	69	62	85	69

*Summary Permit numbers may not add up to total. Some permits include multiple categories

Zoning office hours are Tuesdays, and Thursdays, currently 9 am to 1 pm. During these hours you will find Mary Ellen Parkman, the Zoning Administrator, or her Assistant, Diane Osgood, available to assist you. Your calls and email inquiries are invited.

Sean Mullen, Chair
 Development Review Board
 Telephone: (802) 785-2922, Ext.3
 Email: Zoning@ThetfordVermont.us

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

In 2016, the Planning Commission continued its work on revising the 2007 Town Plan (readopted as is in 2013) and bringing the Subdivision Regulations up to date.

The Commission completed a working draft of the Town Plan and held a warned public hearing in two sessions, one at the end of August and the other at the beginning of October. At this time, the Commission is reviewing all of the comments received at the hearing, along with several that were sent by email. As soon as all of the issues have been resolved, any necessary changes made, the Commission will decide whether the changes are substantive, requiring a second warned hearing. If not, the new draft will be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the Selectboard for their review and approval, which will include two public hearings.

The Subdivision Regulations were also brought to the final draft stage and were submitted to the Development Review Board for a final review. When they are finished, the regulations will be updated a last time and submitted to the Selectboard for their review and final approval.

The Commission was very shorthanded for most of 2016, with only five members, so a quorum was not possible at every warned meeting. The addition of two new Commissioners in the fall has helped resolve this problem. Jamie Thaxton and Jason Crance both joined the Planning Commission in November; however, Patricia Norton was forced to resign her post due to the demands of her expanding career. In addition, several of the Commissioners will be resigning when their terms expire (or the Town Plan is approved, whichever comes first), so we are always ready to welcome new members and volunteers to work on specific projects.

Planning requires a lot of time, but it is a fascinating facet of town governance and very important in guiding the future development of Thetford. The Town Plan is the guide for all of town by-laws and ordinances that affect development, business, and growth in the town. It affects every aspect of life in Thetford.

All meetings are open to the public and are held at 7:15 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Please contact Kevin O'Hara if you're interested in helping out: kevin@oharagercke.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin O'Hara, Chair
Planning Commission

BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

- **GRAND LIST:** Each year, the Listers establish a Grand List specifying the value of taxable property as of April 1st. The Preliminary-Grand List must be filed with the Town Clerk on or before June 4th. Grievance hearings must begin no later than June 19th and the final Grand List must be lodged with the Town Clerk by July 25th.
- **EQUALIZATION STUDY RESULTS:** Each year Property Valuation and Review (PVR) is required to certify the Equalized Education Property Value (EEPV) and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town, 32 V.S.A. §5406. The equalization study compares the ratio of Grand List value to sale price for all the arms-length sales in the town over the three-year period. The study considers sale price as the best measurement of fair market value. We are pleased to report that the results from the 2016 State Equalization Study for Thetford are a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) of 99.36%, and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 10.13%. For additional information please go to: <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/understanding-property-taxes>
- **USE VALUE APPRAISAL PROGRAM (CURRENT USE):** Owners of agricultural and forest land may be eligible to have land taxed at the lower "use value" rate by enrolling in the Current Use Program. At least 25 acres are required for enrollment, but there are some special eligibility criteria for smaller active agricultural parcels. Farm buildings can also be enrolled in the program. Applications are due by September 1st in order to enroll for the following tax year. In 2016, the Town of Thetford had 163 parcels in the program and the State of Vermont had more than 18,400 parcels of land enrolled, totaling more than 2.4 million acres which represents approximately one-third of Vermont's total land area. For additional information and to file an application electronically, please go to: <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/current-use>.
- **HOMESTEAD DECLARATION AND PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT CLAIM (FORM HS-122):** By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration each year, 32 V.S.A. § 5410. It is important that you file so that you are correctly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property. Homestead owners may be eligible for a Property Tax Adjustment based on their house site value and their household income. The property tax adjustment is a credit applied against your property tax bill and is reflected on your property tax bill as a state payment. To determine your eligibility, complete Schedule HI-144 (Household Income). **You will not receive a Property Tax Adjustment unless you file a Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim (Form HS-122), and a Schedule HI-144 (Household Income).** Many people file their Homestead Declaration at the same time they file their Vermont Income Tax return. **However, if you apply to extend the time to file your Vermont Income Tax return or even if you are not required to file a Vermont Income Tax return, the Homestead Declaration must still be filed. Penalties apply after the April deadline.** For additional information and to file electronically, please go to: <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>
- **VETERANS EXEMPTION:** Veterans who own their home and declare a Vermont homestead may be eligible for a property tax exemption. The exemption reduces the assessed value of the homestead, lowering the veteran's property taxes. For additional information and requirements, please go to: <http://www.veterans.vermont.gov>

As a Board, we must abide by changing state statutes and fixed and constrained timetables. We are here to assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have. Our office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:30 am–4:00 pm. Telephone: 785-2922, Ext. 4; Email listeners@thetfordvermont.us or visit our website at: <http://thetfordvermont.us/departments/listers-office/>

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Stowell
Denise C. Adams
Diane C. Osgood
Terre D. Lefler, Clerk



Active during World War II, this Airplane Spotter's shack was located near the entrance to the State Park on Academy Road. It was staffed by volunteers, who kept watch for enemy aircraft up and down the valley. (THS Archives)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Looking back at 2016, the road crew and I have managed to put a good dent into the work that is needed to maintain the roads and ditches around town. We have changed out a lot of culverts that were either too small, rusted out or crushed. Grading and rolling the roads kept us busy also. With a dry summer, the dirt roads had to be treated with calcium chloride to help control dust shortly after grading.

The task of keeping all the wheels rolling was a bit of a challenge because of the age of some of the trucks. We will be replacing Truck #3 in January 2017 and hopefully another by the fall. The mower has really started to show its age this past year by breaking down too many times to count and needing welding and repairs. We are trying to stay on top of general maintenance and washing the equipment as needed.

Looking forward in 2017, I have a long list of projects we would like to get done and its shaping up to be a busy summer.

We had a crew member retire at the end of 2016, Sonny Moses. I would like to thank him for his service and help, along with Rocky Clark, Logan Paige, Dennis Streeter and new crew member, Nate Guyer for their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Martin
DPW Foreman



This image, at the railroad crossing on Bridge St in North Thetford, shows the toll house, which was removed when the present Wilder Dam was built. The bridge to Lyme was taken down in the 1970s, after damage to one span made it impassible. (THS Archives)

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

In 2016, animal control in Town offered some new challenges, as well as some continued trends. The continued use of social media has helped to get many dogs and cats home quicker. Again, thank you to all of those who help and care about those animals.

As all will remember, the very mild winter of 2015-16 brought about much bear activity in the early spring. To be sure, winters as such can make life easy for some animals, but can then make life hard for others come spring. Being the bears were hungry, some did take a liking to chicken. During a two to three week period, I worked with the VT Fish & Wildlife keeping track of at least 5-6 adult bears, along with 7 known cubs that were seen in Town. Without a doubt, there are many more.

With the warm and dry year of 2016, there were not the typical events of spring thawing and summer thunderstorms that tend to send many animals wandering. Most animals seemed to stay closer to home, though perhaps the heat might have seemed to provoke a few aggressive complaints. This coming spring and summer may prove to be much more typical. Spring thaws can inundate a dog's sensitive nose with many seasonal smells and summer thunderstorms can easily scare all kinds of animals.

As always, we encourage everyone to keep their dogs and cats updated on all shots. All dogs in Town are due to be licensed by April 1, 2017, as required by State law. Please do so this year to avoid late fees or further penalties.

If any have questions or concerns, please feel free to call or e-mail.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuart P. Rogers
Thetford Animal Control Officer
Stuart.P.Rogers@valley.net
802-785-4392



HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

One abandoned house in Post Mills with garbage all around inside and out. Worked with real estate company to get it cleaned up.

Respectfully submitted,

Alford Stone
Health Officer

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Stuart Rogers and I both completed an Emergency Medical Technician course sponsored by the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department, and now provide an increased level of service to the community. We will continue toward a goal of having 100% of our sworn police staff trained at the EMT level as this is a critical need in a town served by a volunteer FAST squad. Please consider joining us in a rewarding volunteer opportunity – contact our skilled and dedicated Fire Department with questions about how you too can serve.



A nice message from my youngest child to start the day!

We applied for funding support through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and were successful in obtaining a grant for 40% of the cost of outfitting our department with protective ballistic equipment, something that was lacking in our equipment inventory but sadly needed in today's world. We also obtained just under \$6,000 in equipment funding through the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

The 2016 salary budget included funding to restore our third full time police position for the second half of the year but we were unable to fill the position. I am hopeful that we will be able to fill this position, which has had the support of the Town, in 2017 in order to provide improved coverage and services to the community.

In 2016, The Vermont State Police changed the designation of the former Bradford Barracks to an Outpost, eliminating command level and administrative staff and consolidating those responsibilities into the Saint Johnsbury Barracks. This hasn't made a significant change in our coverage levels to date, but we continue to watch and work with State Police leadership on any changes that might have a negative impact on policing coverage in Thetford.

We continue our effort to be a presence in our schools, and collaborate frequently with school staff on issues affecting students and their families. We recognize that the children of this community are our most important asset, and appreciate the chance to interact with them regularly to build a positive relationship.

With that in mind, please let us know how we might work with you to better serve the citizens of Thetford. Policing a community indeed "takes a village" and we are happy to hear from you if there is a need that is not being filled. In addition, look out for your neighbors and be kind to one another.



Hug from friends at 2016 Labor Day Parade!

Sue Rump, photo

On behalf of Officer Stuart Rogers and Administrative Assistant Judy Powell, thank you for your continued support. It is our pleasure and honor to serve this community.

Michael Evans
Chief of Police

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Nature of Incident	2016 Total	2015 Total	% Change 2015- 2016
911 Hang up	12	11	9%
Abandoned Vehicle	2	2	0%
Traffic Crash	21	16	31%
Agency Assist	70	52	35%
Alarm	12	21	-43%
Animal Problem	14	14	0%
Assault	4	2	100%
ATV Incident	1	1	0%
Bad Check	1	Combined w/ Fraud	
Burglary	4	1	300%
Citizen Assist/Citizen Dispute	63	38	66%
Death Investigation	2	0	100%
Directed Patrol/Foot Patrol	55	53	4%
Drugs (Incl. Consent Search)	10	1	900%
Family Fight/ Custody Dispute	6	3	100%
Fingerprints	14	3	367%
Fire Department Assist	10	Comb. w/ Agency Asst.	
Fireworks	2	2	0%
Lost/Found Property	8	3	167%
Fraud	5	10	-50%
Intoxication/Alcohol Violation	4	1	300%
Juvenile Problem	6	3	100%
Littering	1	7	-86%
Vehicle/Residential Lockout	9	6	50%

Nature of Incident	2016 Total	2015 Total	% Change 2015- 2016
EMS/Ambulance Assist	30	Comb. w/ Agency Asst.	
Missing Person	3	0	100%
MV Complaint/ Disturbance	18	32	-44%
Noise Complaint	4	2	100%
Parking Problem	6	1	500%
Phone Problem	2	2	0%
Public Speaking	5	0	100%
Property Check	39	No Info	
Paperwork/ Subpoena Service	2	6	-67%
Sex Offender Registry	3	2	50%
Sex Offense	1	0	100%
Suspicious Person/Veh/Circ	27	37	-27%
Theft/Larceny	12	8	50%
Threatening	1	4	-75%
Traffic Hazard	11	8	38%
Traffic Offense	4	11	-64%
Trespassing	5	3	67%
Vandalism/Unlawful Mischief	7	8	-13%
VIN Check	68	88	-23%
Wanted Person/Warrant	0	2	-100%
Welfare Check	7	10	-30%
TOTALS	591	493	20%
Traffic Stops	266	386	-31%
VCVCs Issued	91	130	-30%
Warnings	104		
Arrests	9	16	-44%

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Evans
Chief of Police



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January 20, 2017

To Thetford Town Residents:

The Vermont State Police continues to provide dedicated police coverage for the town of Thetford, along with working collaboratively with Chief Evans and the officers of the Thetford and the total number of cases generated by the Vermont State Police was 261.

Enclosed is a list of offenses that the Vermont State Police handled to in your town from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Due to the consolidation of the Bradford Barracks and St. Johnsbury barracks, the offenses are listed on two separate pages.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MA', followed by a long horizontal line.

Lieutenant Matthew Amadon

VERMONT STATE POLICE STATISTICS TOWN OF THETFORD

Abandoned Vehicle	1
Agency Assistance	40
Alarm	15
Ambulance or Medical Assistance	3
Animal Problem	3
Assault	2
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	2
Child Offense	1
Citizen Assist	14
Citizen Dispute	7
Communications Offense	2
Condition of Release Violation	1
Consent Search	6
Cont. Subst/Drug Equip. Violation	4
Disorderly Conduct, Other	1
DLS Criminal	4
Drive/Operate Under Influence	6
Drugs - Civil	7
Drugs, Possession of Regulated	4
E911 Hang up	14
False Alarm	2
Family Disturbance	3
Hitchhiking on Interstate	1
Juvenile Problem	3

Larceny, All Others	1
Littering	1
Motor Vehicle, Careless/Negligent	2
Motor Vehicle, Disturbances	14
Motor Vehicle, LSA	1
Motorcycle/Rec. Vehicle Problem	1
Motorist Assistance	22
Natural Death	3
Noise Disturbance	5
Not Classified	7
Plates, no assigned	1
Property Damage, Non-vandalism	1
Public Speaking Engagement	1
Search Warrant	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	16
Traffic Accident w/Damage	15
Traffic Accident w/Injury	3
Traffic Crash, Non-reportable	14
Traffic Hazard	15
Traffic Offense	2
Trespassing Violation	2
Vandalism	3
Welfare Check	9

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THETFORD 286

Note: The report on the previous page references two separate pages but has been consolidated to one page.

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Thetford Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) was founded in 1960 to provide the community with fire protection services. Over the years, emergency medical services and emergency management have become integral parts of the department, and the organization has matured into a strong community resource.

In 2016, TVFD responded to a total of 360 emergencies. This is an increase of 114 incidents over last year's emergencies.

Fires	37
EMS	180
Vehicle Accidents	32
Hazardous Conditions	13
Fire Alarms	24
Co Alarms	8
Power Line Emergencies	57
Service Calls	9

Combining the many hours of training, maintenance of equipment and facilities, with the response to these emergencies each year, our volunteers donate hundreds of thousands of dollars of labor annually. Responding to emergencies often means leaving our families, our fulltime work and various events to help our community. We provide this service willingly to keep our community safe.

As with many volunteer organizations, we continue to have a need for additional personnel. We recognize the time commitment is extensive between the 120+hours of training for certification in addition to our regular monthly trainings, but the reward of serving this community is worth it. Anyone interested in learning more, should contact us at thetfordfire@gmail.com.

Follow us on Facebook for more information and regular updates from the department. You can also use the department's website that contains safety tips, permit information in addition to department information. www.thetfordfire.org

Feel free to schedule a visit of the firehouse by contacting any fire officer and consider joining us in serving our community!

Respectfully submitted,

Chad A. Whitcomb
Fire Chief

THETFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emergency Management Director is responsible for coordinating the various components of the emergency management system in an emergency. This includes the coordination of the fire department, rescue services, law enforcement, public works and various state resources.

2016 offered Emergency Management the opportunity to manage a large summer storm that created 50 separate incidents during the 45-minute storm. During this storm, working with the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department and the Department of Public works, all 50 incidents received a timely response and evaluation. The emergency operations center (EOC) was open for 2 full days working with our local agencies as well as Green Mountain Power and Fairpoint Telecommunications to restore service to town and maintain our community's safety. When the EOC closed on the second day, continued regular communication with the State EOC as well as our power and phone companies continued for another 7 days until all services were restored to our community. During this incident, several residences were also visited to ensure that the occupants with medical needs were safe and had appropriate resources. If you have medical concerns that can be affected by a long power outage etc., please do let us know so that we can assist you during emergencies. More information on this program is posted on our webpage.

During 2016, several goals were accomplished for Emergency Management including: seamless coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center in an emergency, development of a robust list of business partners to provide supplies during an emergency, additional training for our planning members, and procurement of both shelter and emergency operations center supplies and equipment.

In addition, starting to address communication challenges in an emergency was a project that we have dedicated a number of hours to in 2016. This is an area that will continue to receive attention in 2017, and we welcome the community's ideas on various ways to communicate important information to our townspeople in emergencies. Currently we have developed a plan utilizing both technology solutions as well as written updates posted in the various villages around town.

During the Spring of 2017, we intend to hold a shelter volunteer training course. If you are interested in participating, please do email or call and let me know. We are working to build our pool of volunteers to assist during large scale emergencies.

Interested in learning more? We welcome you to review our <http://thetfordemergencymanagement.weebly.com/>

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Whitcomb, MBA
Emergency Management Director
thetfordemergencymanagement@gmail.com

FIRE WARDEN REPORT

The Spring of 2016 was once again a very active fire season. The Thetford Fire Department assisted multiple other agencies extinguish wildland fires. Due to weather conditions and extreme fire behavior, these fires were difficult to extinguish. A neighboring community sadly experienced a Line of Duty Death of a firefighter while working at one of these mutual aid wildfires.

Unfortunately, many the fires were caused by people burning without permits as well as careless activities. Unpermitted and unattended fires will be extinguished by the fire department with the possibility of a fine issued by the Fire Warden.

Please understand that during times of unfavorable fire conditions, permits will not be issued in the Town of Thetford. Once the weather conditions improve, permits will be allowed.

Please note the following Vermont law relating to open burning permits:

Title 10 V.S.A Chapter 83: 2645

OPEN BURNING -PERMITS

Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall not kindle or authorize another to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning weeds, grass, or rubbish of any kind except where there is snow on the site, without first obtaining permission from the fire warden or deputy warden of the town, stating when and where such fire may be kindled. Whenever such permission is granted, such warden, within 12 hours, shall issue a written permit for record purposes stating when and where such fire may be kindled. During periods of extreme fire hazard, the Commissioner of Forest and Parks may notify town fire wardens that for a specified period no burning permits shall be issued. The wardens shall issue no permits during the specified period.

Fires kindled for the purpose of burning brush or for other lawful purpose shall be kindled only at such times and under such conditions as will enable the parties starting them to keep them entirely under control and not creating a public nuisance or hazard. **Fires must be attended at all times.**

To obtain a burn permit, please call:

Chad Whitcomb	Fire Warden	802-333-4123
Mariah Whitcomb	Deputy Warden	802-333-4123
Andrew Field	Deputy Warden	802-333-3727

Respectfully submitted,

Chad A. Whitcomb
Fire Warden

RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

Hours – Saturday Only
Year-round 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Things to Know:

1. We take recyclables #1- #7. The exception to this is all plastic bags/baggies and feed bags that many have a number on them but are not accepted in our bins. (if it looks like it could fly out of the bin with the wind - it can't go in)
2. We make money on paper, scrap metal and aluminum beverage cans. Most of our income, presently, is generated from Redeemables.
3. The Green Glass recycling bin will accept: ANY colored glass beverage container (if possible, remove caps) - Ceramics (i.e., coffee mugs) - ANY colored glass food container (if possible, remove caps) - Drinking glass - Porcelain (i.e., toilets, sinks with all NON-Porcelain parts REMOVED) - Window Panes - Pyrex™ - Mirrors.
4. Wrapping and foiled paper cannot be recycled and, in fact, "ruin" the load.
5. We cannot accept any styrofoam, even if it has a triangle on it.
6. Most Appliances can be recycled, ask for specific details.
7. REDEEMABLES - \$\$\$!
8. Clothing, stuffed items, electronics - any items that can't take the weather - CAN'T be left at the "store". ASK FIRST
9. **More Waste Solutions** - take cash or punch cards. They also take BIG Items.
10. SUPPORT OF LOCAL TOWN EVENTS/ONGOING PROJECTS:
 - a. Box Tops- you find them on all sorts of items and the money goes to TES
 - b. Aluminum Can Tabs- they raise money for Dialysis patients
 - c. Teams/clubs, local non-profits, Food Bank - bake sales and collections.
11. PERMITS - available year-round at the Town Hall. \$18 per calendar year.
12. FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING- At the Hartford Recycling Center!

We continue to partner with Hannaford and the Trex recycling program. **The Trex program accepts:** LDE/HPDE films, pellet bags, newspaper sleeves, produce bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, product wrap, grocery bags, cereal liners, case overwrap, food storage bags, packaging air pillows, ice bags and salt bags. All must be clean and dry. We have collected over 1,500 pounds of plastics!

Thank you for making our Saturday's fast-paced & fun!!

Sally Bugg
Recycling Coordinator

SENIOR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Vision Statement

'Thetford Senior and Affordable Housing enables members of our community, of all ages, to remain in Thetford in the face of changing conditions or circumstances. We wish to allow people to stay in their homes as long as possible. Then, when they otherwise would have to leave home due to limitations of age, medical requirements, disability, lack of family support, or reduced income - dwelling units will be available to meet their needs and will be within their means.'

Thetford senior and affordable housing should be integrated into the life of the community, and help balancing values such as self-reliance, privacy, thrift, and access to needed services including health care.

Housing supported by the Thetford community promotes a diversity of backgrounds, interests, aspirations and income levels that represents a cross section of Thetford.'

Over the last six years, the Committee's site search has focused on East Thetford as it appears to be the most suitable place for senior and affordable housing. East Thetford provides a variety of services such as transportation, banks, stores, and post office as well as a restaurant. Also, medical services are available in the near vicinity. Since January 2016, the Community Nurse has been working from an office in East Thetford.

In 2016, SAHC pursued a potential building site in East Thetford but dropped further activities because of site limitations and cost. During the last month, we revisited the Osgood Site in East Thetford. Negotiations with the owner resulted in an acceptable price and the committee decided to recommend the purchase of the property by the Town of Thetford, the cost to be funded by the Poor Trust, the Town's VCDP grant (Vermont Community Development Project), and OCT (Ompompanoosuc Community Trust).

Presently, SAHC is seeking help from the Tuck School of Business to develop a business model for a Thetford Senior and Affordable Housing Project. With a Town-owned building site and a housing business model in hand, SAHC can start again applying for developing grants as well as engineering and architectural plans for the site. Respective support and services are expected to come from Twin Pines Housing Trust (TPHT).

SAHC continues to rely on the Ompompanoosuc Community Trust Inc. (OCT) as its fiscal sponsor. OCT has a memorandum of understanding in place with SAHC and the Town allowing OCT to raise funds on behalf of SAHC through tax deductible donations.

Members of the Thetford Senior and Affordable Housing Committee meet on a monthly schedule and more frequently as needed. Committee members are: Betty Campbell, David Fisk, Dale Gephart, Manohar Grewal, Scott Hesser, Mark McMahon (Chair), and Heinz Trebitz.

Respectfully submitted,

Heinz Trebitz

TEN: THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

The Thetford Elder Network is a town-appointed committee of volunteers who serve and advocate for our town's older citizens. We offer occasions to gather for friendship, monthly luncheons, walking, and to share information about aging-in-place.

We have volunteers who assist with rides to appointments and a brochure of local resources. We also help with Advance Care Planning and Directives. For help with a ride or directives, please call Inge at 785-2129.

We continue to serve 40 to 60 people at our senior luncheon at the North Thetford Church. A local chef, who specializes in local and organic food, cooks our lunches on the fourth Thursday of the month. Often we have entertainment or an informative speaker. We are grateful for a Senior Solutions grant that funds our luncheons. We thank the many donors of food that have increased the quality and diversity of our meals.

"Friday Walkers" welcomes ambulatory folk of varied capacities who like fresh air, lively conversation, and the chance to visit roads and trails throughout Thetford. The group has grown! Watch for weekly Thetford Listserv announcements or call Susan for details at 785-4029.

In October, the TEN committee along with the Community Nurse of Thetford, presented a panel discussion: "What is normal aging? (What can we expect after we get our Medicare Card?)" We thank Joanne-Sandberg-Cook, Cindy Grigel, Gail Dimick, Dale Gephart, and Maria Koehler for a very educational program.

TEN has supported the work of the Community Nurse of Thetford Steering Committee as our community nurse becomes an active resource to our community. Cindy Gigel, RN, is already making a great difference in Thetford. Seniors of all ages are now welcome to come to the monthly Coffee Klatch on second-Wednesday mornings, 10-11:30 am at the Thetford Center Community Center for conversation and community. Baked goods accompany the coffee, teas, and hot chocolate, and the conversation is lively and warm.

We thank the community of Thetford for your ongoing support and welcome those who would like to volunteer in any capacity. Find us on the town website.

Submitted by,

Sue Gault

THETFORD EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

The Thetford Emergency Food Shelf continues to be a busy place. Not only do we work to make food available to those in need we also strive to bring a smile to their faces and hearts. Sharing a laugh or a hug can make a bad day turn into a wonderful one.

We are so fortunate to have the very generous donors that believe in our mission and continue to support it in many ways. As many of you know, we cannot do what we do without you. We are very appreciative of grants we have received from The Nara Fund and The Mascoma Bank Foundation, the numerous private donations we receive throughout the year and the thousands of pounds of food we add to our shelves. Thank you!

New this past year is a larger, more efficient refrigerator, more shelving units, a newer chest freezer replaced our weakening unit and an overall more organized system of stocking shelves.

We will be building a new vegetable and fruit display as our current set up is not large enough and hard to reach for some clients. We have been accepting larger donations of fruits and vegetable from Willing Hands and we want to make it as easy as possible to get the produce into our client's bags.

I must say thank you to my tireless volunteers, Brenda Magoon, Kippy Ann Perkins, and Alan Hitchener. You are amazing and most appreciated.

Laurie A. Ingalls
Director/Coordinator



Ever wondered what's missing on the East side of Route 113 (opposite Tucker Hill Rd) in Thetford Center? This house, belonging to Eleazar Porter, used to be there. (THS Archives)

TRI-TOWN COMMISSION

The Tri-town Commission is a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and forms a quasi-municipality of the towns of Thetford, Fairlee and West Fairlee to oversee the construction and maintenance of the Lake Fairlee Dam.

We are very proud to announce that the Lake Fairlee Dam construction is complete!

By replacing the dam, we have protected the value of lakefront property for homeowners, camps, and Thetford's Treasure Island. Construction began in April and was finished by mid-October.

Beginning in January, and after many deliberations, the Tri-Town Commission chose Hebert Excavation to replace the failing dam. It was said by Larry Hebert that it took much less time than expected to demolish the old dam because it was so brittle and damaged. This confirmed our estimations that the dam was close to failing and time was of the essence.

It has been a long journey, against the odds at times, and included many individuals working on realizing the completion of this project. Individuals who conceived of the initial idea, secured the necessary funding and permits, contracted with the engineer and excavator, worked with the homeowners on and around the dam, and saw to completion of the job.

The Tri-Town Commission would like to thank Dubois & King and Hebert Excavation for the design, implementation and construction of a beautiful dam. We would also like to thank the Tri-Town Project Manager and Tri-Town Treasurer for their insights and efforts. Lastly, we would like to thank the citizens of the three towns, for their unwavering support during the past five years.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Dixon
Chair: Tri-Town Commission



THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Thetford Energy Committee 2016 Annual Report

The Thetford Energy Committee (TEC) appreciates the cooperation and involvement of our town residents. The accomplishments listed below are shared steps to meet the current and future energy needs of our families and buildings.

2016 Accomplishments:

Community Solar Efforts

The TEC continued working on development of community solar arrays on the closed Post Mills landfill and land adjacent to it. We conducted numerous meetings with the Thetford Select Board, neighbors of the landfill, and a number of state agencies to determine the legal, financial, and structural feasibilities of using the landfill. The Vermont Law School Energy Clinic has provided considerable assistance on the legal ramifications of the proposed project. Our goal is to have the project completed in 2017.

Volunteer Assisted Weatherization

TEC completed our second Volunteer-Assisted Weatherization (VAW) project, installing improvements on a low-income resident's home in Post Mills. We completed extensive air sealing throughout the home, added insulation to the basement walls, and installed a new heat pump hot water heater. These efforts reduced air leakage by 40% and projected heating use by 27%, for \$500 savings per year. We thank all the community volunteers who provided labor on this job as well as the **Ompompanoosuc Community Trust** for raising funds and all the donors who contributed for this effort, **Building Energy, Fogg's Hardware and Building Supply, Bethel Mills and Bargain Building Products** who provided discounted pricing on the weatherization materials, **Brent Mellen and Building Energy** for providing energy audit services, volunteer oversight and overall program assistance, **Efficiency Vermont** for providing incentives through the Do-It-Yourself track of the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program, **Thetford Treasurer, Jill Graff**, for handling deposits and payments and the **Thetford Select Board** for their support of this project.

Free LEDs

TEC distributed about 430 free LED light bulbs to income-qualifying homeowners through the Thetford food shelf, town churches and the Thetford Elderly Network.

Community Energy Dashboard

TEC entered information about energy-related projects, actions, stories and case studies that have taken place in Thetford in the Vermont Energy Action Network's Community Energy Dashboard (CED). You can find stories about some of Thetford's past energy programs at <http://www.vtenergydashboard.org/stories?communityIds=229>

Weatherize Thetford

Thetford was selected to be one of 14 towns participating Vital Communities' Weatherize Upper Valley, with a goal of doubling the number of homes weatherized in town annually in the first five months of 2017. Participating homeowners get a FREE home energy walkthrough and proposal from participating energy contractors, a chance at winning up to \$2,500 toward the cost of home energy improvements and guidance from community volunteers throughout the process. For more information go to

<http://vitalcommunities.org/energy/weatherize/> or contact Bob Walker, bobwalkervt@gmail.com, 802-785-4126 or Mike Kiess, michaelkiessvt@gmail.com, 802 299 5864.

Community Outreach and Education

TEC continued to educate town residents on energy saving and renewable energy opportunities through workshops on Zero Energy Now and community solar, postings to the listserv and our regular monthly notices in the Thetford town newsletter.

Submitted by,

Bob Walker, Chair



Thetford Fire Station on Route 113, near the I-91 interchange. The building was one of many located in the construction corridor which were removed, in the 1960s. (THS Archives)

THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The Thetford Conservation Commission (TCC) wishes to express its gratitude to Town residents for their enthusiastic and steadfast support in 2016.

Our activities included the following:

∞ Working with Thetford Academy students to address the mortality inflicted on salamanders, frogs and other amphibians as they cross roads at night during their spring migration to their breeding pools.

∞ Continuing the campaign against invasive plants, in particular garlic mustard, a relatively new and aggressive invader. We produced educational handouts and linked up with State Invasive Plant expert Elizabeth Spinney for a hands-on identification and eradication workshop kindly hosted by Dana and Dan Grossman. We also assisted neighborhood groups in pulling garlic mustard and arranged for its disposal free of charge at the Lebanon landfill.

∞ A series of well-attended educational presentations in partnership with the West Fairlee Conservation Commission: The garden expert Henry Homeyer spoke on invasive plants and non-toxic control methods. Biologist and writer Brian Pfeiffer showed us how to support nature and biodiversity in our own backyards. Rachel Miller, head of the Rozalia Project gave a thought-provoking talk on how plastics, including fibers from synthetic clothing, move from our homes downstream to permeate the world's oceans and the fish we eat. 'Words in the Woods' blended nature with the literary while showcasing two conserved properties, the Zebedee Wetland in Thetford and the Brushwood Forest in West Fairlee.

∞ We held the 5th annual Taylor Floodplain Preserve bird walk led by ornithologist and professor emeritus George Clark in May.

∞ We laid out the route for a new woods trail to showcase the forested portion of the Post Mills Nature Area.

∞ As part of managing the Post Mills Nature Area for wildlife we girdled over 20 pine trees to prevent them from shading out the alder thicket that is woodcock habitat.

∞ We oversaw a limited timber harvest on the Thetford Town Forest.

Submitted by,

Li Shen, Chair

THETFORD HILL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

This committee serves as an advisory body to assist property owners with issues of historic preservation within the Thetford Hill Historic District, and to advise, through written report forms, the Development Review Board and Zoning Administrator.

In the course of 2016, we reviewed applications for six projects:

Signage for First Congregational Church in Thetford.

Partial barn renovation for Marion Greenwood property (101 Academy Road)

Signage for Latham Library

Proposed woodshed for David and Nancy Lindahl (151 Academy Road)

Dormer renovation for Bruce and Emily Swomley (57 Academy Road)

Addition, roof, and window changes for Robin Jenker-Boyce and Sean Boyce (113 Academy Road)

After making site visits and/or reviewing submitted drawings, the Historic Preservation Committee submitted a report for each of these applications, noting any concerns, but recommending approval of each project.

We lost a valuable member of our crew this year with the passing of Bill Thrane who served on this committee for many years. He is dearly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Miller

Secretary for Thetford Hill Historic Preservation Committee



The home of Dr. L. B Allen, who worked at the Ely Copper Mine in Vershire, and had a thriving practice in Post Mills for 50-odd years. The house was lost to fire in 2006. The covered bridge in the background (Route 244) was replaced by a cement bridge. (THS Archives)

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2016 was a year of transition for the Recreation Department. Laurel Mackin who had worked for a few years developing programs with the Trails Alliance and Vermont Parks Department stepped down following the basketball season. Diana Kimball-Anderson then stepped in for an interim period and covered the baseball season, the summer music camp programming and the beginning of the fall soccer programs. Nathan Maxwell came on as the new Recreation Director in the late part of July.

This year Recreation added 52 first time registrants to our programs making it a total of 594 registrations for the year. This equaled \$33,605.00 in revenue.

Youth sports are the central-focus of the recreation program in the Thetford. It is the continued hard work of the parents and townspeople who volunteer and dedicate their time to the youth of this community who make Thetford Recreation so successful year in and year out.

The skiing/snowboarding program has started off well this year with 117 residents and non-resident participants. We have another 10 involved in the cross country skiing program.

Other recreational programs that include swimming, music camp, and the outdoor adventures groups continue to grow each year. Presently we have no summer camps being held at Treasure Island. The Recreation Department will continue to work towards increasing the amount of recreational activities and adult community events in the coming year.

Thetford is a wonderful place for our children to grow and develop. The mission of the Recreation Department going forward is to continue to grow in designing and promoting both youth and adult programs that will keep everyone active and healthy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Maxwell
Recreation Director

TREASURE ISLAND

Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day

Treasure Island is a beautiful beach front recreation area owned by the town located on Lake Fairlee off Vermont Route 244. The beach is monitored by lifeguards offering daily swimming and rentals of paddleboats and canoes. There is a playground with swings, sand volleyball and space for picnics, fishing, hiking and group parties. The “Island” can be reserved for exclusive use by large groups. There is an entrance fee for day use, and season passes available for Thetford families, individuals and non-residents. American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim lessons are also offered for Thetford and non-resident children.

Last year, the Selectboard placed importance and focus on Treasure Island. With this in mind, various inspections were commissioned by the Selectboard and we found that the grounds and the house were in need of extensive repair and renovations. It was clear that a new direction was needed to maintain and improve the facilities. With recommendations from the Treasure Island Advisory Committee, the Selectboard moved to change from a year-round care-taker model to a seasonal manager model. There were many discussions and meetings before making this change including very helpful guidance from Craig Whipple, the Director of Vermont State Parks.

Other changes included renovation of the parking lot making it even and more accessible, and the entrance was filled and leveled to reduce the sharp incline. The small building was relocated and used as the check-in house at the beach entrance. With help and guidance from the Thetford Town Forester, trees were removed from the property to make way for healthier and more sustainable growth.

As one of the few public access lake beaches left in Vermont, Treasure Island is a valuable asset to Thetford and the surrounding communities. Moving forward, the Selectboard will work on ways to improve the grounds and facilities at Treasure Island, and create innovative ways to fund such improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

James Dixon
Selectboard Liaison to Treasure Island

THETFORD MEMORIAL PARK GROUP

The Thetford Memorial Park Group formed two years ago. The white pine trees that inhabited the small triangular park in between the Post Mills church and cemetery was repurposed due to deterioration. With support from many donors and the town, the stumps were removed, the land graded and seeded. Ten hardwood trees were planted in late March 2016 with the expertise of volunteer Jed Betts. Many, many volunteers watered during the long hot summer pulling water and hoses from PMCC. Thank you all!

A successful fundraising at Recycling allowed the purchase of fertilizer, lime & mulch and tree trunk protectors for the young plantings. We have held off on more mulch around the base of the trees due to rodent concerns during the winter.

We look forward to summer 2017 to determine the survival rate of the locally dug sugar maples and oaks. With the help of the American Legion, the Memorial Monument to all veterans and their loved ones will be installed this spring. We anticipate the bloom of the crabapple trees will provide an appropriate backdrop for the dedication of the Memorial, scheduled for late May. The donated granite benches will be placed in early May to be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

The committee is grateful for the many kinds of support the community has offered to move this project along. As the trees mature and the grass takes hold, this park, sitting between the cemetery and the church, will soon become a welcoming place for all to find peace and solace.

Ted Peters
Jen Boeri-Boyce
Martha Bouchard
Libby Chapin
Jennifer Davey
Sherry Merrick
Bill Keegan
Connie Gephart
Jessica Eaton

LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND PEABODY LIBRARY

Latham Memorial Library

Hours: Monday: 2:00 - 8:00 pm; Tuesday: 2:00 - 5:00 pm; Wednesday: 10:00 - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 2:00 - 8:00 pm; Friday: 10:00 - 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 - 1:00 pm

The trustees have worked hard this year to improve the Latham Library.

New computing cable within the building has boosted internet speeds to almost 500 megabits per second. More people came and more materials circulated from the library than last year.

Children and adult programs were increased and the Teen Space has been active every day after school. 2,046 movies were borrowed from the library. 649 audio books circulated this year. 3,045 Audio-books were downloaded from Listen Up Vermont! as well as 125 E-books. Titles downloaded from One Click Digital tallied an additional 347. Per capita borrowing for the year was the highest in 13 years (since 2004)!

Improvements to the library include a new front desk designed and built (with great savings) by the Tech Design class at Thetford Academy, a handicapped accessible path to the basement of the building was added in August, as well as improved access to both bathrooms. A new sign was installed which will also display community events.

The library depends on voluntary efforts from the community. More new titles in a variety of formats (68 audio CDs, 98 movies, and 654 books) were made available this year due to our volunteers helping to get them on the shelves.

Your continued support through the annual appeal helped with all library improvements.

Come visit in 2017. If we don't have what you need, we can get it for you. Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm where you are always welcome.

Peabody Library

Hours: Tuesday: 5:00 - 8:00 pm; Wednesday: 2:00 - 8:00 pm

In its 150th year, the library hosted 49 programs including one book discussion series made possible by the Vermont Humanities Council.

Volunteers opened the library every Saturday morning during the summer months.

A summer film series was offered in July and August. The Twenty-first Annual Penny Carnival brought a happy crowd of 103 folks to enjoy a sunny afternoon.

Programs were offered every month this anniversary year for both adults and children. Programs concluded in December with the Twenty-ninth Annual Holiday Readings.

The Library had 1091 visitors borrowing 444 books from the library collection. 111 audio books also circulated from the library. 140 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 696 titles circulated from the library in 2016.

A new deck was installed along with repairs to porch columns to spruce up the library for its 150th birthday. A new sign and signpost were also installed after road construction finished on Route 113. A new propane boiler replaced the first one installed in 1976.

Come discover one of the most elegant public rooms in Thetford.

Your faithful support maintains the wish of George Peabody “that the library shall be enjoyed by those who may be in the village of Post Mills and its environs.”

Let your libraries change your life.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian



The passenger rail station at North Thetford (Northboro). This building replaced a large stone station destroyed by fire. This station was dismantled following suspension of passenger service in the 1960s. (THS Archives)

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

By working cooperatively with classroom teachers at both schools, our member libraries have continued to encourage reading at all levels through book discussion groups, visiting speakers, authors and storytelling. New books have been obtained by purchase, by regular borrowing from the state regional libraries, and other libraries through interlibrary loan. We continue to use Library World for circulating and cataloging materials in a town-wide database and strive to expand online reference as well as recreational titles in eBook and audio formats.

Our other major purpose is to maintain the Bicentennial Building as a free home for Latham Memorial/Thetford Town Library and the Historical Society's library and archives. In 2016, two bathroom doors were relocated for improved handicapped access. A path was installed for wheelchair access to the basement meeting rooms. New linoleum was installed in the basement bathroom. The original forty-one year old furnace was replaced in October. A new sign now provides a location for community notices that is off the state road right-of-way and away from the crossing light on the Green.

The main source of income for the Federation is a yearly grant voted by the Town, which provides the major portion of the operating budgets for our two public libraries, Peabody and Latham, and supports Library World, the public access catalog shared among the libraries of Thetford. For our other expenses, including operation of our building, we depend on income from the endowment and from our annual fund appeal which, thanks to your continued support, was sufficient to meet our expenses in 2016.

Peter Blodgett, Acting Clerk



Taking down the old Elm tree in Thetford Center, September, 1955. (THS Archives)

TOWN OF THETFORD BUDGET REPORT

For Fiscal Year 2017

Every budget is initially driven by inflationary pressures that impact numerous line items. We also have again seen increases in line items where we have little or no control including Upper Valley Ambulance (3% this year but 19% since 2014), deferred costs from the Tri Town Commission (38%), insurance, including employee health care (selectboard medical 20%), DPW-PACIF Liability, Unemployment, and Workers Comp (17%). State mandates such as Act 64, the Clean Water Act, continue to add to municipal costs from new fees (an annual \$2500 fee), and regulations that apply to the way our DPW maintains or replaces our bridges and roads. Budget busters from 2016 included the operation and maintenance of Treasure Island and the Tri Town Commission. Treasure Island rapidly became an expensive endeavor as repairs of failed water and gray water systems were completed. Tri Town cost overruns were extensive. Employee Health Care went through a major transition in 2016. Town employees are now covered by the plans offered through Vermont Health Connect. Employees are now sharing in the cost of this expense with a planned additional sharing shift in the future. A few line items will actually decrease for 2017 including Recycling Bin Leases that took a drastic jump in anticipated cost in 2016.

Beyond all of these contributors to increasing budgets, it becomes a real balancing act to produce prudent budgets, with limited resources, aging infrastructure and equipment, and a list of projects, equipment, and improvements that we all want and need. The additional funds to be raised for 2017 are \$170,145, a budgeted increase, year over year, of 7.5%, and a dollar figure that is about half of the increase seen last year.

While the budgeted increases for 2017 will cost all of us a few additional dollars in taxes, it's important to understand the benefit received for the dollars spent. The benefits in 2017 are many, varied, and some long overdue.

Improvements and repairs to the Town Hall are budgeted for 2017. Water damage to the exterior will be fixed before more severe damage occurs. The roof's design will ultimately need to be changed to prevent runoff from contacting siding and will probably be done when the shingles are replaced. Access to water pipes under the Town Hall will be improved and improvements made to prevent the annual occurrence of frozen pipes. The hard wood floors will be refinished after years of postponing this upkeep. Lastly the septic tank and leach field will be replaced for the Town Hall. Currently there are no plans or drawings or even information as to the existing system as no one knows when the system was first installed.

The DPW will see replacement of a truck whose annual repair expense has become equal to payments on a new truck. Capital equipment schedules have been reworked to more reasonable replacement terms and several pieces of equipment were added that had heretofore never been on the schedule at all. Road signs have been replaced. More money will be available to resurface gravel roads that desperately need material to be able to appropriately shape and grade road surfaces. The required studies and testing of the roadbed underlying route 132 will continue to be done as we move forward to an eventual total rebuild of the Thetford section. Maintenance of existing equipment will include tire replacement on both the grader and the tractor.

New uniforms for sports teams will replace badly worn items helping boost town pride and spirit among our children as well as parents and interested residents.

Worn and obsolete forest fire equipment will be replaced in order to keep our volunteer firefighters and the Town safe.

We will reinstate a police officer position as of July 1, bringing the total staffing to a Chief and two officers as has been past practice. The additional officer will allow for better coverage and response including weekends. Some additional training will help keep officers better prepared and more safe.

One of the most vexing problems of budgeting the last several years has been establishing appropriate fund balances for both the General Fund and the DPW. While there has been a substantial improvement in the General Fund balance, the DPW Fund balance continues to badly languish. Fund balances are the extra funds built into Town finances. It allows for budget overruns, unanticipated expenditures, and unforeseen contingencies. Good accounting principles require substantial reserves to handle whatever may come up. The DPW fund balance at 2016 year's end amounted to \$15,941. While that is more than a \$6,000 improvement from 2015, it is a far cry from the \$100,000 plus that should be there. The Selectboard continued this year to budget for "worst case scenarios", while hoping for more normal expenditures. More concrete steps to improve the DPW Fund balance include newer equipment with anticipated lower repair costs and the creation of a DPW contingency line item that should directly lead to an improving Fund balance.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bacon
James Dixon
Jessica Eaton
Bill Huff
Stuart Rogers, Chair



This image, ca. 1900, shows the Library, original Academy building and Mrs. Burton Hall (girls' dorm), which were located north of the Grange on Academy Road. These three buildings (and an adjacent barn) burned in 1942. (THS Archives)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

***YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2016***

TOWN OF THETFORD 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

All Town Departments	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
Police & Animal Control	298,592	232,636	190,206	241,593	3.85%
Fire & Emergency Management	220,517	150,240	147,696	159,520	6.18%
Selectboard	245,028	228,426	228,567	251,538	10.12%
Miscellaneous	197,219	248,969	300,681	262,415	5.40%
Recreation & Treasure Island	84,002	105,909	113,286	124,871	17.90%
Clerk/BCA/Elections/Operations	102,002	111,198	106,757	112,949	1.57%
Libraries	100,859	102,385	102,385	103,585	1.17%
Treasurer & Tax Collection	83,096	86,061	85,960	89,371	3.85%
Town Hall – Physical Plant	72,980	72,176	69,061	74,914	3.79%
Recycling & Solid Waste	74,952	104,527	76,501	78,679	-24.73%
Listers	53,073	54,931	57,841	62,586	13.94%
Single Year Appropriations	38,058	-	38,488	-	
Zoning Dept. & Planning Commission	36,615	38,826	32,979	39,148	0.83%
Conservation	3,203	3,250	3,308	3,250	0.00%
General Fund Expenses	1,610,196	1,539,535	1,553,718	1,604,418	4.21%
Less Previous Year Surplus Applied	-	-	-	-	
Less Non-tax Revenues	(471,596)	(361,821)	(364,387)	(374,315)	3.45%
Totals	1,138,600	1,177,714	1,189,332	1,230,103	4.45%
Town Funds to Raise(d)	1,202,991	1,177,714	1,189,332	1,230,103	4.45%
Additional Taxes Raised (Rebills)	7,858				
Additional Taxes Rec'd. (2014 Rebills)	1,486				
Total Raised	1,212,335		1,189,332		
Dept. of Public Works Expense	930,949	942,425	944,638	1,037,859	10.13%
Less Previous Year Surplus Applied	-	-	-	-	
Less Non-Tax Revenues	(142,311)	(133,400)	(136,423)	(133,327)	-0.05%
DPW Funds to Raise(d)	564,180	809,025	808,215	904,532	11.81%
Additional Taxes Raised (Article)	21,102	-	-	-	
Total Raised	585,282		808,215		
Town & DPW Funds to Raise(d)	1,797,617	1,986,739	1,997,547	2,134,635	7.44%
Additional Warned Articles		269,788		292,488	8.41%
Veterans Exemption	9,746	10,242		10,000	-2.36%
Local Agreement		10,209		10,000	-2.05%
Total Funds to Raised(d)	1,807,363	2,276,978		2,447,123	7.47%
General Fund Balance, 12/31 (8-12%)	119,197		163,108		
DPW Fund Balance, 12/31 (8-12%)	9,466		15,941		

Revenues		2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-2000-00.00	Current Tax Levy	1,166,961	1,177,714	1,217,351	1,230,103	4.45%
Sub-Total Taxes Raised		1,166,961	1,177,714	1,217,351	1,230,103	4.45%
Non-Tax Revenues						
100-2000-01.00	Hold Harmless Revenue	124,198	124,000	122,621	122,000	-1.61%
100-2000-02.00	Additional Taxes Billed					
100-2030-00.00	Interest Delinquent Taxes	18,788	24,000	27,583	23,000	-4.17%
100-2035-00.00	Late homestead Penalty	6,553	6,000	7,241	6,500	8.33%
100-2040-00.00	School Tax Billing Fee	11,538	11,000	13,956	14,000	27.27%
100-2101-00.00	Liquor Taxes	280	250	280	280	12.00%
100-2110-00.00	Dog penalties(late fee)	495	500	631	500	0.00%
100-2115-00.00	Dog Fines (tickets)	-	-	-	-	
100-2120-00.00	Dog Licenses	2,654	2,500	2,772	2,750	10.00%
100-2121-01.00	Zoning Permits	14,914	10,000	6,381	6,000	-40.00%
100-2121-02.00	SubDivision Permits	115	100	-	-	-100.00%
100-2211-00.00	Penalty on Taxes	22,778	25,000	30,852	27,000	8.00%
100-2310-00.00	Town Clerk Fees	24,047	21,000	25,040	23,000	9.52%
100-2310-00.01	Clerk's Over/Shorts	-	-	-	-	
100-2351-00.00	Use of Town Records	183	175	241	175	0.00%
100-2353-00.00	Zoning Material Receipts	-	-	-	-	
100-2400-00.00	Traffic Fines	4,071	4,000	1,379	4,200	5.00%
100-2400-10.00	Police Receipts	120	75	120	75	0.00%
100-2400-15.00	Police Contracted Svcs. (UVD)	9,591	10,600	13,911	11,000	3.77%
100-2440-05.00	Tax Sale- Other	-	-	-	-	
100-2400-20.00	Tax Sale Redem. Int. to Town	-	-	-	-	
100-2630-00.00	Recycling Sticker Revenue	11,178	13,000	10,798	10,500	-19.23%
100-2634-02.00	Recycling Receipts	4,487	-	7,523	-	
100-2682-00.01	Cemetery Receipts	440	-	-	-	
100-2700-00.00	Treasure Island Receipts	28,875	30,000	33,849	30,000	0.00%
100-2750-00.00	Recreation Receipts	31,142	31,000	31,932	25,500	-17.74%
100-2800-00.00	Insurance refunds	5,157	-	3,020	-	
100-2810-00.00	Insurance Claim Receipts	66,762	-	-	-	
100-2930-00.00	Bank Interest	160	250	201	200	-20.00%
100-2940-00.00	Memorial Park Donations	-	-	688	-	
100-2941-00.00	Memorial Park Tax Raised	5,000	-	-	-	
100-2985-00.00	Flood Cont-Water Resource	7,350	3,675	3,675	3,675	0.00%
100-2986-00.00	Current Use Withdrawals	-	-	-	-	
100-2987-00.00	Forest & Parks Tax	21	21	21	21	0.00%
100-2988-00.00	Railroad Tax	-	-	-	-	
100-2989-00.00	PILOT Revenues	9,675	9,675	10,589	10,589	9.44%
100-2990-00.00	Miscellaneous Receipts	116	-	7	-	
100-2991-00.00	Conservation Donation	-	-	69	-	
100-2992-00.00	Town Land Maint. Revenue	58,858	35,000	9,006	53,350	52.43%
100-2995-00.00	Transfer In (LED grant surplus)	-	-	-	-	
Sub-Total Non-Tax Revenue		469,546	361,821	364,387	374,315	3.45%
Totals		1,636,507	1,539,535	1,581,738	1,604,418	4.21%

Police and Animal Control	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-4100 POLICE					
100-4100-09.00 Constable	-	-	-	-	
100-4100-10.00 Police Chief	58,758	68,058	68,366	70,782	4%
100-4100-10.01 Police Officers F.T.	72,646	76,920	52,202	89,087	16%
100-4100-10.02 Police overtime	9,844	11,000	6,149	10,000	-9%
100-4100-10.03 Police Officers P.T.	-	-	-	-	
100-4100-10.05 Call Out/OT	407	-	-	-	
100-4100-10.06 UVD Contracted Detail	4,342	5,000	6,498	4,500	-10%
100-4100-10.07 Part-Time Admin. Asst.	3,123	7,109	3,569	5,550	-22%
100-4100-10.08 Other Contracted Details		1,500	439	1,000	-33%
100-4100-14.00 Social Security Police Chief	4,297	5,206	4,959	5,415	4%
100-4100-14.01 Police Officer Soc. Secu	6,453	5,884	6,437	6,815	16%
100-4100-14.02 Soc. Sec. O.T.	104	842	-	765	-9%
100-4100-14.03 UVD Contracted Detail Soc Sec	218	383	492	344	-10%
100-4100-14.04 Soc. Sec. Other Contracted Details		115	34	77	-33%
100-4100-14.05 CallOut/OT Soc. Security	-	-	-	-	
100-4100-14.07 P.T. Admin Asst. Soc Security	110	544	241	430	-21%
100-4100-15.00 Police Benefits	1,891	1,891	1,853	2,700	43%
100-4100-20.00 Office Supplies		500	668	700	40%
100-4100-21.00 Police supplies	2,280	4,000	3,241	3,000	-25%
100-4100-22.00 NEPBA Expenses	644	-	-	-	
100-4100-25.00 Uniforms	4,647	6,835	1,605	6,300	-8%
100-4100-28.00 Computer Equipment	13,139	-	-	-	
100-4100-34.00 Police Telecommunications	5,439	4,000	3,134	4,381	10%
100-4100-35.00 Police Postage	321	300	104	200	-33%
100-4100-36.00 Radio/Dispatch	9,568	10,500	5,302	1,899	-82%
100-4100-40.00 Police Dues & Meetings	344	500	555	560	12%
100-4100-42.00 Police Training	3,066	2,250	929	3,750	67%
100-4100-60.00 Contracted Services	5,775	1,000	231	4,205	321%
100-4100-68.00 Vehicle Repair	3,135	3,000	4,101	4,000	33%
100-4100-74.00 Police Fuel	7,443	7,700	5,929	8,000	4%
100-4100-79.00 Evidence Room Construction			708	-	
100-4100-83.00 Equipment/ Repair/Radio	1,717	1,500	3,018	1,500	0%
100-4100-84.00 Cruiser Fire Damage	67,722	-	-	-	
100-4100-90.00 Transfer to Capital Cruiser	6,303	-	-	-	
100-4100-91.00 Police small equipment fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0%
New Line Item - Grants Match			5,043	250	
Sub-Total Police	296,734	229,537	188,808	239,210	4%
100-6150 ANIMAL CONTROL					
100-6150-10.00 Animal Control Wages	789	1,300	855	1,006	-23%
100-6150-14.00 Social Security-AC	60	99	65	77	-23%
100-6150-15.00 Pound Fees	455	500	-	350	-30%
100-6150-22.00 Humane Supplies	-	300	-	250	-17%
100-6150-37.00 Licensing Supplies	266	300	292	300	0%
100-6150-40.00 Dues,Mtgs,Innoculations	-	100	-	100	0%
100-6150-50.00 Animal Damage	-	-	-	-	
100-6150-74.00 Animal Cont.Travel	288	500	187	300	-40%
Sub-Total Animal Control	1,858	3,099	1,399	2,383	-23%
Totals	298,592	232,636	190,206	241,593	4%

Notes -

Full-time Officers due to returning to a third officer mid-year
Police Benefits covers Life & Disability

Fire and Emergency Management	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-3900 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
100-3900-30.00 Emergency Management	7,177	8,830	6,292	9,880	11.89%
100-3900-90.00 Trans. Emer. Infrs. Cap Fund	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,500	66.67%
Sub-Total Emergency Management	8,677	10,330	7,792	12,380	19.85%
100-4500 FIRE DEPARTMENT					
100-4500-00.00 Fire Department	129,735	137,060	137,060	143,910	5.00%
100-4500-10.01 Fire Warden	518	2,850	2,845	3,230	13.32%
100-4500-90.00 Trans. Fire Cap. Equip. Fund	81,587	-	-	-	
Sub-Total Fire Dept.	211,840	139,910	139,905	147,140	5.17%
Totals	220,517	150,240	147,696	159,520	6.18%

Notes -

Transfer to Emergency Management Infrastructure Capital to build that fund to actually replace shelter generators when needed

Increase in Fire Dept. due to increase in equipment replacement and required EMT electronic processing

Fire Warden increases due to need to replace outdated safety gear and equipment

Selectboard	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-3000 SELECTBOARD					
100-3000-10.01 Selectboard Stipend	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
100-3000-11.00 Selectboard Assistant	8,900	8,715	5,952	7,255	-16.75%
100-3000-14.00 Selectboard S.S.	383	383	383	383	0.13%
100-3000-15.00 Selectboard Contingency	3,751	5,000	160	5,000	0.00%
100-3000-15.01 Selectboard Assistant S.S.	681	667	455	555	-16.75%
100-3000-15.02 Medical/Dental Benefits	65,618	63,775	72,451	76,626	20.15%
100-3000-20.00 Supplies & Publications	1,071	500	81	500	0.00%
100-3000-30.00 Advertising	3,812	3,000	1,328	3,000	0.00%
100-3000-40.00 VT League of Cities and Towns C	3,744	3,797	3,797	3,930	3.50%
100-3000-40.01 Dues, Meetings & Events	1,015	1,000	874	1,000	0.00%
100-3000-42.00 Unemployment	1,102	1,016	872	631	-37.89%
100-3000-47.00 WC Insurance	-	16,203	16,203	14,216	-12.26%
100-3000-48.00 PACIF Liability	40,738	37,679	37,513	37,989	0.82%
100-3000-60.00 Legal Services	29,843	30,000	29,700	30,000	0.00%
100-3000-74.00 Travel	440	450	367	450	0.00%
100-3000-80.00 Professional Audit	15,843	15,800	15,485	15,800	0.00%
100-3000-85.00 Planning & Consulting	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
100-3000-90.00 Mowing	7,745	9,650	6,960	8,370	-13.26%
100-3000-91.00 Town Lands Maintenance	31,229	-	9,949	13,000	
100-3000-91.01 Trans. To Town Lands Maint	-	5,000	-	5,000	0.00%
100-3000-92.00 Retirement	14,177	15,792	14,189	17,833	12.92%
100-3000-96.00 Post Mills Memorial Park	4,935	-	1,849	-	
Totals	245,028	228,426	228,567	251,538	10.12%

Notes -

Changes in offered Town Health Insurance, including additional employees

Town Lands Maintenance costs will be offset this year by timber harvest revenues

Retirement increases driven by wages and eligible employees.

Libraries and Miscellaneous	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-8000 LIBRARIES					
100-8000-00.00 Thetford Libraries	100,859	102,385	102,385	103,585	1.17%
COMMITTEES					
100-4000-50.00 Energy Committee	435	750	509	750	0.00%
100-6940-20.00 Senior & Affordable Housing	-	-	-	2,000	
100-6140 HEALTH OFFICER					
100-6140-10.00 Health Officer Wages	-	300	-	300	0.00%
100-6140-14.00 Social Security	-	23	-	23	0.00%
100-6140-40.00 Dues & Meetings	-	75	-	75	0.00%
100-6140-74.00 Travel	-	50	-	50	0.00%
100-6120 DANGEROUS BUILDINGS					
100-6120-50.00 Dangerous Bldg.Inspector	-	-	-	-	
100-6110 AMBULANCE					
100-6110-40.00 Upper Valley Ambulance	90,580	93,168	93,168	95,756	2.78%
100-6820 CEMETERIES					
100-6820-01.00 Cemeteries-Mowing	13,070	13,440	11,550	6,910	-48.59%
100-6820-02.00 Hillside Cem. Assoc.	-	-	-	-	
100-6820-20.00 Cemeteries - Supplies	450	500	-	500	0.00%
100-6820-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	-	2,000	2,200	8,500	325.00%
100-9900 TAX APPROPRIATIONS					
100-9900-01.00 Veterans' Flags	400	400	400	400	0.00%
100-9900-02.00 Scholarships	500	500	500	500	0.00%
FLOOD EXPENSE					
100-9900-07.00 Flood Expense					
TRI TOWN COMMISSION					
100-6960-00.00 Annual Allocation		14,377	63,450	19,848	38.05%
100-6960-84.00 Dam Bond payment		29,013	29,013	28,471	-1.87%
100-9300 COUNTY TAX					
100-9300-00.00 County & Extension Svc.	88,473	88,473	88,682	88,682	0.24%
100-9150 INTEREST PAID					
100-9150-00.00 Interest on Loans	2,690	2,800	3,768	4,000	42.86%
MISC					
100-9990-04.00 Real Estate Abatements	2	2,500	6,794	5,000	100.00%
100-9990-06.00 Bank Fees	619	600	648	650	8.33%
Totals Misc.	197,219	248,969	300,681	262,415	5.40%

Notes -

Upper Valley Ambulance increase in per capita rate

Reorganization in Cemeteries expenses, with a reduction in needed mowing and an increase in repairs for tree removals

Tri-Town Commission allocation overbudget in 2016 due to project cost overruns, along with deferred costs for 2017

Recreation and Treasure Island	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-7000 RECREATION					
100-7000-10.00 Recreation Director	15,496	17,087	12,926	17,087	0.00%
100-7000-10.01 Recreation Staff	-	-	-	-	
100-7000-14.00 Rec. Director Soc.Sec.	1,185	1,307	989	1,292	-1.18%
100-7000-14.01 Recreation Staff Soc. Sec.	-	-	-	-	
100-7000-20.00 Recreation Admin Supplies	250	300	45	250	-16.67%
100-7000-20.01 Youth Sports Equipment	2,132	3,500	2,782	7,235	106.71%
100-7000-27.00 Licensing Agreements& Support	2,556	2,500	2,440	3,000	20.00%
100-7000-30.00 Advertising/Marketing	258	525	220	400	-23.81%
100-7000-34.00 Telephone, Utilities	471	832	528	750	-9.86%
100-7000-40.00 Dues and Meetings	470	750	94	500	-33.33%
100-7000-40.01 Skiing Program	7,543	8,925	8,403	8,925	0.00%
100-7000-40.02 Cross-Country Skiing Program	-	175	-	175	0.00%
100-7000-40.03 Adult Programs	-	350	-	350	0.00%
100-7000-40.10 Special Events	70	100	-	100	0.00%
100-7000-50.00 Officials Fees	840	4,660	1,300	3,000	-35.62%
100-7000-50.01 Tournaments & Fees	555	1,925	1,358	1,500	-22.08%
100-7000-50.02 Records Fees	-	-	-	-	
100-7000-50.03 Instructor & Registration	8,052	8,000	10,872	2,500	-68.75%
100-7000-50.04 Summer Camp Expenses	1,660	1,200	-	-	-100.00%
100-7000-50.90 Capital Improvements Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%
100-7000-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	4,234	6,800	2,685	5,000	-26.47%
Sub-Total Rec	48,772	61,936	47,643	55,064	-11.10%
100-7005 TREASURE ISLAND					
100-7005-10.00 Treasure Island Staff	11,377	15,000	25,184	38,000	153.33%
100-7005-14.00 Social Security-TI	870	1,148	1,927	2,907	153.33%
100-7005-17.00 Property Taxes	12,862	13,000	13,143	13,500	3.85%
100-7005-22.00 T.I. Supplies	2,045	2,000	672	2,000	0.00%
100-7005-30.00 T.I. Advertising	-	125	-	300	140.00%
100-7005-34.00 Treasure Island Telephone	707	700	505	800	14.29%
100-7005-68.00 Facility Maint./Repairs	5,270	8,000	21,508	10,000	25.00%
100-7005-70.00 Residence Maint./Repairs	1,242	3,000	2,369		-100.00%
100-7005-76.00 Utilities-Treasure Island	353	400	242	500	25.00%
100-7005-79.00 Misc. Training & Certification	505	600	95	1,800	200.00%
100-7005-85.00 Engineer Insp. of Facilities	-	-	-		
Sub-Total TI	35,230	43,973	65,644	69,807	58.75%
Totals	84,002	105,909	113,286	124,871	17.90%

Notes -

Youth Sports Equipment covers new uniforms for all sports to replace old, as well as balls, bats, etc. due to regulation

Licensing Agreements & Support increase in looking towards possible credit card registrations

Skiing Program anticipates increased slope costs

Treasure Island increases in staffing & certifications

Treasure Island increases in advertising

Treasure Island continued plans for improvements to the facility

Clerk, BCA, Elections and Town Hall	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-3500 CLERK					
100-3500-10.00 Town Clerk's Salary	37,063	39,686	40,585	42,591	7.32%
100-3500-10.01 Asst Town Clerk Wages	17,986	19,416	19,231	19,809	2.02%
100-3500-14.00 Social Security-Clerk	2,570	3,036	2,828	3,258	7.32%
100-3500-14.01 Social Security-Asst Clerk	1,376	1,485	1,471	1,515	2.02%
100-3500-15.00 Town Clerk Benefits	993	1,100	1,048	1,175	6.82%
100-3500-25.00 Town Hall Technology Initiative	3,541	2,000	1,350	4,000	100.00%
100-3500-40.00 CLK. Dues/Meetings/Travel	1,236	3,000	2,978	3,000	0.00%
Sub-Total Clerk	64,765	69,723	69,490	75,349	8.07%
100-3080 RECORDS					
100-3080-62.00 Town Report	3,681	4,000	3,546	3,600	-10.00%
100-3080-65.00 Restoration of Records	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Sub-Total Records	5,681	5,000	4,546	4,600	-8.00%
100-3300 BCA					
100-3300-10.02 BCA Expenses	202	200	540	200	0.00%
100-3300-40.00 BCA Ed. Workshops & Meetings	-	100	87	100	0.00%
Sub-Total BCA	202	300	627	300	0.00%
100-3310 ELECTIONS					
100-3310-10.00 Election Officials	370	500	400	100	-80.00%
100-3310-21.00 Election Supplies	39	250	647	250	0.00%
100-3310-23.00 Tab. Programming & Ballots	-	3,000	1,547	750	-75.00%
Sub-Total Elections	409	3,750	2,594	1,100	-70.67%
100-3210 TOWN OFFICES-OPERATIONS					
100-3210-20.00 Town Office Supplies	2,805	3,000	2,110	3,000	0.00%
100-3210-23.00 Copier Contract Support	1,852	1,400	1,039	1,400	0.00%
100-3210-24.00 Copier Maintenance/Supply	85	400	75	75	-81.25%
100-3210-26.00 Computer & IT Support	6,985	7,000	4,629	7,000	0.00%
100-3210-27.00 Computer Licensing Agreements	10,696	10,500	10,544	11,000	4.76%
100-3210-28.00 Computer Supplies	465	400	427	400	0.00%
100-3210-34.00 Telecommunications	6,974	5,900	7,334	5,900	0.00%
100-3210-35.00 Town Office Postage	710	2,000	2,286	1,000	-50.00%
100-3210-68.00 Equipment Maint/Repairs	66	200	-	200	0.00%
100-3210-83.00 Tools & Equipment	307	1,625	1,055	1,625	0.00%
Sub-Total Town Offices Operations	30,944	32,425	29,500	31,600	-2.54%
Totals	102,002	111,198	106,757	112,949	1.57%
100-3710 TOWN HALL-PHYSICAL PLANT					
100-3710-10.00 Custodian	273	-	-	-	
100-3710-14.00 Social Security - Custodian	21	-	-	-	
100-3710-20.00 Town Hall Phys. Plant Supplies	477	350	310	350	0.00%
100-3710-56.00 Rubbish Removal/Recycling	1,683	1,600	995	1,000	-37.50%
100-3710-60.00 Contracted Custodial Services	3,617	4,500	4,594	4,500	0.00%
100-3710-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	1,988	3,000	2,117	3,000	0.00%
100-3710-76.00 Town Hall Utilities	7,150	7,200	6,488	7,000	-2.78%
100-3710-80.00 Town Hall Alarm Service	230	230	263	275	19.57%
100-3710-83.00 Town Hall Phys. Plant Equip.	1,833	1,000	-	1,000	0.00%
100-3710-84.00 Town Hall Fund Contribution	15,500	15,500	15,500	21,000	35.48%
100-3710-90.00 Town Hall Bond Payment	40,208	38,796	38,796	36,789	-5.17%
Total Town Hall - Physical	72,980	72,176	69,061	74,914	3.79%

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Increase in Town Hall Fund Contribution due to septic replacement and building repairs

Treasurer & Collector of Delinquent Taxes	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-3400 TREASURER					
100-3400-10.00 Treasurer	39,648	40,927	41,276	41,750	2.01%
100-3400-11.00 Asst. Treasurer	23,456	23,795	24,039	24,276	2.02%
New Line Item - Office Assistant				1,200	
New Line Item - Social Security - Office Asst.				92	
100-3400-14.00 Social Security-Treasurer	3,033	3,131	3,158	3,194	2.01%
100-3400-14.01 Social Sec.-Asst Treas.	1,794	1,820	1,839	1,857	2.02%
100-3400-15.00 Treasurer's Benefits	2,175	2,500	2,190	2,650	6.00%
100-3400-20.00 Treasurer Supplies	1,899	1,500	1,319	1,700	13.33%
100-3400-35.00 Treasurer Postage	1,404	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%
100-3400-40.00 Treasurer Dues & Mtgs.	285	700	531	400	-42.86%
New Line Item - Treasurer Travel				200	
Sub-Total Treasurer	73,694	75,873	75,851	78,819	3.88%
100-3420 AUDITING	-	-	-	-	
100-3440 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTING					
100-3440-10.00 Del. Tax Collection Salary	8,293	8,443	8,495	8,780	4.00%
100-3440-14.00 Del. Tax Collection Soc. Sec.	629	646	650	672	4.00%
100-3440-20.00 CDT Supplies	-	100	24	100	0.00%
100-3440-35.00 CDT Postage	421	900	880	900	0.00%
100-3440-40.00 CDT Dues & Mtgs.	60	100	60	100	0.00%
Sub-Total Tax Collecting	9,402	10,188	10,109	10,552	3.57%
Totals	83,096	86,061	85,960	89,371	3.85%

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Treasurer new line item for additional help of 80 hrs. for listing and processing of State tax

Recycling and Solid Waste	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-6320 SOLID WASTE					
100-6320-00.00 GUVSWMD Dues	32,738	31,056	31,056	28,468	-8.33%
100-6340 RECYCLING					
100-6340-10.00 Recycling Salaries	13,523	14,000	12,456	12,829.95	-8.36%
100-6340-14.00 Social Security-Recycling	1,035	1,071	953	981	-8.36%
100-6340-20.00 Recycling supplies	1,477	1,500	1,067	1,250	-16.67%
100-6340-40.00 Bin lease/Comingled NRRA	19,499	45,750	21,715	25,000	-45.36%
100-6340-42.05 Glass pick up	1,240	6,000	2,514	3,500	-41.67%
100-6340-42.07 Scrap metal pick up	-	-	42	-	
100-6340-50.00 Community Education	60	100	-	100	0.00%
100-6340-74.00 Travel	380	550	1,048	1,000	81.82%
100-6340-75.00 Facility Const & Maint *	-	500	2,625	2,000	300.00%
100-6340-80.00 Composting	-	1,000	-	500	-50.00%
100-6340-82.00 Green-Up Dumpster	-	500	525	550	10.00%
100-6340-90.00 Capital Reserve	5,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Sub-Totals Recycling	42,214	73,471	45,445	50,211	-31.66%
Totals	74,952	104,527	76,501	78,679	-24.73%

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Facility Cost & Maintenance covers cost of onsite Porta-Jon

Listers	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-3430 LISTERS					
100-3430-10.00 Listers Salaries	36,554	37,918	40,542	41,698	9.97%
100-3430-11.00 Lister Clerk Salary	5,826	5,974	6,367	9,142	53.03%
100-3430-14.00 Listers Social Security	2,796	2,901	3,102	3,190	9.97%
100-3430-14.01 Lister Clerk Soc. Security	446	457	487	699	53.03%
100-3430-20.00 Listers Supplies	839	700	588	700	0.00%
100-3430-23.00 Lister Service Contracts	2,107	2,407	2,764	2,407	0.00%
100-3430-34.00 Lister Advertising	92	100	96	100	0.00%
100-3430-35.00 Lister Postage	546	500	528	500	0.00%
100-3430-40.00 Lister Dues & Meetings	275	250	95	250	0.00%
100-3430-68.00 Lister Professional Serv.	3,435	3,250	3,030	3,500	7.69%
100-3430-74.00 Listers Travel	157	175	228	200	14.29%
100-3430-83.00 Lister Equipment	-	300	16	200	-33.33%
Totals	53,073	54,931	57,841	62,586	13.94%

Appropriations	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-6900 APPROPRIATIONS					
100-6900-01.00 Clara Martin Center	4,266	4,266	4,266	4,266	0.00%
100-6900-02.00 American Red Cross	500	500	500	500	0.00%
100-6900-10.00 VNA/VNH	11,536	11,536	11,536	11,536	0.00%
100-6900-39.00 Capstone	300	300	300	300	0.00%
100-6900-40.00 WR Council on Aging	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950	0.00%
100-6900-51.00 Vt. Ctr. for Indep. Living	150	150	150	150	0.00%
100-6900-52.00 Central VT Adult Basic Ed	800	800	800	800	0.00%
100-6900-53.00 The Family Place	300	300	300	300	0.00%
100-6900-55.00 Headrest	1,564	1,564	1,564	1,564	0.00%
100-6900-58.00 Orange County Diversion	175	175	175	175	0.00%
100-6900-62.00 Safeline	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.00%
100-6900-65.00 Vermont Green Up, Inc.	150	150	150	150	0.00%
100-6900-75.00 GMEDC	1,297	1,297	1,297	1,297	0.00%
100-6900-76.00 VT Assn for the Blind	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
100-6900-79.00 VT. Trails and Greenways	(30)	-	-	-	
100-6900-80.00 Little Rivers Health Care	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%
100-6900-81.00 Orange Cnty Parent Child	750	750	750	750	0.00%
100-6900-82.00 Vital Communities	750	-	750	750	
100-6900-83.00 Stagecoach	1,800	-	2,200	2,200	
100-6900-84.00 Senior Solutions	500	500	500	500	0.00%
100-6900-90.00 Lake Fairlee Association	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%
Totals	38,058	35,538	38,488	38,488	8.30%

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Please see the 2017 Warned Article #9

Zoning and Planning	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-3620 ZONING					
100-3620-10.00 Zoning Administrator	15,752	15,991	13,998	16,307	1.98%
100-3620-10.01 Zoning Admin.Asst.	9,687	9,114	9,067	9,484	4.07%
100-3620-14.00 Social Security-Zoning	1,205	1,223	1,071	1,248	1.98%
100-3620-14.01 Admin.Asst. Soc. Sec.	741	697	694	726	4.07%
100-3620-20.00 Zoning Supplies	682	650	1,124	1,000	53.85%
100-3620-30.00 Zoning Advertising	683	750	590	750	0.00%
100-3620-35.00 Zoning Postage	1,627	1,750	819	1,000	-42.86%
100-3620-40.00 Zoning Dues & Meetings	145	400	120	400	0.00%
100-3620-74.00 Zoning Travel	336	450	-	450	0.00%
100-3620-83.00 Zoning Equipment	161	-	-	200	
Sub-Total Zoning	31,019	31,025	27,482	31,565	1.74%
100-3650 PLANNING					
100-3650-10.01 Clerical Support	1,165	1,700	1,349	1,280	-24.70%
100-3650-14.01 Clk. Support Soc. Sec.	89	130	103	98	-24.70%
100-3650-20.00 Plan. Com. Supplies	-	75	-	75	0.00%
100-3650-21.00 Plan. Com. Printing	900	1,500	421	1,500	0.00%
100-3650-30.00 Plan. Com. Advertising	-	500	-	500	0.00%
100-3650-33.00 Plan. Com. Internet Serv.	-	-	-	-	
100-3650-35.00 Plan. Com. Postage	-	-	77	80	
100-3650-40.00 Plan. Com. Dues & Meetings	-	100	-	100	0.00%
100-3650-42.00 Plan. Com. Training	-	100	-	100	0.00%
100-3650-58.00 Plan. Com. RPC Dues	3,442	3,546	3,546	3,700	4.36%
100-3650-74.00 Plan. Com. Travel	-	150	-	150	0.00%
100-3650-83.00 Plan. Com. Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Consulting- Revised Town Plan *					
Sub-Total Planning	5,596	7,801	5,496	7,583	-2.79%
Totals	36,615	38,826	32,979	39,148	0.83%

Conservation	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
100-3800 CONSERVATION					
100-3800-20.00 Supplies & Project Support	703	750	808	750	0.00%
100-3800-40.00 Dues, Meetings	-	-	-	-	
100-3800-80.00 Conservation Fund Appropriation	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%
100-3800-90.00 Project Support	-	-	-	-	
Totals	3,203	3,250	3,308	3,250	0.00%

Dept. of Public Works	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
Non-Tax Revenue Sources					
200-1900-00.00 ENCUMBRANCE	-	-	-	-	
200-2020-00.00 Unrestricted Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	
200-2100-00.01 Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	
200-2200-00.00 Better Back Roads Income	-	-	-	-	
200-2232-00.00 State Highway Aid	132,889	133,000	132,838	132,827	-0.13%
200-2240-00.00 Other Grant Receipts	-	-	-	-	
200-2250-00.00 FEMA/FHA Flood Repair	-	-	-	-	
200-2509-00.00 DPW Receipts	-	-	-	-	
200-2519-00.00 DPW Materials Receipt	-	-	-	-	
200-2541-00.00 Sale of Gasoline	-	-	-	-	
200-2542-00.00 Sale of Town Equipment *	137	-	77	-	
200-2600-00.00 Insurance Claims Receipts	-	-	-	-	
200-2700-10.00 Overweight Permit Fees	395	400	530	500	25.00%
200-2800-00.00 Insurance Refunds	-	-	2,942	-	
200-2850-00.00 Transfer from General Fun	-	-	-	-	
200-2850-00.01 Transfer from Planning & Consulting	8,885	-	-	-	
200-2990-00.00 Misc. Receipts	5	-	36	-	
Previous Year Surplus Applied	-	-	-	-	
Sub-Total Non-Tax Revenue	142,311	133,400	136,423	133,327	-0.05%
Tax Revenue					
200-2000-00.00 Current Tax Levy - DPW	717,948	809,025	809,025	904,532	11.81%
200-2000-00.01 Additional Taxes Raised	21,102	10,000	10,000	-	-100.00%
Sub-Total Tax Revenue	739,050	819,025	819,025	904,532	10.44%
Total Revenues	881,361	952,425	955,448	1,037,859	8.97%
DPW Expenditures					
200-5000 DPW Wages					
200-5000-10.00 Highway Wages	162,942	198,578	204,024	203,154	2.30%
200-5000-10.02 Project Manager Salary	4,312	10,529	10,935	10,741	2.02%
200-5000-10.03 Project Clerk Salary	1,218	2,377	1,096	2,426	2.03%
200-5000-10.05 DPW On Call	-	550	-	550	0.00%
200-5000-11.00 Highway Overtime	19,221	20,000	20,555	25,000	25.00%
Sub-Total DPW Wages	187,693	232,034	236,609	241,871	4.24%
200-5100 ADMINISTRATION					
200-5100-05.01 Retirement	5,630	8,743	8,444	9,675	10.66%
200-5100-15.00 DPW Benefits	63,805	89,161	81,794	80,659	-9.54%
200-5100-15.01 Social Security	13,936	16,721	17,180	15,541	-7.06%
200-5100-15.02 Project Manager Soc. Security	330	805	837	822	2.02%
200-5100-10.03 Project Clerk Soc. Security	93	182	84	186	2.03%
200-5100-17.03 Clothing Expense	1,523	2,000	1,359	2,000	0.00%
200-5100-20.00 Office Supplies	441	750	465	750	0.00%
200-5100-34.00 Telecommunications	1,475	1,000	1,105	1,500	50.00%
200-5100-36.00 Radio Maintenance	2,382	500	654	1,500	200.00%
200-5100-38.00 GIS Road Data Survey	-	-	-	400	
200-5100-40.00 Dues & Meeting	60	5,000	208	5,000	0.00%
200-5100-40.01 Proj. Mgr. Training & Travel	-	400	25	100	-75.00%
200-5100-48.00 PACIF Liab. & Unemp.	57,191	15,111	15,432	17,455	15.51%
200-5100-48.01 WC Insurance	-	48,767	48,567	57,151	17.19%
200-5100-74.00 Mileage Reimbursement	1,121	500	-	500	0.00%
New Line Item - DPW Contingency	-	-	-	30,000	
Sub-Total Administration	147,987	189,641	176,154	223,238	17.72%

Dept. of Public Works (continued)	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
200-5110 MAINTENANCE					
200-5110-22.00 Road Maintenance Supplies	64,772	75,000	63,164	69,000	-8.00%
200-5110-25.00 Contract Services	24,440	15,000	15,160	20,000	33.33%
200-5110-50.00 Road Grant Match		1,000	-	2,500	150.00%
New Line Item - Act 64, Clean Water Act Fee				2,500	
New Line Item - Guardrails				6,000	
Sub-Total Maintenance	89,212	91,000	78,324	100,000	9.89%
200-5120 RETREATMENT					
200-5120-22.00 Contribution to New Paving Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.00%
200-5120-50.00 Structures Expense	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.00%
200-5120-99.00 Transfer to Structures Fund	23,885	10,000	10,000	17,500	75.00%
Sub-Total Retreatment	123,885	125,000	125,000	132,500	6.00%
200-5130 RESURFACING					
200-5130-56.00 Gravel Resurfacing	30,149	50,000	32,065	60,000	20.00%
200-5130-83.00 Resurfacing Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Sub-Total Resurfacing	30,149	50,000	32,065	60,000	20.00%
200-5140 CONSTRUCTION					
200-5140-22.00 Construction Supplies	-	-	-	-	
200-5140-56.00 Construction Expense	-	-	-	-	
200-5140-69.00 Rt. 132 Engineering Study		10,000	9,990	15,000	50.00%
Sub-Total Construction	-	10,000	9,990	15,000	50.00%
200-5150 FLOOD FUNDS					
200-5150-22.00 Flood Funds - Materials	-	-	302	-	
200-5150-22.06 Flood Funds - Robinson Hill			7,429		
200-5150-56.00 Flood Funds - Contractors		-	-	-	
200-5150-66.00 Flood Funds - Equip. Rental		-	-	-	
Total Flood Funds	-	-	7,732	-	
200-5180 WINTER ROADS					
200-5180-22.00 Winter Road Supplies	75,804	115,000	140,247	115,000	0.00%
200-5180-56.00 Other Winter Road Expense	36,445	-	-	-	
Sub-Total Winter Roads	112,249	115,000	140,247	115,000	0.00%
200-5280 STREETLIGHTS					
200-5280-00.00 Streetlights	4,342	4,000	3,517	4,000	0.00%
200-5310 GARAGE					
200-5310-22.00 Garage Supplies	3,149	4,000	3,960	4,000	0.00%
200-5310-56.00 Rubbish Removal - Garage	856	700	750	700	0.00%
200-5310-68.00 Garage Repairs/Equip./Maint.	3,763	4,000	4,729	4,000	0.00%
200-5310-76.00 Garage Utilities	6,835	6,500	3,981	5,000	-23.08%
200-5310-80.00 Alarm Service	155	200	155	200	0.00%
200-5310-83.00 Garage Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Sub-Total Garage	14,759	15,400	13,574	13,900	-9.74%

Dept. of Public Works (continued)	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Proposed	Change %
200-5330 VEHICLES					
200-5330-20.00 Transportation Fuel	31,949	40,000	35,945	40,000	0.00%
200-5330-21.00 Vehicle Oil	2,196	2,500	2,006	2,500	0.00%
200-5330-22.00 Vehicle Supplies	343	350	86	350	0.00%
New Line Item - DEF Fluid				500	
200-5330-48.50 Insurance Deductible			-	-	
200-5330-56.00 Equipment	60	2,500	2,412	7,500	200.00%
200-5330-68.00 Vehicle Maintenance & Rep (Total)	80,696	70,000	80,132	75,000	7.14%
200-5330-68.00 Vehicle Maintenance & Rep	3,341		5,616		
200-5330-68.01 Repairs - Truck 1	3,115		4,900		
200-5330-68.02 Repairs - Truck 2	13,523		6,402		
200-5330-68.03 Repairs - Truck 3	18,633		10,248		
200-5330-68.04 Repairs - Truck 4	13,805		28,367		
200-5330-68.05 Repairs - Tractor JD	1,329		48		
200-5330-68.06 Repairs - Grader	5,277		7,232		
200-5330-68.07 Repairs - Excavator	2,930		946		
200-5330-68.08 Vehicle Repair - Chipper	-		567		
200-5330-68.09 Equipment Repair-Chainsaw	-		-		
200-5330-68.10 Repairs - Chloride Trailer	149		-		
200-5330-68.11 Roller	-		4,809		
200-5330-68.12 Repairs-Trailer	-		-		
200-5330-68.13 Repairs-Rock Rake	-		682		
200-5330-68.14 Repair Parts-Mower	2,191		2,704		
200-5330-68.15 Repairs - Pole Saw	-		-		
200-5330-68.16 Trimmer	-		-		
200-5330-68.17 Water Pump	-		-		
200-5330-68.18 Repairs-Wheel Loader	5,185		2,844		
200-5330-68.19 Sweeper	-		414		
200-5330-68.20 Load Rite Trailer			50		
200-5330-68.21 Case Loader			78		
200-5330-68.22 DPW Hot Box			80		
200-5330-68.50 Truck 5	11,219		4,145		
200-5330-83.00 Vehicle Repair Tools	-		-		
200-5330-85.00 Equipment Rental	-		-		
200-5330-88.00 Trucking/Towing	-		-		
200-5330-90.00 Vehicle Warranties	-		-		
200-5330-91.00 Transfer Capital Equip. Fund	103,500	-	-		
200-5330-91.01 Trans. To Other Hwy Project			-		
Sub-Total Vehicles	218,744	115,350	120,581	125,850	9.10%
200-5400-68.00 Sidewalk Maintenance	1,500	3,000	-	3,500	16.67%

200-5610 DPW SIGNS

200-5610-22.00 Highway Signs	429	2,000	845	3,000	50.00%
Sub-Total DPW Signs	429	2,000	845	3,000	50.00%
Total Expenditures	930,949	952,425	944,638	1,037,859	8.97%

Notes -

Telecommunications includes technology and phone upgrades in Town Garage

Radio Maintenance includes upgrades and new handhelds for traffic control safety

Increases in liability and WC insurance rates

Establishment of new DPW Contingency Fund

Road Grants fund match for Better Roads State grants

Act 64, Clean Water Act new State permitting fee required

Guardrails for the start of needed replacements

Transfer to Structures Fund for matching amount to State structure grants

Rt. 132 Engineering Study continued for Interim Measures Report and funding mtgs.

Equipment line to address new cost of hydro-seeder for compliance with Act 64, Clean Water Act

Signs for added cost of replacement of missing signs and needed new ones

TOWN HALL RENOVATION BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

YEAR	RATE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	ANNUAL P&I	BOND BANK REFINANCE ADJ	ADJ. DEBT SERVICE	BALANCE (PRINCIPAL)
2002			7,630	7,360			600,000
2003	1.55%	30,000	22,701	52,701			570,000
2004	1.92%	30,000	22,236	52,236			540,000
2005	2.38%	30,000	21,660	51,660			510,000
2006	2.71%	30,000	20,946	50,946			480,000
2007	3.01%	30,000	20,133	50,133			450,000
2008	3.32%	30,000	19,230	49,230			420,000
2009	3.53%	30,000	18,234	48,234			390,000
2010	3.75%	30,000	17,175	47,175			360,000
2011	3.86%	30,000	16,050	46,150			330,000
2012	3.96%	30,000	14,892	44,892			300,000
2013	4.07%	30,000	13,704	43,704			270,000
2014	4.20%	30,000	12,483	42,483			240,000
2015	4.33%	30,000	11,223	41,223	1,015.36	40,207.64	210,000
2016	4.43%	30,000	9,924	39,924	1,128.17	38,795.83	180,000
2017	4.53%	30,000	8,595	38,595	1,805.08	36,789.00	150,000
2018	4.63%	30,000	7,236	37,236	1,240.99	35,995.01	120,000
2019	4.73%	30,000	5,847	35,847	1,240.99	34,606.01	90,000
2020	4.83%	30,000	4,428	34,428	1,128.17	33,299.83	60,000
2021	4.93%	30,000	2,979	32,979	6,904.67	26,074.33	30,000
2022	5.00%	30,000	1,500	31,500		31,500.00	0
TOTALS		600,000	278,806.06	878,806.06	14,553.43	864,252.63	

NOTE: In July 2011, the Renovation Bond was rewritten which has resulted in a savings of \$14,553.43 in interest over the life of the loan.

DAM REPLACEMENT BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE



Town of Thetford
20 year Payment Schedule
\$374,000 fixed for term of loan @ 2.75% (Act/365)*

Date	Total Payment	Principal Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Balance	Interest Paid	Interest
	Amount					Accrual # of Days
07/15/2015				374,000.00		
01/15/2016	5,184.77		5,184.77	374,000.00	5,184.77	184
07/15/2016	23,828.41	18,700.00	5,128.41	355,300.00	10,313.18	182
01/15/2017	4,925.53		4,925.53	355,300.00	15,238.71	184
07/15/2017	23,545.22	18,700.00	4,845.22	336,600.00	20,083.93	181
01/15/2018	4,666.29		4,666.29	336,600.00	24,750.22	184
07/15/2018	23,290.21	18,700.00	4,590.21	317,900.00	29,340.43	181
01/15/2019	4,407.05		4,407.05	317,900.00	33,747.48	184
07/15/2019	23,035.20	18,700.00	4,335.20	299,200.00	38,082.68	181
01/15/2020	4,147.81		4,147.81	299,200.00	42,230.49	184
07/15/2020	22,802.73	18,700.00	4,102.73	280,500.00	46,333.22	182
01/15/2021	3,888.58		3,888.58	280,500.00	50,221.80	184
07/15/2021	22,525.17	18,700.00	3,825.17	261,800.00	54,046.97	181
01/15/2022	3,629.34		3,629.34	261,800.00	57,676.31	184
07/15/2022	22,270.16	18,700.00	3,570.16	243,100.00	61,246.47	181
01/15/2023	3,370.10		3,370.10	243,100.00	64,616.57	184
07/15/2023	22,015.15	18,700.00	3,315.15	224,400.00	67,931.72	181
01/15/2024	3,110.86		3,110.86	224,400.00	71,042.58	184
07/15/2024	21,777.05	18,700.00	3,077.05	205,700.00	74,119.63	182
01/15/2025	2,851.62		2,851.62	205,700.00	76,971.25	184
07/15/2025	21,505.13	18,700.00	2,805.13	187,000.00	79,776.38	181
01/15/2026	2,592.38		2,592.38	187,000.00	82,368.76	184
07/15/2026	21,250.12	18,700.00	2,550.12	168,300.00	84,918.88	181
01/15/2027	2,333.15		2,333.15	168,300.00	87,252.02	184
07/15/2027	20,995.10	18,700.00	2,295.10	149,600.00	89,547.13	181
01/15/2028	2,073.91		2,073.91	149,600.00	91,621.03	184
07/15/2028	20,751.36	18,700.00	2,051.36	130,900.00	93,672.40	182
01/15/2029	1,814.67		1,814.67	130,900.00	95,487.07	184
07/15/2029	20,485.08	18,700.00	1,785.08	112,200.00	97,272.15	181
01/15/2030	1,555.43		1,555.43	112,200.00	98,827.58	184
07/15/2030	20,230.07	18,700.00	1,530.07	93,500.00	100,357.65	181
01/15/2031	1,296.19		1,296.19	93,500.00	101,653.84	184
07/15/2031	19,975.06	18,700.00	1,275.06	74,800.00	102,928.90	181
01/15/2032	1,036.95		1,036.95	74,800.00	103,965.85	184
07/15/2032	19,725.68	18,700.00	1,025.68	56,100.00	104,991.53	182
01/15/2033	777.72		777.72	56,100.00	105,769.25	184
07/15/2033	19,465.03	18,700.00	765.03	37,400.00	106,534.28	181
01/15/2034	518.48		518.48	37,400.00	107,052.76	184
07/15/2034	19,210.02	18,700.00	510.02	18,700.00	107,562.78	181
01/15/2035	259.24		259.24	18,700.00	107,822.02	184
07/15/2035	18,955.01	18,700.00	255.01	0.00	108,077.03	181
	482,077.03	374,000.00	108,077.03		108,077.03	

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

FARM TRUST

Established initially by Anna Poore, the Farm Trust is essentially our Town's private funds for those needing help in emergencies, as well as those special groups needing help. The original investment on December 4, 1957 was \$4,001.07.

Fidelity Puritan Trust Shares as of 12/31/15 - 42,622.209 shares	\$866,509.51
Fidelity Puritan Trust Shares as of 12/31/16 - 43,171.777 shares	\$894,319.21
Cash balance as of 12/31/15	\$10,190.13
1/27/16 - Checks and new checkbook	(\$152.48)
2/26/16 - Check to Emergency Fund	(\$1,500.00)
2/26/16 - Check to Emergency Fund	(\$1,000.00)
3/1/16 - Thetford Community Nurse	(\$5,000.00)
3/7/16 - Deposit (Sold 515.73 shares)	\$10,000.00
3/16/16 - Check to Emergency Fund	(\$6,500.00)
4/8/16 - Check to Emergency Fund	(\$2,396.70)
4/11/16 - Emergency Medical Payment	(\$300.00)
4/13/16 - Deposit (sold 205.9 shares)	\$10,000.00
4/29/16 - Check to Emergency Fund	(\$1,407.00)
5/23/16 - Check to Emergency Fund	(\$700.00)
6/8/16 - Check to Thetford Food Shelf	(\$2,000.00)
10/20/16 - Check to Emergency Fund	(\$1,900.00)
10/27/16 - Thetford Energy Committee	(\$1,725.00)
Bank Interest	2.25
Cash Balance as of 12/31/16	\$5,611.50

CEMETERY TRUST

Established by funds left by Anna Poore, the Fund helps maintain some of the Town's cemeteries. The original investment was \$1300.20.

Fidelity Puritan Trust Shares as of 12/31/15	\$27,366.19
Fidelity Puritan Trust Shares as of 12/31/16	\$28,742.56
Cash balance as of 12/31/15	\$8,267.29
Sale of cemetery plots - 2/16/16	\$1,200.00
Thetford Historical Society - 9/29/16	(\$600.00)
Cemetery tree work - 12/15/16	(\$6,500.00)
Cash balance as of 12/31/16	\$2,367.29

LATHAM LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Started anonymously on March, 10, 1989, the Fund, as of 12/31/16, has a **value of \$189,946.53**.

The Latham Memorial Scholarship Trust provides scholarships to Thetford Academy graduates who, among other things, have:

- lived in Thetford for, at least, one year
- demonstrated high scholastic ability
- demonstrated financial need to meet the costs of a college education
- demonstrated interest in Latham Library

During 2016, the Fund awarded six scholarships: two for \$2,000.00, and four for \$1,000.00. Since its inception, the Fund has awarded well over \$100,000 to Thetford students.

Trustees of Trusts: Elmer C. Brown
Joseph S. Tofel
J. Rick Hoffman

**MARSTON/SMITH GRAVESITE FUND REPORT**

This fund was established by a bequest from Mary B. Hoisington in 1972, with interest used for care of four graves, to include cleaning of stones and for floral pieces each Memorial Day. Graves included are located in the William and Caroline Marston and Eugene and Isadore Smith lots, Post Mills Cemetery.

Balance on hand 1/1/16	\$1,069.88
Interest accrued	<u>.96</u>
Balance on hand 12/31/16	\$1,070.84

Jill D. Graff
Town Treasurer

TOWN OF THEFORD, VERMONT												
BALANCE SHEET												
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS												
DECEMBER 31, 2016												
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Fire Capital Equipment Fund	Community Development Grant Fund	Dam Fund	Latham Bridge/Structures Funds	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds			
ASSETS												
Cash	\$ 1,360,379	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,844	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,437	\$ 1,384,660			
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28,743	28,743			
Receivables	278,588	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,176	290,764			
Due from Other Funds	0	5,149	32,712	81,770	0	0	10,000	502,180	631,811			
Prepaid Expenses	8,824	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,824	8,824			
Inventory	0	27,368	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,368			
Total Assets	\$ 1,647,791	\$ 32,517	\$ 32,712	\$ 81,770	\$ 20,844	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ 546,536	\$ 2,372,170			
LIABILITIES												
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,961	\$ 220	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,181			
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	32,507	16,355	0	0	0	0	0	0	48,862			
Due to Other Funds	623,941	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,959	636,900			
Unearned Revenue	9,685	0	0	0	0	0	0	168	9,853			
Due to School District	573,861	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	573,861			
Total Liabilities	1,247,955	16,575	0	0	0	0	0	13,127	1,277,657			
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES												
Prepaid Property Taxes	13,729	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,729			
Unavailable Property Taxes, Penalties and Interest	223,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	223,000			
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	236,729	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	236,729			
FUND BALANCES												
Nonspendable	8,824	27,368	0	0	0	0	0	1,300	37,492			
Restricted	0	0	32,712	0	20,844	0	0	274,680	328,236			
Assigned	0	0	0	81,770	0	0	10,000	257,429	349,199			
Unassigned	154,283	(11,426)	0	0	0	0	0	0	142,857			
Total Fund Balances	163,107	15,942	32,712	81,770	20,844	0	10,000	533,409	857,784			
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 1,647,791	\$ 32,517	\$ 32,712	\$ 81,770	\$ 20,844	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ 546,536	\$ 2,372,170			

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT												
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES												
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS												
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016												
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Fire Capital Equipment Fund	Community Development Grant Fund	Dam Fund	Latham Bridge/Structures Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds			
Revenues:												
Property Taxes	\$ 1,217,351	\$ 819,025	\$ 125,000	\$ 82,500	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 13,800	\$ 2,257,676			
Penalties and Interest on												
Delinquent Taxes	58,435	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58,435			
Intergovernmental	136,885	152,838	0	0	0	0	74,254	198,774	562,751			
Charges for Services	104,446	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104,446			
Permits, Licenses and Fees	34,834	530	0	0	0	0	0	3,602	38,966			
Fines and Forfeits	8,625	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8,625			
Investment Income	201	0	0	53	0	0	0	1,694	1,948			
Donations	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69			
Other	20,892	3,055	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,947			
Total Revenues	1,581,738	975,448	125,000	82,553	0	0	74,254	217,870	3,056,863			
Expenditures:												
General Government	724,917	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,315	730,232			
Public Safety	421,528	0	0	75,532	0	0	0	6,441	503,501			
Highways and Streets	0	839,638	0	0	0	0	0	0	839,638			
Culture and Recreation	212,671	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	212,671			
Solid Waste and Recycling	74,001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74,001			
Community Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,461	9,461			
Cemetery	13,750	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,500	20,250			
Capital Outlay:												
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	354,932	0	14,751	369,683			
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,916	19,916			
Highways and Streets	0	0	166,256	0	0	0	15,000	145,871	327,127			
Culture and Recreation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,339	13,339			
Debt Service:												
Principal	48,700	0	107,242	0	0	0	0	10,500	166,442			
Interest	19,109	0	4,293	0	0	0	0	420	23,822			
Total Expenditures	1,514,676	839,638	277,791	75,532	0	354,932	15,000	232,514	3,310,083			
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	67,062	135,810	(152,791)	7,021	0	(354,932)	59,254	(14,644)	(253,220)			
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):												
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	0	0	166,256	0	0	0	0	0	166,256			
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,000	139,043	164,043			
Transfers Out	(39,043)	(125,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(164,043)			
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(39,043)	(125,000)	166,256	0	0	0	25,000	139,043	166,256			
Net Change in Fund Balances	28,019	10,810	13,465	7,021	0	(354,932)	84,254	124,399	(86,964)			
Fund Balances - January 1, 2016	135,088	5,132	19,247	74,749	20,844	354,932	(74,254)	409,010	944,748			
Fund Balances - December 31, 2016	\$ 163,107	\$ 15,942	\$ 32,712	\$ 81,770	\$ 20,844	0	10,000	\$ 533,409	\$ 857,784			

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Fund Cemetery Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,437	\$ 3,437
Investments	0	0	28,743	28,743
Receivables	1,740	10,436	0	12,176
Due from Other Funds	130,174	372,006	0	502,180
Total Assets	\$ 131,914	\$ 382,442	\$ 32,180	\$ 546,536
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Due to Other Funds	\$ 1,740	\$ 10,179	\$ 1,040	\$ 12,959
Unearned Revenue	168	0	0	168
Total Liabilities	1,908	10,179	1,040	13,127
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable	0	0	1,300	1,300
Restricted	886	243,954	29,840	274,680
Assigned	129,120	128,309	0	257,429
Total Fund Balances	130,006	372,263	31,140	533,409
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 131,914	\$ 382,442	\$ 32,180	\$ 546,536

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT				
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND				
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES				
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016				
	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Fund Cemetery Fund	Total
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 0	\$ 13,800	\$ 0	\$ 13,800
Intergovernmental	31,578	167,196	0	198,774
Permits, Licenses and Fees	2,402	0	1,200	3,602
Donations	0	0	0	0
Investment Income	69	247	1,378	1,694
Total Revenues	34,049	181,243	2,578	217,870
Expenditures:				
General Government	4,715	0	600	5,315
Public Safety	6,441	0	0	6,441
Community Development	9,461	0	0	9,461
Cemetery	0	0	6,500	6,500
Capital Outlay:				
General Government	0	14,751	0	14,751
Public Safety	0	19,916	0	19,916
Highways and Streets	0	145,871	0	145,871
Culture and Recreation	0	13,339	0	13,339
Debt Service	0	10,920	0	10,920
Total Expenditures	20,617	204,797	7,100	232,514
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	13,432	(23,554)	(4,522)	(14,644)
Other Financing Sources:				
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Transfer In	8,800	130,243	0	139,043
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources	8,800	130,243	0	139,043
Net Change in Fund Balances	22,232	106,689	(4,522)	124,399
Fund Balances - January 1, 2016	107,774	265,574	35,662	409,010
Fund Balances - December 31, 2016	\$ 130,006	\$ 372,263	\$ 31,140	\$ 533,409

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT													
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET													
NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS													
DECEMBER 31, 2016													
	Restoration of Records Fund	WHIP Fund	Reappraisal & Lester Education Fund	Planning & Consulting Fund	Wetland Mapping Grant Fund	Energy Committee & Improvements Fund	Town Land Fund	Highway Safety Fund	Senior Affordable Housing Fund	Conservations Funds	Total		
ASSETS													
Receivables	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 290	\$ 1,450	\$ 0	\$ 1,740		
Due from Other Funds	14,371	430	55,505	26,838	0	624	5,143	0	0	27,263	130,174		
Total Assets	\$ 14,371	\$ 430	\$ 55,505	\$ 26,838	\$ 0	\$ 624	\$ 5,143	\$ 290	\$ 1,450	\$ 27,263	\$ 131,914		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES													
Liabilities:													
Due to Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 290	\$ 1,450	\$ 0	\$ 1,740		
Unearned Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	168	0	0	0	0	168		
Total Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	168	0	290	1,450	0	1,908		
Fund Balances:													
Restricted	0	430	0	0	0	456	0	0	0	0	886		
Assigned	14,371	0	55,505	26,838	0	0	5,143	0	0	27,263	129,120		
Total Fund Balances	14,371	430	55,505	26,838	0	456	5,143	0	0	27,263	130,006		
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 14,371	\$ 430	\$ 55,505	\$ 26,838	\$ 0	\$ 624	\$ 5,143	\$ 290	\$ 1,450	\$ 27,263	\$ 131,914		

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT													
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND													
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES													
NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS													
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016													
	Restoration of Records Fund	WHIP Fund	Reappraisal & Lister Education Fund	Planning & Consulting Fund	Wetland Mapping Grant Fund	Energy Committee & Improvements Fund	Town Land Fund	Highway Safety Fund	Senior Affordable Housing Fund	Conservation Funds	Total		
Revenues:													
Intergovernmental	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 13,623	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,353	\$ 0	\$ 6,141	\$ 9,461	\$ 0	\$ 31,578		
Permits, Licenses and Fees	2,402	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,402		
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Investment Income	9	0	37	2	0	0	3	0	0	18	69		
Total Revenues	2,411	0	13,660	2	0	2,353	3	6,141	9,461	18	34,049		
Expenditures:													
General Government	1,624	0	0	0	0	3,091	0	0	0	0	4,715		
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,441	0	0	6,441		
Highways and Streets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Community Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,461	0	9,461		
Total Expenditures	1,624	0	0	0	0	3,091	0	6,441	9,461	0	20,617		
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	787	0	13,660	2	0	(738)	3	(300)	0	18	13,432		
Other Financing Sources:													
Transfers In	1,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	300	0	2,500	8,800		
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Other Financing Sources	1,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	300	0	2,500	8,800		
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,787	0	13,660	5,002	0	(738)	3	0	0	2,518	22,232		
Fund Balances - January 1, 2016	12,584	430	41,845	21,836	0	1,194	5,140	0	0	24,745	107,774		
Fund Balances - December 31, 2016	14,371	430	55,505	26,838	0	456	5,143	0	0	27,263	130,006		

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT									
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET									
NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS									
DECEMBER 31, 2016									
	Town Hall Fund	Cruiser Fund	Recycling Fund	Recreation Field Fund	Police Small Equipment Funds	Paving Fund	Thetford Sidewalk/Trails Fund	Emergency Infrastructure Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>									
Receivables	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,172	\$ 0	\$ 7,264	\$ 0	\$ 10,436
Due from Other Funds	39,979	3,471	61,515	13,595	1,570	243,954	3,419	4,503	372,006
Total Assets	\$ 39,979	\$ 3,471	\$ 61,515	\$ 13,595	\$ 4,742	\$ 243,954	\$ 10,683	\$ 4,503	\$ 382,442
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>									
Liabilities:									
Due to Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,172	\$ 0	\$ 7,007	\$ 0	\$ 10,179
Fund Balances:									
Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	243,954	0	0	243,954
Assigned	39,979	3,471	61,515	13,595	1,570	0	3,676	4,503	128,309
Total Fund Balances	39,979	3,471	61,515	13,595	1,570	243,954	3,676	4,503	372,263
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 39,979	\$ 3,471	\$ 61,515	\$ 13,595	\$ 4,742	\$ 243,954	\$ 10,683	\$ 4,503	\$ 382,442

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT												
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND												
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES												
NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS												
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016												
	Town Hall Fund	Cruiser Fund	Recycling Fund	Recreation Field Fund	Police Small Equipment Funds	Paving Fund	Thetford Sidewalk/Trails Fund	Emergency Infrastructure Fund	Total			
Revenues:												
Property Taxes	\$ 0	\$ 13,800	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 13,800			
Intergovernmental	5,000	0	0	0	33,282	117,435	11,479	0	167,196			
Donation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Investment Income	22	29	46	7	2	139	0	2	247			
Total Revenues	5,022	13,829	46	7	33,284	117,574	11,479	2	181,243			
Expenditures:												
Capital Outlay:												
General Government	14,751	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,751			
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	19,916	0	0	0	19,916			
Highways and Streets	0	0	0	0	0	145,871	0	0	145,871			
Culture and Recreation	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,339	0	13,339			
Debt Service	0	10,920	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,920			
Total Expenditures	14,751	10,920	0	0	19,916	145,871	13,339	0	204,797			
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(9,729)	2,909	46	7	13,368	(28,297)	(1,860)	2	(23,554)			
Other Financing Sources:												
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	15,500	0	2,500	3,000	7,743	100,000	0	1,500	130,243			
Total Other Financing Sources	15,500	0	2,500	3,000	7,743	100,000	0	1,500	130,243			
Net Change in Fund Balances	5,771	2,909	2,546	3,007	21,111	71,703	(1,860)	1,502	106,689			
Fund Balances - January 1, 2016	34,208	562	58,969	10,588	(19,541)	172,251	5,536	3,001	265,574			
Fund Balances - December 31, 2016	\$ 39,979	\$ 3,471	\$ 61,515	\$ 13,595	\$ 1,570	\$ 243,954	\$ 3,676	\$ 4,503	\$ 372,263			

Town of Thetford, Vermont
Governmental Capital Assets
December 31, 2016

Item	Department	Date Acquired	Cost		Item	Department	Date Acquired	Cost
2010 Freightliner	DPW	11/19/2009	116,368		Generator - E. Mgmt	General	12/31/2009	52,123
2007 International	DPW	3/9/2007	119,649		Generator - Town Hall	General	8/28/2008	10,273
2016 Western Star	DPW	2/12/2016	186,808		DPW Salt Shed	DPW	6/30/1974	44,060
2006 Freightliner Body	DPW	10/11/2005	91,689		T.I. Original Buildings	Recreation	9/30/1972	36,900
2011 John Deere Grader	DPW	7/6/2011	272,500		Treasure Island Shop/Crafts	Recreation		0
Thawer Pressure Washer	DPW	4/17/2014	4,995		Treasure Island Facilities	Recreation		0
Diesel Tank-2000 Gallon	DPW	11/10/2005	4,915		Recycling Container	Recycling	10/15/2010	4,600
2010 Ford F550	DPW	12/21/2012	71,825		Recycling Center Shed	Solid Waste	6/30/1993	5,414
Powerclamp Hydraulic Thumb	DPW	11/10/2014	8,573		Pedestrian Path	General	N/A	25,116
2013 Doosan Excavator	DPW	7/29/2013	158,000		Academy Road	DPW	9/30/2009	204,718
Raytec Asphalt Hot Box	DPW	7/21/2016	500		Land - Town Hall	N/A		0
Load Right Trailer	DPW	3/1/2016	1,052		Land - Recycling Ctr.	N/A	6/30/2004	34,031
Hamm Roller	DPW	9/19/2013	39,000		Land - Town Forest	N/A	4/24/1905	165
Yamaha Generator	DPW	6/30/2003	15,000		Land - Stowell Road	N/A	6/30/1950	600
Schraeder Air Compressor	DPW	2/24/2010	2,456		Land - Fire Training Center	N/A	6/30/1957	62
York Road Rake	DPW	6/30/1999	5,500		Land - Elementary School Site	N/A	6/30/1961	2,000
2009 John Deere Loader	DPW	9/16/2008	118,500		Land - School Leach Field	N/A	6/30/1974	12,400
2006 John Deere Tractor	DPW	4/14/2006	60,750		Land - T & J Taylor Property	N/A	6/30/1997	68,080
Diamond Mower	DPW	7/19/2006	35,409		Land - Poor Farm Road So.	N/A	6/30/1994	40,000
Sweepster Broom	DPW	7/19/2006	6,500		Land - Hughes (Thetford Center Common)	N/A	6/30/1998	30,300
Valby Farmy Chipper	DPW	7/19/2006	14,070		Land - Uihlein Property (Turnpike Road)	N/A		11,800
Radios	Police	9/1/2015	30,109		Land - Post Mills Conservation Area	Conservation		60,000
Radar Sign	Police	12/1/2012	2,370		Land - Decola Property (Cranberry Hill)	N/A	6/30/2005	13,140
Radar Unit	Police	2/23/2012	1,870		Land - Poor Farm Rd. (Nature Cons.)	N/A	6/30/2004	158,690
2015 Ford Interceptor	Police	3/18/2015	32,490		Land - Sawnee Bean Cemetery	N/A		0
2015 Ford Interceptor	Police	3/18/2015	32,490		Land - Judd Cemetery	N/A		0
Army Cots	Emerg. Mgmt.	8/19/2010	1,207		Land - Trussell Road	N/A		0
Computers	General	10/21/2010	11,443		Land - Thetford Center Cemetery	N/A		0
Computer	Zoning	1/26/2012	1,920		Land - East Thetford Cemetery	N/A		0
Roller Shelves	General	10/9/2010	4,800		Land - Thetford Hill Common	N/A		0
Copier	General	2/13/2009	3,695		Land - Jackman Cemetery	N/A		0
Copier	General	6/30/2003	3,500		Land - Kinney Cemetery	N/A		0
Radios	Police	9/1/2015	30,109		Land - Follett Cemetery	N/A		0
Mobile Data Computers (2)	Police	3/8/2012	1,363		Land - Pleasant Ridge Cemetery	N/A		0
Computers	Police	10/19/2015	13,138		Land - Post Mills Green	N/A		0
Town Hall	General	6/30/2003	681,770		Land - Glebe Cemetery	N/A		0
					Land - Turnpike Road South	Conservation		220
						Total		3,003,025

Public Works Capital Equipment Fund- 10 Year Projection										
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Fund (\$ thousands)										
Fund Balance as of Jan 1	33.3	85.6	96.6	104.5	120.1	143.8	115.0	171.2	239.1	220.0
Added to fund	140.0	147.0	154.4	162.1	170.2	178.7	187.6	197.0	206.8	217.2
Increase in Contribution	11%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Interest Earned on DPW Fund	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.1
Anticipated Public Works Equipment Purchases (\$ thousands)										
Truck 1 F550 - 5 yrs 2018	14.7		20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0		23.0	23.0	23.0
Truck 2 10WL - 8 yrs 2024	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0		36.0	36.0	36.0
Truck 3 10WL - 8 yrs 2025		29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5		36.0	36.0
Truck 4 6WL - 8 yrs 2018		32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0		36.0	36.0
Truck 5 6WL - 8 yrs 2019			34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0		
Grader - 17 yrs 2010										
Excavator - 12 yrs 2013	42.0	31.5							59.0	59.0
Loader - 12 yrs 2021						36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0	
Tractor - 15 yrs 2021						25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	
Mower - 11 yrs 2017		12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0					
Chipper - 11 yrs 2017			15.0	15.0						
Roller -										
Total Payments from Fund	87.7	136.0	146.5	146.5	146.5	207.5	131.5	129.0	226.0	190.0
Fund Balance as of Dec 31	85.6	96.6	104.5	120.1	143.8	115.0	171.2	239.1	220.0	247.2

Police Capital Equipment Fund- 10 Year Projection										
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Fund (\$ thousands)										
Fund Balance as of Jan 1	3.5	14.7	16.8	24.9	36.0	24.1	14.2	29.3	44.4	34.5
Added to fund	22.0	28.0	34.0	36.0	38.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Increase in Contribution	38%	21%	18%	6%	5%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Interest Earned on Police Fund	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Anticipated Police Equipment Purchases (\$ thousands)										
EQ1 - 2015					25.0	25.0			25.0	25.0
EQ2 - 2015 (2 year finance)	10.9			25.0	25.0			25.0	25.0	
EQ3		26.0	26.0			25	25.0			
Total Payments from Fund	10.9	26.0	26.0	25.0	50.0	50.0	25.0	25.0	50.0	25.0
Fund Balance as of Dec 31	14.7	16.8	24.9	36.0	24.1	14.2	29.3	44.4	34.5	49.5

Fire Capital Equipment Fund- 10 Year Projection

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<u>Fund (\$ thousands)</u>										
Fund Balance as of Jan 1	81.7	91.9	106.5	85.5	70.2	60.9	58.0	41.1	30.1	25.3
Added to fund	85.8	90.1	94.6	100.3	106.3	112.7	118.3	124.2	130.4	136.94
Increase in Contribution	4%	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	
Interest Earned on Fire Fund	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	
<u>Anticipated Fire Equipment Purchases (\$ thousands)</u>										
E2 Pumper (2014) - 17 yrs 2031	75.5	75.5								
E1 Pumper (1991) - 28 yrs 2019			115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6				
T2 Tanker (2005) - 18 yrs 2023							135.2	135.2	135.2	135.2
E3 Pumper (2009) - 18 yrs 2027										
Total Payments from Fund	75.5	75.5	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	135.2	135.2	135.2	135.2
Fund Balance as of Dec 31	91.9	106.5	85.5	70.2	60.9	58.0	41.1	30.1	25.3	27.0

DELINQUENT TAX LIST**As of December 31, 2016**

Recently, the Vermont Supreme Court declared certain tax information confidential. Based on this decision, only the names of the property owners are listed.

Bailey, Agnes	Hurt, James
Bailey, Livio	Johnson Trust
Bailey, Warren & Florence	Jordan, William & Delinda
Banios, Philip Jr.	Josler, Lisa Ann
Barrett, Virginia	Kogel, Christine
Berecz, Thomas	Luikart Lodge LLC
Blake, Robert & Patricia	Luikart, Paul E & Ernest J.
Bowen, Brian J *	Magoon, Robert J.*
Bragg, Richard	McCampbell, Christopher
Case, Colyn	Mortimer, Kathryn
Clifford, Gary	O'Hurley Family Trust
Cummings, Florence	Panella Revocable Trust
Cummings, Laurance	Parker, Martin
Dalpe, Mark	Phelps, Dawn
Davidonis, Theresa	Pompy Press Inc.
Doucette, Michael J.	Race, Robert & Lillian
Dyke, Patti	Rice, Susanne Bailey*
Farnham, Robert	Robinson, Gary
Green Mountain Economic Development	Santor, Allen
Gregory, Bryan	Sheppe, Richard
Hadlock, Douglas*	Silverstein, Elissa
Harhen, James	Telephone Operating
Hawkins, Jesse	Towle, Richard G
Hodge, Amy	Tyler, Hillary
Howard, Adam	Young Revocable Trust*
Howe, Matthew and Kim	Zagaeski, Theodore

*Paid in full by January 31, 2017

Total amount of taxes delinquent as of 12/31/16	\$238,275.63
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	SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS						AND 2016	ANNUAL MATURITIES					
	Balance 12/31/2015	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2016	Interest Paid 2016	2017		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022-2035	Total
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Town Hall Improvements, Interest Ranging from 1.55% to 5.0%. Interest due each June 1 and December 1 through 2022	210,000		30,000	180,000		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	2,979	1,500	180,000
Principal						6,789	5,995	5,847	4,428	2,979			27,538
Interest					8,795								
Bond Payable Merchants Bank													
Lake Fairlee Dam Interest 2.75% Payable Jan. 15 and July 15 and Principal payable July 15 through July 15, 2035													
Principal	374,000		18,700	355,300		18,700	18,700	18,700	18,700	18,700	7,714	261,800	355,300
Interest					10,313	9,771	9,256	8,742	8,251	7,714	54,136	97,870	
Note Payable-Merchants Bank Ford Cruiser													
Interest 2% Payable Nov 2016 through Nov 2017													
Principal	21,000		10,500	10,500		10,500							10,500
Interest					420	210							210
Note Payable Element Financial, interest at .9%, 48 monthly payments (P&I) of \$3,360.91 through Sept. 2017													
Principal	66,620		39,836	26,784		26,784							26,784
Interest					495	103							103
Note Payable Ford Credit Company, interest at 5.95% annual P&I payments of \$16,311 through March 2017													
Principal	29,926		14,530	15,396		15,396							15,396
Interest					1,780	916							916
Note Payable John Deere Credit Grader													
Interest @3.8%, \$54,221 due annually through 2016													
Principal	52,203		52,203	0									
Interest					2,018								
Note payable Daimler Truck													
Interest @ 3.37% due through 2012													
Principal		166,256	0	166,256		25,529	26,364	27,226	28,116	29,036	29,985	166,256	
Interest					0	5,436	4,602	3,740	2,849	1,930	981	19,538	
Annual Maturities TOTAL PRINCIPAL	753,749	166,256	165,769	754,236		126,909	75,064	75,926	76,816	77,736	321,785	754,236	
Annual Maturities TOTAL INTEREST					23,821	23,225	19,853	18,329	15,528	12,623	56,617	146,175	
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES													
Principal	0	650,000	650,000	0	3,768							0	
Interest													
Santander - Fire Truck Pumper*													
Interest 2.89% due each December													
through 2018													
Principal	214,101		69,344	144,757		71,347	73,410						214,101
Interest					6,188	4,287	2,122						12,507
*Note: Thetford Volunteer Fire Department owns the truck, but the Town of Thetford pays the loan.													

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TAX BILLING RECONCILIATION
Year Ending December 31, 2016

	Amount
Billings per Tax Book - including late penalties	8,487,420
Amount of Taxes for School - Paid and Accrued	(4,923,861)
Education Tax Payments Paid to School by State	(1,285,524)
Highway Fund Taxes (includes taxes for paving)	(809,025)
Highway Fund Additional Taxes - vote article	(10,000)
Highway Equipment Fund Taxes	(125,000)
Fire Equipment Fund Taxes	(82,500)
Cruiser Fund Taxes	(13,800)
Late Homestead Penalty	(7,241)
School Tax Billing Fee Retained	(13,956)
General Fund Taxes	(1,216,513)
	0.00

Estimated Tax Rates for 2017
Using 2016 Grand List

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	2017 Est. Tax Rate	2016 Tax Rate	2015 Tax Rate	2014 Tax Rate	2013 Tax Rate
General Fund					
\$1,230,103	0.3538	0.3388	0.3475	0.3186	0.3055
Highway Fund					
\$904,532	0.2602	0.2327	0.2091	0.1798	0.1746
Articles					
\$292,488	0.0841	0.0776	0.0079	0.0598	0.0674
Veteran's Exemption					
\$10,000	0.0029	0.0030	0.0028	0.0031	0.0031
Local Agreement					
\$10,000	0.0029	0.0029			
Total Municipal					
\$2,447,123	0.7039	0.6550	0.5673	0.5613	0.5506
% Change from previous year	6.95%	13.39%	1.06%	1.91%	15.00%
2016 Grand List					
\$3,476,359					

(Amount to be Raised/Grand List = Tax Rate)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Treasurer's Office is responsible for all accounting functions of the town. This involves investing town money, keeping records of taxes voted and paid, and paying invoices when orders to do so are properly submitted. The primary function of the treasurer is to keep the accounts of the town from the moment the money is collected to the moment it is paid out. Payroll, benefits and property taxes are also administered through this office. We work closely with the Selectboard and department heads, who review their budgets on a regular basis. We are currently managing 30 funds which include 11 grants and 19 special funds, in addition to the General Fund and DPW Fund.

The General Fund Balance ended the year at \$163,107, up \$28,019 from last year. Revenues in Recreation, Treasure Island and Clerk Fees were all higher than budgeted. However, Zoning Permits, Recycling Revenue, Traffic Tickets and Land Maintenance revenues all came in lower than budgeted. All in all, department heads did a good job staying within their budgets. Two areas of concern in the General Fund were overages in expenditures with the Tri-Town Commission and maintenance done at Treasure Island.

The fund balance in the Department of Public Works went up \$10,810, ending at \$15,941, which is only 1.6% of expenses. A line item, DPW Contingency, has been added to that fund with a budget amount of \$30,000. This will help should any unexpected expenditures occur, or could possibly add to the fund balance if we are fortunate enough to come in under budget. A healthy fund balance would be over 10% of expenses.

We continue to handle the cash flow for the school district, signing all of their checks, making their deposits, and collecting the education tax. Dealing with late Homestead Declarations continues to be a challenge. We would like to remind all residents to file their Homestead Declarations before the April 15th deadline, whether you file for an extension or not. Not only will it save our department the time and effort of sending a re-bill, it will save you a hefty penalty for late filing.

The accounting firm of Sullivan and Powers completed their 2015 audit of the town's finances and are in the midst of working on 2016.

Becky and I are beginning our thirteenth year of working together in the Treasurer's Office. We welcome you to stop in if you wish to discuss the finances of the Town. We are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 – 4:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Graff, Treasurer

Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Treasurer

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT

The collector of delinquent taxes ensures that town property taxes are paid by all of the taxpayers of Thetford. This involves notifying taxpayers when their taxes are overdue, making arrangements for late payments, taking formal collection action, including conducting tax sales of the property when necessary, and providing an accounting of these records.

The following is a breakout of the delinquent tax activity for 2016:

Delinquent Taxes as of 1/1/16	\$180,943.00
2016 Taxes Delinquent as of 10/18/16	<u>\$366,730.16</u>
Total Delinquent	\$547,673.16

Delinquent Taxes Collected	- <u>\$309,397.53</u>
Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/16	\$238,275.63

Delinquent Taxes Collected	\$309,397.53
Interest Collected	\$27,583.32
Penalty Collected	<u>\$30,852.31</u>
Total Amount Collected	\$367,833.16

Submitted by,

Mary Dan Pomeroy
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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January 27, 2017

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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Thetford, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015. Our report on the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining information, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town of Thetford, Vermont, was unqualified.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office.

In addition, the audit for the year ended December 31, 2016 is in process. The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office when complete.

Sullivan, Powers & Company

*** NOTES ***

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THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It has been the mission of the Thetford Historical Society, established in 1943, to collect, preserve and share Thetford's history. Our library and archives are located in the Bicentennial Building off the common on Thetford Hill. The Society also operates the Hughes Barn Museum on Route 113, open during the summer months.

Despite our Barn Museum closure this past summer due to road construction, we were active and involved in a number of projects there, and at our library. A summary of programs is included here: more information can be found in our newsletters and on our website.

Vermont History Expo: Held in June in Tunbridge, our exhibit was on the Thompson and Vaughan Electric Co., and the impacts of electricity coming to Thetford. The exhibit, which was well received, included a functioning water-powered turbine, similar to the one used in Thetford Center.

Unmonumented Burials: In September, a large group spent several hours at the East Thetford Cemetery with Robert Perry and his ground penetrating radar, unit, which scanned open areas in the East Thetford Cemetery. In a short period, he found 14 likely sites, and there are no doubt more. This event was co-sponsored with the Thetford Cemetery Commission, and we hope that the commission continues the project, which will result in a complete map of burials at Thetford's oldest cemetery, so that all unmarked graves can be documented.

Frank Bryan and Steve Taylor: "Vermont vs. New Hampshire" was the subject of our Annual Meeting in October, and featured these two well-known personalities debating the virtues of their respective states. What a fun evening, and a prelude to our November event, the **Geography Bee**. Our 2016 theme covered the twin states, and everyone left knowing a little bit more about their home ground. We are planning now for 2017, and the theme will be announced shortly.

We welcome visitors from far and near, and if you have a few hours to spare, we can use your help, as well. Ongoing projects include old photo scanning, cataloguing artifacts, organizing files, transcriptions of handwritten documents and audio files, and more. Learn more about THS by visiting our website, www.thetfordhistoricalsociety.org, or keeping up with us on Facebook, and Flickr. Links to both sites, as well as our open hours, may be found on our website.

Martha Howard
Director, Thetford Historical Society

THETFORD HILL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

THVIS was founded in 1905, when the Town of Thetford approved a petition by citizens to turn the Thetford Hill Common, at the time a fenced-in space for livestock, into a public park. Records in the Town Clerk's office state that: "the Executive Committee of the Village Improvement Society shall have the care and management of said park" and to improve it "provided such improvements are made without expense to the Town". THVIS has faithfully maintained and improved the Common for 115 years, at no expense to The Town, and will continue to do so with the volunteer efforts of citizens. The Common is the centerpiece of the Thetford Hill National Historic Preservation District and a unique example of the New England town common. Along with the Thetford Historic Preservation Committee, THVIS is dedicated to its' oversight.

Our primary volunteer effort is the Annual Thetford Hill Fair, which raises money to pay for mowing the lawn, care and replacement of benches, trees and amenities such as the drinking fountain. The Fair is usually held on the last weekend of July, but in 2017, it may be moved into early August to include Farnsworth campers who have not been able to attend for several years. It is a somewhat old-fashioned event with rummage sale, and book, antiques, baked goods, and plant tables. There is fine tea garden, fortune-teller, face-painting, and a super-soaking game to cool you off. Traditional burgers, popcorn and cotton candy are served with more health-conscious fare. In 2016, we added live music and an art show. In February, a fair planning meeting will be held, with the details to be published on the list-serve, well in advance.

The Common is available for public and private non-profit events as well as relaxing informal use. Come and sit on a bench and dream on a beautiful day, play catch with your kids. Open Fields School holds their very creative Medieval Festival there. We encourage weddings, dance, exercise programs, etc. Please note that to hold a formal event you must have a connection with the greater Thetford area, and let us know.

While THVIS operates on a break-even basis, in the past we have donated to a variety of projects to improve the village. For several years we have given \$500 to help fund the Academy's 7th grade trip to Washington in return for the fall clean-up, and we hope to increase our involvement in helping other organizations in the Town.

The Annual Meeting of THVIS will be held on a Wednesday evening two weeks after the fair. Membership in THVIS is open to "all residents who regard the Village of Thetford Hill as the center of their community life". Notice of the meeting will be posted on the list-serve, at the post office and library, well beforehand. We welcome you at the annual meeting and to get involved with the fair. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors.

Sam Van Dam, President, 207-775-0443
Mike Pomeroy and Rebecca Lafave, Vice-Presidents
Mike Fernandez, Treasurer
Nancy Lindahl, Secretary

COMMUNITY NURSE OF THETFORD, INC.

Community Nurse of Thetford, Inc. (CNT) was started as a non-profit organization a little over 1 year ago. Since then our nurse, Cindy Grigel, RN, BSN, has made 144 home visits to 21 individuals or families; 9 of those individuals were elderly persons living alone, and 10 were individuals or families needing guidance about how to care for an ill spouse or elderly parents. In addition to home visits, Cindy talked with quite a few individuals and family members on the phone or via email. Other contacts with residents occurred “about town”, at TEN luncheons, and at the Senior Coffee Klatsches (cosponsored by TEN and CNT—all welcome). The guidance given included:

- ✓ Teaching individuals how to take their medications correctly
- ✓ Discussing how to manage illness conditions and problems of aging in daily life
- ✓ Serving as a liaison between families and medical care providers
- ✓ Advising families regarding how to help elderly parents continue living safely in their homes
- ✓ Making mobility and safety suggestions

The guidance provided reduced client and family stress for almost all those she saw, helped prevent medication-related side effects, and prevented emergency department visits.

CNT services have been provided at no cost to families thanks to donations from local trusts, foundations, and donors. To continue providing service to those in our town who clearly need aging and illness support beyond what the mainstream health system provides, CNT will persist in applying for grants and is seeking a town appropriation for \$3,500.

CNT received tax-exempt 501(c)3 status in October. Please do visit our website:
<http://communitynurseofthetford.weebly.com/>

Board of Directors:

Gail Dimick
Sue Farrell
Pril Hall
Joanne Sandberg-Cook
Sarah Jo Brown



Route 5, East Thetford, looking south. Road to left leads to Lyme. (THS Archives)

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE

To the Citizens of the Nine Communities We Serve,

The mission statement of Upper Valley Ambulance is: *Upper Valley Ambulance is a pre-hospital service whose primary focus is to provide high quality emergency care to our nine member towns. Our organization is committed to providing efficient, prompt and creative transportation systems both on a local and regional basis. We will meet the ongoing healthcare needs of the communities that we serve, and strive to provide total customer satisfaction. We will be proactive in seeking new opportunities to fulfill this mission.*

We are in our 26th year of providing emergency ambulance service to our member towns, and we continue to strive to meet our mission statement on a daily basis.

We would like to recognize the generosity of the residents of the Upper Valley in their support of our efforts to raise funds for a nitrous oxide (laughing gas) field unit. The successful fundraising event – matched by a \$2000 donation by the Orford-Fairlee Lions Club – allowed us to purchase the device. This piece of equipment will go a long way toward improving the comfort of folks experiencing serious pain. We extend our thanks to those who donated to this worthy cause.

UVA is governed by a Board of Directors with a member from each town. The Board, Management and Staff continue to address the many challenges of operating a rural emergency ambulance service. Rural ambulance services everywhere are having to cope with markedly increasing costs, without an ability to increase revenues to meet those rising costs. Medicare, the largest payer of ambulance services for UVA sets compensation substantially lower than what our rates are. Medicare payments often don't cover the cost of the service, and Medicaid pays well below cost.

There are several other factors which contribute to our challenges. Equipment upgrades, maintenance, medications and medical supplies, as well as the higher costs of the more and more high-tech devices we need to use to provide diagnostic and life-sustaining therapy. Having a compensation plan that attracts talented EMS professionals in a tight workforce is vitally important. Aggressively building our capital reserve ensures a highly reliable ambulance fleet is an important goal.

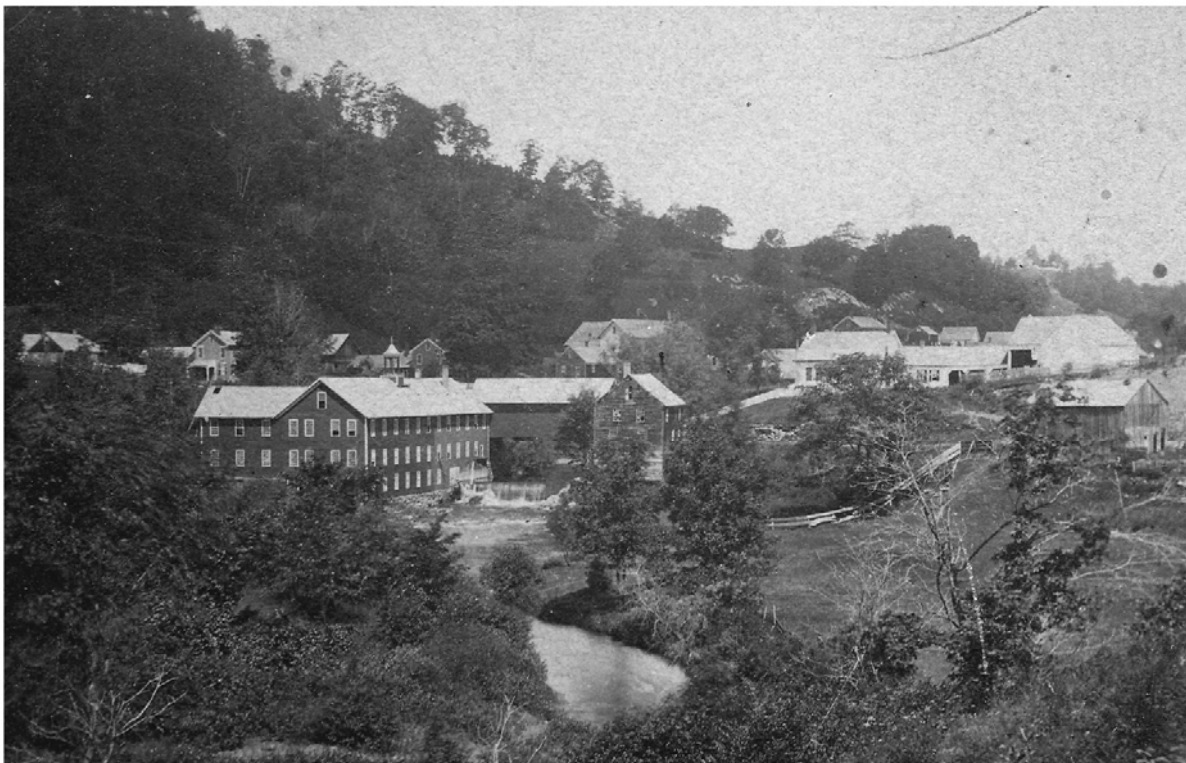
In early 2016 we were confronted by nearby ambulance services who we have relied on in the past to help us cover when our ambulances were tied up on other calls. These services, who are facing the same challenges we are, demanded compensation for responding to our area. The UVA Board of Directors discussed this situation, which was ultimately determined to be a reasonable. As such UVA began paying our neighboring ambulance services every time they responded to a call in our nine towns because we were already on an EMS call. The estimated impact on our budget to add this cost for 2016 is \$30,000. UVA absorbed this cost.

In the face of our challenges we work hard to keep costs to the taxpayer down controlling expenses and by pursuing revenue from other services such as non-emergency ambulance transport for DHMC, however this source of revenue continues to decline, and our income from this source has diminished substantially. Despite increasing costs, decreasing reimbursements, and limited opportunities for growth, the Board of Directors decided to hold to ourselves to the commitment we sent to the towns last year, which set the 2017 funding request at an increase of only \$1.00 per capita to a total of \$37.00 per capita.

The leadership and staff of UVA are proud of the organization's accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. We vow to continue our commitment to providing high quality emergency medical care to all the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

Clay Odell
Executive Director
Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc.



The second Chubb Fishrod factory building (being painted) and attached covered bridge, built in 1870. This building and the bridge would be destroyed by fire just five years later. (THS Archives)

ECFIBER

Thetford is a member of ECFiber, the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, Vermont's first Communications Union District. The District commenced operations on January 1, 2016, replacing the 24-town inter-local contract that Thetford originally approved at Town Meeting in 2008. ECFiber is owned by its 24 member towns, and is self-sustaining. Local taxpayer funds cannot be used to subsidize the District's operations.

In April 2016 the District completed a \$9 million offering of Series 2016A Bonds to refinance a portion of its original debt, cover 2016 capital expenditures, and complete the design and make ready for 250 miles of construction in 2017. As of Dec 1 2016, 326 miles of fiber-optic network had been built and "lit" in parts of 18 member towns, serving about 1550 customers including approximately 200 in Thetford. ECFiber plans to continue to raise capital through the municipal bond market in 2017, 2018 and 2019, and to complete 1400 miles of network covering all underserved locations in its 24 towns by 2019. ECFiber is pleased to offer:

- Reliable high Internet speeds, which are symmetrical (the same in each direction) and are not "up to" as offered by other providers
- Simple, stable pricing with no contracts, fine print, or data caps. Over the last two years ECFiber has increased its speeds but not its prices.
- Local and personable customer service. Phones are answered by an employee during business hours without an automated queue.
- Local ownership and control - governing board members meet monthly to set policy and are actively involved in promoting ECFiber within the community.
- Valued community services. For example, ECFiber offers over 25 community anchor institutions (schools, town facilities, and libraries) its highest level of service for its lowest monthly fee.

In 2016, ECFiber continued its practice of raising speeds but not prices, by announcing that the District's tiers of service would now be set at 10/25/100/500 Mbps (versus the previous 7/20/50/100/400).

Fortunately for us, Thetford is one of the six towns selected for construction in 2017, extending the network to nearly every premise served by utility poles.

Jim Masland and Fred Thomas – your Thetford Governing Board Members

Website: www.ECFiber.net | Office: (802) 763-2262 | Email: support@ecfiber.net

OMPOMPANUOOSUC COMMUNITY TRUST INC. ANNUAL REPORT

The Ompompanoosuc Community Trust Inc. (OCT Inc.) was formed by a group of volunteers from the five towns within the watershed of the Ompompanoosuc River. The OCT goal is: “To support local service projects which improve the quality of life in the towns of the watershed region, e.g., elders remaining in their homes or in affordable housing, services for senior and low-income people, home energy efficiency, and a community nurse.” The OCT links neighbor’s charitable goals to service projects, which improve the quality of life in our local towns.

The OCT is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible and may be made for the general fund or-designated for the work of a specific project.

During 2016, the OCT achieved success with five projects:

Senior and Affordable Housing Committee (SAHC):

OCT Inc. has committed funds to the purchase of a parcel of land in East Thetford. This site has been investigated previously with OCT funding and in consultation with Twin Pines Housing Trust.

Thetford Energy Committee (TEC):

OCT Inc. is working to support Volunteer Assisted Weatherization of two low income family houses.

Thetford Elder Network (TEN):

OCT Inc. has been managing donations received at the Community Luncheon. Funds are used for the monthly Coffee Klatches and educational programs in cooperation with the Community Nurse.

Community Nurse of Thetford:

OCT Inc. and Community Nurse of Thetford Inc. provide at-home guidance with illness and aging situations. In 2016, OCT acted as fiscal agent for the Community Nurse of Thetford Inc. receiving tax-deductible donations and grants designated to the work of the Community Nurse of Thetford Inc. A nurse was hired in 2016.

Friends of Treasure Island:

OCT Inc. is committed to supporting the FTI committee as its board develops plans to operate the facility for Thetford and surrounding communities.

Please see OCT Inc. Website for details: <http://www.pompytrust.org/>

OCT Inc., PO Box 2, Post Mills, VT 05058 or email to manohar.grewal@gmail.com.

OCT Inc. Board members:

Manohar Grewal (Chair)

Mark McMahon

Dale Gephart

Ridge Satterthwaite

Linda Baccei

Didi Pershouse

Jody Biddle

Thomas Sandler

Victoria Lloyd



UPPER VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB

PO Box 279, Thetford Center VT 05075



PURPOSE:

- To work for improvement and stimulate interest in the sports of hunting and fishing.
- To promote and maintain friendly relations with landowners.
- To promote good sportsmanship and educate the public with respect to conservation, hunting and fishing.

OFFICERS:

President:	David Goodrich – Thetford Center	802-785-2170
Vice Pres.:	Bob Stone – Thetford Center	802-785-4525
Treasurer:	Bruce Avery – North Thetford	802-333-9671
Secretary:	Rhett Scruggs – East Thetford	802-333-4067

MEMBERSHIP: Currently there are 191 members and 9 are junior members, available to persons aged 15 and under. To become a member, contact the Club at uppervalleyfishgameclub@gmail.com or call one of the Club officers.

MEETINGS: 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Thetford Elementary School, September through May at 7:00 pm, and at the club grounds, June, July, and August at 6:30 pm. The Club's annual meeting with election of officers is held in February.

FACILITIES: The club maintains a building, pond, and shooting ranges on approximately 57 acres on Five Corners Road in Thetford Center. The shooting ranges provide for rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery, and action pistol shooting.

ACTIVITIES

during 2016: The 33rd Annual Ice Fishing Derby was held on Lake Fairlee in February with 104 participants and families.
The 32nd annual Kid's Fishing Derby was held at the Club Pond in June with 31 children participating.
Certificates were presented to 18 Firearms Hunter Safety students and to 13 Bow Hunter Safety students who participated at the fall Hunter Safety Class. The Club also sponsored one student to attend summer Conservation Camp.
Club members donated over 100 man-hours to replace a failing pond overflow system with a new standpipe drain and constructed a new backstop at the 50 Yard target. Club members also spread lime and collected and recycled nearly 20 pounds of spent bullets.

David Goodrich
President

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. The following are highlights from 2016:

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

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

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

Transportation: Transportation infrastructure and public transit services are integral components to safety and growth. We continue to work with towns on grants to enhance our roadways, inventory infrastructure, establish new park and ride locations, and make downtowns and village centers more accessible and pedestrian-friendly. We also have continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

Specifically in Thetford this year, we assisted with the Thetford Trails and Thetford Trailhead projects. TRORC secured a Better Roads Grant to conduct a road surface inventory, and is currently working on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). TRORC assisted Thetford on a sidewalk project and coordinated with the Town in the VT113 paving project with residents and VTrans.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director and William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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

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

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

- Events were held in Woodstock, Bridgewater, Sharon, Strafford, Thetford, and Vershire where we collected 1,564 tires; 6.85 tons of scrap metal; 8 tons of electronics; 12 tons of “big” trash/construction & demolition debris; hundreds of fluorescent bulbs and thousands of batteries.
- 319 GUV residents (117 from Thetford) participated in household hazardous waste events held in Thetford in September 2015 and Hartford in June 2016. 7.15 tons of hazardous material was collected, including 967 gallons of paint.
- GUV staff spent one October Saturday passing out paint and battery recycling information to residents at the Recycling Center, as well as helping to set up a system for ongoing battery recycling.

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

Tips to remember:

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

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



CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

Suite 225, 10 Water St., Lebanon, NH 03766

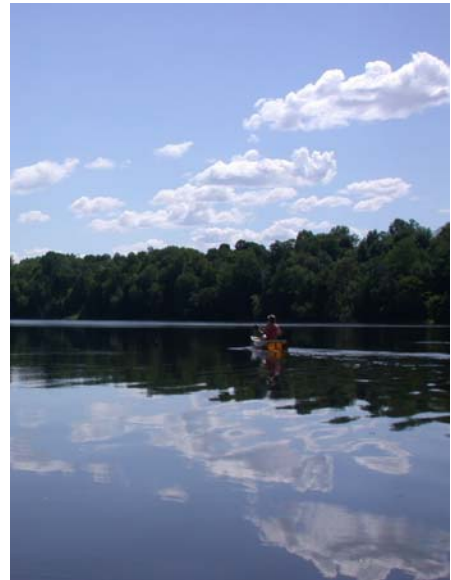
Website at <http://www.crjc.org>

CRJC continues its mission to preserve the visual and ecological integrity and working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley. With five local subcommittees and over 100 volunteers, it is guiding the watershed's growth by reviewing and commenting on proposed actions, from large scale development projects including the Northern Pass, to proposed regulatory changes, such as shoreland protection rules.

CRJC assisted with the installation of new wake speed signs at launches in VT and NH, and supported the Connecticut River Watershed Council with the 25th Source-to-Sea Cleanup. Along with the Conte Wildlife Refuge, CRJC is working to present educational programs about the river and clean water in the watershed.

Of note, during FY2016 the CRJC actively participated in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing of the three TransCanada hydroelectric dams on the lower Connecticut by reviewing studies performed by TransCanada and communicating its concerns about project operations to FERC, particularly those related to erosion, mercury, climate change and economic impact.

CRJC advocates for the establishment of a mitigation and enhancement fund for the southern reach of the river as a means to compensate for unavoidable impacts from dam operations. In this role, CRJC Commissioners met with the governors of both VT and NH to draw attention to the relicensing process and enlist their support.



At the Commission annual meeting in June 2016 the following officers were elected to serve during the FY2017: *Rick Walling, President (NH); Jason Rasmussen, Vice President (VT); Mary Sloat, Treasurer (NH); Steven Lembke, Secretary (VT).*

APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

The Town of Thetford Selectboard has established the following criteria for granting single year appropriations:

1. Organizations that received funding for the prior year are eligible for an appropriation by submitting a written request by December 1, 2016.
2. A new organization or a previously-funded organization seeking a higher level of funding must petition the town and submit a petition signed by one hundred and ten voters.
3. All organizations seeking funding must directly serve residents of the Town of Thetford.

In 2016, the following organizations received the appropriation listed:

The American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year, providing emergency support for victims of fire, flood, and other disasters, as well as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses.

Appropriation \$500.

Capstone Community Action helps Vermonters achieve economic sufficiency with dignity through individual and family development. CCA works to alleviate the effects of poverty, helps people move out of poverty and is an advocate for economic justice. **Appropriation \$300.**

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education is a community-based nonprofit organization serving the basic education and literacy needs of Thetford adults and teens. Academic tutoring includes basic skills programs in reading, writing, math and computer literacy, English language learning and preparation for US citizenship, high school diploma and GED credential programs and academic skill readiness for work, technical training and/or college. **Appropriation \$800.**

Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of mental health services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach, including individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. The Clara Martin Center also offers psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. **Appropriation \$4266.**

The Family Place supports families with young children through comprehensive programs designed to strengthen positive relationships, teach essential skills, and promote enduring, healthy growth for families and community. **Appropriation \$300.**

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation works with local communities to offer support for new, growing and relocating businesses, and utilizes the resources within the Department of Economic Development to assist with retention and expansion needs, providing rapid support to communities and businesses. **Appropriation \$1295.50.**

Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit organization which organizes Green Up Day, a day each year when people get together to clean up their communities. Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K - 2 by providing activity booklets to schools and hosts annual student poster and writing contests for grades K – 12. **Appropriation \$150.**

Headrest provides the Upper Valley and surrounding communities with a 24/7 Hotline to answer calls for help with mental health issues, substance abuse problems or to prevent suicides. Headrest provides a Transitional Living Program, and offers outpatient individual and group counseling to people in the Upper Valley. **Appropriation \$1564.**

Lake Fairlee Association acts as steward of Lake Fairlee, coordinating triclopyr milfoil treatment, greeter programs, encourages safe use of the lake and protects the environment. **Appropriation \$5000.**

Little Rivers Health Care provides comprehensive primary healthcare for all residents regardless of ability to pay, including Healthier Living Workshops, a Migrant Farmer Outreach Program, and a new addiction treatment program in response to the opioid crisis. **Appropriation \$1000.**

Orange County Court Diversion Program is a community based, cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders referred by the State's Attorney. **Appropriation \$175.**

Orange County Parent/Child Center helps families with young children build a sense of place within their communities by connecting them to education, support, advocacy and wellness opportunities. **Appropriation \$750.**

Safeline is a nonprofit that provides free and confidential services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, including crisis support, safety planning, financial management and job readiness skills, among other services. **Appropriation \$1300.**

Senior Solutions – Council on Aging offers support services to elders and their families through information and assistance, health insurance, senior nutrition, transportation, social services and special assistance. **Appropriation \$500.**

Stagecoach offers an environmentally healthy option for transportation to work and shopping routes, affordable access to public health care, and reliable transportation for the elderly and people with disabilities. **Appropriation \$2200.**

Vital Communities is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization working with towns and residents to reduce energy use and switch to renewable energy sources. **Appropriation \$750.**

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired works to enable individuals with vision problems, both adult and children, to achieve and maintain independence through a variety of services, with no cost to the client. **Appropriation \$1000.**

Vermont Center for Independent Living is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities by teaching them how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live independently. **Appropriation \$150.**

Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT and NH is a nonprofit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. **Appropriation \$11,536.**

White River Council on Aging/Bugbee Center is a nonprofit agency which provides services for people aged sixty and older, along with their families, including nutrition programs, recreation, education and social programs, as well as transportation and fitness activities. **Appropriation \$4950.**

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

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

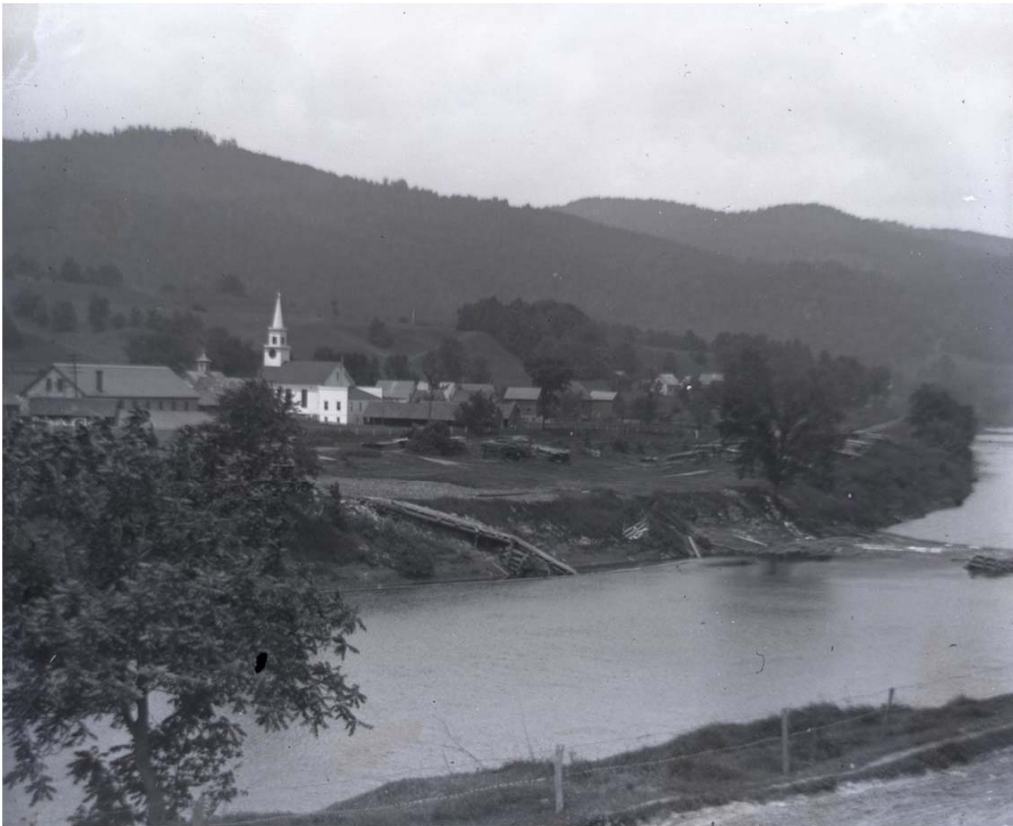
Vermonters use local government services on a daily basis – highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water. These local efforts are led largely by volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns to help them provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services.** VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) provides training, information, and assistance to municipal officials to help them carry out their roles and responsibilities. Responding to member inquiries about Vermont law and best practices in municipal governance is a key MAC service. Attorneys and staff answer 4,000 member questions each year. In 2016, nearly 1,500 people received training at 30 day-long and on-site workshops covering topics that included Open Meeting Law compliance, financial management, and conducting effective property tax appeal and land use hearings. Consulting services include legal drafting and review of policies and ordinances, governmental accounting, and town manager recruitment. Members who respond to MAC's annual compensation and benefits survey receive a complimentary copy of the research report. MAC also offers in-depth technical assistance through our Water Resources Protection and Human Resources assistance programs. Publications including model documents, technical papers, handbooks, and past newsletter articles are available on VLCT's website.
- **Advocacy representation at the state and federal levels to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority needed to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the renewable energy debate, enhancing voter authority in local governance decisions, municipal efforts to clean up Vermont's lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2017 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services at the local level. VLCT also provides a *Weekly Legislative Report* that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available free-of-charge on the VLCT website.

- **Opportunities to provide purchasing of needed services at the lowest cost.** Members may purchase municipal unemployment, property, and casualty and workers' compensation insurance coverage for local operations. The **VLCT Employment Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust** continued to help towns navigate the complexities of health insurance procurement and to secure group life, disability, dental and vision insurance. When substantial municipal damages result from weather events, or towns suffer from other covered losses and lawsuits, the value of membership in the **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** is quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments provided. The Trusts are stewards of \$26 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services in 2016. More than \$1 million in ownership dividends was returned to PACIF and VERB members as contribution credits.

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



Connecticut River at North Thetford, before current Wilder Dam. A wooden pier and chains guided logs to the shore and nearby sawmill. The stone railroad station is visible, as are horse sheds behind the church. (THS Archives)

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PRE-TOWN MEETING

Monday, February 27, 2017
7:30pm

Thetford Town Offices



TOWN MEETING

Saturday, March 4, 2017
9:00am

Gymnasium

Thetford Academy

Town Meeting first, School Meeting
to follow adjournment of town
meeting.



**ELECTION OF TOWN AND
SCHOOL OFFICERS AND**

SCHOOL BUDGET

Australian Balloting

Tuesday, March 7, 2017
8:00am to 7:00pm

Thetford Town Hall