

ANNUAL REPORTS
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT



YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

THETFORD TOWN OFFICES

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www.thetfordvermont.us

POLICE, FIRE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, dial 911

SELECTBOARD

Mondays at 7:00 PM
Town Hall

TOWN CLERK

785-2922 ext 5

THETFORD POLICE

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

TOWN TREASURER

785-2922 ext 7

COUNTY AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

785-2922 EXT 20

RECREATION COORDINATOR

785-2922 ext 6

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

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Stuart Rogers
785-4392

HEALTH OFFICER

Al Stone - By Appointment
785-4503

LISTERS

785-2922 ext 4

PUBLIC WORKS

Town Garage – 785-4679

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

785-2922 ext 3

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Front Cover: Building the bridge near the Chubb-Montague Fish Rod factory, Post Mills, ca. 1892 following a second destructive fire that destroyed the mill and bridge in 1891.

Thank you to Martha Howard, Director of the Thetford Historical Society, for providing the photographs.

THETFORD ELECTED OFFICIALS

[term expires in “()”]

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits - 1 year – vacant

Cemetery Commissioners – 3 year

Sam Eaton ('18)	333-9232	sam56short@gmail.com
Mark McMahon ('19)	603-667-0335	MoMMc5@aol.com
Richard Landry ('20)	802-356-9664	Rich.Landry.414@gmail.com

Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 3 year

Mary Dan Pomeroy ('20)	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, Chair	785-4640	chugalugskipper@gmail.com
Greg Kasten	785-2970	greg@doctorkasten.com
Bill Keegan	333-9372	bill.b.keegan@gmail.com
Rick Maynard	333-9130	maynardmoon@aol.com
Sherry Merrick	333-9598	merricksherry@gmail.com
Janet Shepler	785-2431	janetshepler@yahoo.com

Listers – 3 year

Denise Adams ('18)	785-2922	listers@thetfordvermont.us
Diane Osgood ('20)	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 ('20)	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 ('19)	333-4492	smacphee@mvrds.org

School Moderator – 1 year

Mark McMahon ('18)	603-667-0335	MoMMc5@aol.com
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Selectboard – 2 & 3 year

selectboard@thetfordvermont.us

James Dixon, Vice Chair ('19) 785-4223
Jessica Eaton, ('18) 333-9491
Stuart Rogers, Chair ('19) 785-4392
Li Shen ('18) 785-4950
Douglas Stone ('20) 785-2140
Martie Moses, Selectboard Assistant - Appointed

dixonj@hartfordschools.net
j.eaton@thetfordvermont.us
stuart.p.rogers@valley.net
l.shen@thetfordvermont.us
802sugarshack@gmail.com

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 ('18) 603-667-0335

MoMMc5@aol.com

Town Treasurer– 3 year

Jill Graff ('20) 785-2922

treasurer@thetfordvermont.us

Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 year

Elmer Brown ('20) 785-2167
J. Rick Hoffman ('19) 785-2438
Joe Tofel ('18) 649-1434



Buzzell Bridge, just below the confluence of the east and west branches of the Ompompanoosuc, ca. 1945.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Animal Control Officer

Stuart Rogers ('18) 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
Sue Fritz, Co-Chair ('18),	802-299-0870	sefritz58@gmail.com
Ann Lavanway, Co-Chair ('18)	785-9814	ann.m.lavanway@dartmouth.edu
Steven Lehman ('18)	785-4241	slehman616@gmail.com
Jim McCracken	785-2925	Jcmcc211@gmail.com
Robert Pulaski, ('20)	333-4627	bobpulaski@myfairpoint.net
Jeff Smith ('18)	785-2615	jeffrey.r.smith@valley.net
Vacant - 1		

Development Review Board

Jesse Anderson ('20)	917-407-5116	vermontian@gmail.com
Bill Bridge ('20)	785-2964	unharried@gmail.com
Don Longwell ('18)	785-4971	vlongwell@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

Mary Bryant ('20)	785-4512	mb.gravityhill@gmail.com
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 ('20)	785-3087	afs@finowen.net
Bob Walker, Chair ('20)	785-4126	bobwalkervt@gmail.com

Fire Warden

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

Greater UV Solid Waste District Representative

Jim Masland ('18) 785-4146 jmasland@leg.state.vt.us

Health Officer

Alford Stone ('18) 785-4503

Historian

Marshall Van Norden ('18) 333-4574

Historic Preservation Committee

Stephen Branchflower, Chair ('20) 785-2667 stephen@smithandvansant.com
 Doug Miller, Sec ('19) 802-299-6458 firstlightrenovations@gmail.com
 Vacant (3)

Planning Commission

Liz Ryan Cole ('20) 785-4124 lizryancole@me.com
 Jason Crance, Chair ('18) 785-4685 jason@crancelaw.com
 Jamie Thaxton, Vice Chair ('18) 785-4222 james.thaxton.01@gmail.com
 Dean Whitlock ('19) 785-2012 boatman@deanwhitlock.com
 Vacant ('18), ('19), and ('20)

Police Department

Michael Evans, Police Chief 785-2200 michael.evans@vermont.gov
 Stuart Rogers, Patrol Officer 785-2200 stuart.rogers@vermont.gov
 Michael Scruggs, Patrol Officer 785-2200 michael.scruggs@vermont.gov
 Judith Powell, Administrative Assistant

Recreation Advisory Council

Sara Ecker, Chair('18) 785-4486
 Mike Wells, V Chair ('18) 785-4731
 Nathan Maxwell, Recreation Director 785-2922
 Andy McGovern ('20)
 Stacy Barton ('19)

Recreation Director

Nathan Maxwell 785-2922 recreation@thetfordvermont.us

Road Commissioner

Douglas Stone ('18) 785-2140 802sugarshack@gmail.com

Senior & Affordable Housing Committee

David Fisk ('19)	333-9607	Lutefisk_us@yahoo.com
Dale Gephart ('20)	333-9748	dale.s.gephart@dartmouth.edu
Scott Hesser ('20)	617-285-0688	scotthesser@me.com
Manny Grewal ('19)	333-3292	manohar.grewal@gmail.com
Mark McMahon, Chair ('20)	603-667-0335	MoMMc5@aol.com
Heinz Trebitz ('20)	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
Sue Rump	785-4029
Inge Trebitz	785-2129

Town Service Officer

Laurie Ingalls ('18)	785-3190	karolasting@aol.com
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Tree Warden

Bill Murphy ('18)	603-252-6315	arborkiller@icloud.com
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Tri Town Commission

James Dixon	785-4223	j.dixon@thetfordvermont.us
Ridge Satterthwaite		ridgev@gmail.com
Doug Stone	785-2140	802sugarshack@gmail.com

Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC

Jim Masland, ('18)	785-4146	jmasland@leg.state.vt.us
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Upper Valley Ambulance

Robin Pettingill ('18)	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
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
Susie Weider	785-4014

TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 9:00 am

Multi-Purpose Room, Thetford Elementary

School Meeting is warned for 9am – 10am

Town Meeting is warned 10am

(Following the close of the School District meeting)

Coffee will be available for the morning session.

Luncheon will be available with proceeds benefiting a teen mission trip.

During our 2018 April vacation 10 local teens will be traveling to Haiti on a mission trip. They will participate in a one week outreach program with the Mission of Hope Haiti. The program is based in Titanyen, Haiti.

These teens will be living and working within a compound that includes an orphanage, primary school, medical center, food distribution center, and an on the job training site for individuals with handicapped conditions. Throughout the week they will be volunteering onsite and traveling to local villages to provide basic hygiene training. They hope to build partnership within the outreach program that will continue long after they have gone home to the Upper Valley. We thank you in advance for your support.



The Clark Bridge, on the west branch of the Ompompanoosuc. This covered bridge, along with Buzzell Bridge and Cook Bridge, were removed as part of the Union Village Dam project.

2018 CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES	
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year	
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year	Samuel Eaton
Grand Juror, 1 year	
Lister, 3 year	Sean M. Boyce
Selectboard, 3 year	Li Shen
Selectboard, 2 year	
Town Moderator, 1 year	Sarah O. Martel
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	Joseph Tofel
School Director, 3 year	Kristen Downey
School Director, 2 year	Charlie Buttrey
School Moderator	Sarah O. Martel



MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

Thetford is a most unique and diverse community. Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common.

Please join all of those who contribute so much to our town on March 3 at one of Vermont's most revered traditions.

Mark McMahon
Town Moderator

VOTER INFORMATION NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

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

March 5 open 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Registered voters may participate and vote March 3 (Town Meeting) and March 6 (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>.

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 5 by 5 pm. Town offices are open from 1:00 pm to 3:00 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 6, 2018).
- 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 27, 2018, 7:00 pm, Thetford Elementary School

Board of Civil Authority Meeting with Tabulator testing - February 22, 2018, 6:30 pm, Town Hall

Pre-Town Meeting – February 26, 2018, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

Town & School Meeting – March 3, 2018, 9:00 am
Thetford Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
(School Meeting - 9:00-10:00 am, Town Meeting - 10:00 am to close)

Voting by Australian Ballot – Tuesday, March 6, 2018

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



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2018 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 Multi-Purpose Room at Thetford Elementary School, in the Town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018, at 10:00 AM, following the close of the 2018 School District Meeting, to transact the following business:

- Article 1: To hear the reports of the Town.
- Article 2: Shall the Town have all taxes paid to the Treasurer's Office on or before Monday, October 15th, 2018 by 8:00 pm?
- Article 3: Shall the Town continue the policy, that 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 4: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1,327,158 (one-million, three-hundred, twenty-seven thousand, one-hundred and fifty-eight dollars) for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?
- Article 5: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$875,382 (eight-hundred, seventy-five thousand, three-hundred and eighty-two dollars) for the budgeted expenditures of the Department of Public Works Fund?
- Article 6: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$147,000 (one hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars) to be added to the Public Works Capital Equipment Fund, for the purpose of executing that Capital Expenditure Plan as shown in the Town Report?
- Article 7: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$28,000 (twenty-eight thousand dollars) to be added to the Police Capital Equipment Fund, for the purpose of executing that Capital Expenditure Plan as shown in the Town Report?

Article 8: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$90,090 (ninety thousand and ninety dollars) to be added to the Fire Capital Equipment Fund, for the purpose of executing that Capital Expenditure Plan as shown in the Town Report?

Article 9: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804, to be called the Treasure Island Capital Fund, to be used for the future care of the Treasure Island property and infrastructure, to be funded through both tax revenues and private donations?

Article 10: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) as an initial deposit into this Treasure Island Capital Fund?

Article 11: Shall the Town amend the title and purpose of the Recreation Fields Fund to a Recreation Capital Fund, for the future upkeep and maintenance of all Town recreation facilities?

Article 12: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804, to be called the Thetford Food Shelf Fund, for the purpose of maintaining the Food Shelf as it officially returns to a Town function, to be funded by donations?

Article 13: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$39,515 (thirty-nine thousand, five hundred and fifteen dollars) to fund the combined total of the Town's Social Service Appropriations, as listed in the Town Report?

Article 14: Shall the Town raise the sum of \$26,224 (twenty-six thousand, two hundred and twenty-four dollars) for the requested change by the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department; for payment of a stipend to the chief and members, this being the first year's cost of a five-year plan?

Article 15: Other non-binding business.


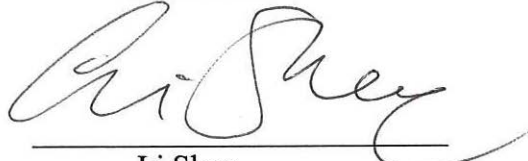

Shall the town encourage the Selectboard to improve energy efficiency through conservation and renewable measures, and send a letter to the legislature urging it to commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont by 2050, ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, and halt any expansion of fossil fuel pipelines?

Should this article pass, a letter shall be sent from the Town of Thetford to our State Representatives and Senator, the Speaker of the Vermont House, the President Pro Tempore of the Vermont Senate, and the Governor, including the count of votes supporting and opposed to the article.


Article 16: To transact any other business.

The following Article shall be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018. 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 Center, Vermont.

Article 17: To elect Town Officers.


James Dixon
Jessica Eaton
Li Shen
Douglas Stone
Stuart Rogers (Chair)

A true copy, attest:


Tracy Borst (Town Clerk)

SELECTBOARD REPORT

This year, the Selectboard deliberated many concerns and issues of our Town and townspeople, along with the ever-increasing job of “managing” the everyday business of the Town. This included town budgets and capital funds, managing town departments, appointing Town bodies, working with volunteers, addressing Town lands and facilities, entering into contracts, agreements and policies and signing for all payments of such. In all of this, we found time to laugh and to learn, and appreciate the opportunity to serve here in Thetford.

As all may recall, the storm of July 1st caused considerable damage across the entire Town, exceeding the level of damage received during Tropical Storm Irene, and making Thetford one of the worst hit towns in the State. Numerous roads in Town were severely damaged, with some locations totally destroyed, thus affecting about 75% of the Town’s roadways in one form or another. Emergency Management coordinated with the Police Dept., Fire Dept., Department of Public Works and the Selectboard to assess these damages and provide assistance to townspeople. In August, this storm was declared a federal disaster, which allowed the Town to receive aid from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Town roads, and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for Rt.132. The total cost of repairs has been estimated to be about \$4,500,000, with some of those locations still needing to be repaired in the coming 2018 season.

Of that amount, all repair work done on Rt.132 within the first 180-days is reimbursed at 100% from FHWA funds, while work done after that period requires the Town to cover 10% of those costs. Repair costs for other Town roads are reimbursable by FEMA, which requires the Town to cover 12.5% of those costs. As these Federal programs work as reimbursements, the Town has secured two project lines of credit, one respective to each FHWA and FEMA funds, to accomplish those repairs and then submit for such reimbursement.

The final cost that will be the responsibility of the Town remains to be seen, which we hope to know by early summer, when most of those filings are complete and have been reviewed. The Town contribution to each fund source does not have to be solely cash, but is allowed “in kind,” meaning work or supplies that the Town provides. With the FEMA funds especially, much of the Town’s percentage may be viewed in this way. When all expenses are tallied, the Selectboard anticipates the need for a Special Town Meeting this summer, to hold a Bond vote to cover those actual cash amounts that may be owed by the Town.

The Elizabeth Mine Solar Array opened in September, to a large and welcoming crowd and is one of the largest such arrays in Vermont. The Elizabeth Mine sits both in Thetford and Strafford, and was a “brownfield” created through an EPA Superfund cleanup of the old copper mine. It has been transformed into a “greenfield” that will generate 5 megawatts of electricity with enough to power about 1,200 Vermont homes annually for decades to come.

After 110 years, the Selectboard and the Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society updated and signed an agreement for the continued care and management of the Thetford Hill Common. To put this in perspective, when the original agreement was authorized, Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt was President of the United States.

Continued discussion to improve Treasure Island resulted in moving the management of Treasure Island back to the authority of the Recreation Director and making this position full-time. By consolidating, we will increase the rehabilitation and repairs of the facility, create a structure that is more organized and efficient and generate new recreational activities. This will, accordingly, increase revenues and reduce taxpayer burden.

As planned, the Thetford Town Hall was closed for a week in August to sand and refinish the hardwood floors. We anticipate further repairs to the exterior of the building, as well as replacing the aged septic system this year.

There was much discussion this year regarding town governance, prompted by the passage by the State of Act 27, which allows the voters of a town approve the appointment of Town Clerks and/or Town Treasurers. Those discussions looked at all aspects of how town government works and what might better meet the needs of Thetford, whether it be the current model of the Selectboard, or moving to a Town Manager or Administrator. These deliberations focused on creating more efficiency in day-to-day operations of the town including managing employees, coordinating with departments and generating grant revenues. This change in town governance would allow many administrative actions to happen in days, versus the current times of weeks or longer, and free the Selectboard to focus more on policy decisions that generate improvements to Town. It is our plan to also address this at a Special Town Meeting this summer.

We would like to conclude by thanking all those who offer their service in support of the Town. The commitment and time spent by individuals who volunteer on commissions, committees and councils, and all of our elected officials, are an invaluable part of working to preserve and improve the Town of Thetford. We would like to thank Mary Ellen Parkman, our Project Manager/Zoning Administrator for her invaluable ongoing help in working through all of the storm damage paperwork for FEMA and FHWA. We would also like to thank Bill Huff for serving his appointment to the Selectboard and facilitating the employee health care deliberations. This year, we welcomed Li Shen to the Selectboard and Officer Michael Scruggs to the Police department. We look forward to serving our Town and community to the very best of our abilities in the coming year and hope that this year brings you peace and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted:

James Dixon, Jessica Eaton, Stuart Rogers (Chair), Li Shen, and Douglas Stone

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

With only the local election in 2017, it was a great year for the project of re-finishing the hardwood floors in town hall. With just one week of office closure, we were able to vacate office spaces, have the floor refinished, clean the spaces and move back in. The floors look fabulous and I thank our staff, for their patience, and Brown's Hardwoods Floormasters, Connecticut River Moving, Lucky Trailer Sales, and Clays Cleaning Services; all a pleasure to work with on this project.

Another project for 2017 was the updated website to help with Vermont's Open Meeting Law compliance. Check out our website, www.thetfordvermont.us, and you will be able to see all committee meeting schedules, agendas and minutes with a few clicks of the mouse. We've doubled the amount of committees in compliance and you'll find the information easy to access. And speaking of Vermont laws, we are seeing a new wave of laws and processes for vital records in 2018 (information on that follows this report), as well as new requirements for notary services. I'll be attending trainings for both in 2018.

As we move into 2018 with three or more election events, know that you can use the Vermont Voter Portal for voter registration as well as absentee ballot request and tracking.

www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration

This link is available on the website too, on the Town Clerk page.

In addition to my local duties, this year I am serving as the 2nd Vice President of the Vermont Municipal Clerk and Treasurers Association, and as Vice President and Curriculum Chair of the New England Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy. I find these roles challenging and educational and thoroughly enjoy working with clerks and treasurers from around New England!

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy Borst
Town Clerk



The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2018.**

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>



DOG LICENSES

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

Present a valid rabies certificate and fees to the Town Clerk.

Male/Female (unaltered) \$13.00

Spayed/Neutered \$9.00

Renewals are due by **APRIL 1, 2018.**

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



RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 17, 2018

10:00 to 11:00 am

Thetford Town Garage

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**

Male/Female (unaltered) \$13.00

Spayed/Neutered \$9.00

Must provide a current rabies vaccine and certificate of spay/neuter, if applicable.



Town of Thetford

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TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The 2017 Thetford Town Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Representatives Tim Briglin and Jim Masland followed by the National anthem by our local Quartet. Moderator, Mark McMahon, made several announcements as to logistics and services available; then he officially started the meeting with the reading of the 2017 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:

The first order of business was to suspend the rules of the meeting for the annual presentation of the Civic Pride Award, honoring John Wilmot, who served the town as a Cemetery Commissioner for over 50 years.

Representatives Tim Briglin and Jim Masland spoke to the assembly with updates from their work in Montpelier. Moderator Mark McMahon thanked Thetford Academy for hosting the town meeting.

Article 1: To hear and act on the reports of the Town.

Article 1 was moved and seconded. There were no questions. 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 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 2 was moved and seconded. There were no questions. 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. There were no questions. Article 3 passed by show of voter cards.

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 4 was moved and seconded. Stuart Rogers, Selectboard Chair, spoke to the article, highlighting the proposed budget summary, on page 52 of the town report, including the changes in Capital Equipment Fund equipment replacement dates, the changes to the town offered health plan and changes to Treasure Island operation costs. The moderator, Mark McMahon, opened to questions from the floor. Jessica Eaton, Selectboard, spoke referencing her posts on the Thetford Listserve in which she

questions the town's need of a third officer and her thinking that the hiring of a third police officer should be delayed one year. Voters spoke for and against the budget, and specifically to the police budget with the addition to the budget of the re-hiring of the third police officer. Concerns were voiced about the Lake Fairlee Dam overruns, Recreation and Treasure Island Budgets. A motion to call the question was made, and seconded. The motion failed. An amendment to the article, to reduce the budget by \$50,000 was made and seconded. A motion to call the question was made, seconded and passed. The vote of the amendment, to reduce the budget by \$50,000, failed. There was more discussion. A new amendment, to reduce the budget by \$60,000 was moved and seconded. A motion to call the question was seconded. Motion passed to cease debate. The amendment, to reduce the town budget to \$1,170,103 failed. More discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded to call the question. Motion passed. Article 4, as originally warned, passed.

At 11:30, the meeting was recessed for a lunch break. At 12:30 the assembly recognized John Wilmot, recipient of the 2017 Civic Pride Award with a standing ovation. The rules were then suspended for an update from State Senator, Mark MacDonald.

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 5 was moved and seconded: Bill Huff, Selectboard, spoke to the article. An increase of 11.8 percent (\$95,000) and the new line item, Contingency, makes up for one third of the increase; it is not to be spent unless there is an emergency situation. Other budget increases include liability unemployment and workers compensation insurances increase of \$12,000, structures funds to match grant funds, a \$5000 equipment line item for a hydro-seeder, and the sidewalk maintenance (new sidewalk on Thetford Hill) will require clearing and sand. After some discussion and comments Article 5 passed by show of voter cards.

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 6 was moved and seconded. Bill Huff spoke to the article and pointed out the changes to the Capital Equipment Funds, and the necessity of replacing trucks sooner than previously planned. With no questions, vote on Article 6 passed by show of voter cards.

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 7 was moved and seconded. Stuart Rogers, Selectboard Chair, explained this is a five year article that exempts the fire department of taxes of those properties owned by the fire department. There were no questions. Article 7 passed by show of voter cards.

Mark McMahon, moderator, explains he is stepping down as Moderator as he is speaking to Article 8: there were no objections. Stuart Rogers, Selectboard Chair, stepped in as Moderator.

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 8 was moved and seconded. Mark McMahon, Chair of the Senior and Affordable Housing Committee, offered to withdraw the article. Stuart Rogers noted the maker has withdrawn the article and asked for the crowd to speak to this article now, or hold for other business. After information from Mark McMahon, and some public comment, Stuart Rogers transferred the moderating back to Mark McMahon.

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 9 was moved and seconded. There were no questions or comments. Article 9 passed by show of voter cards.

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 10 was moved and seconded. Pril Hall, with Cindy Grigel, Community Nurse, explained this project came from an idea of the town's Thetford Elder Network, which defined a gap in the needs of the senior citizens in our town. They raised money, received local and regional grants, and hired Cindy a little over a year ago. Services, including consultation, caregiving, education about medication, communicating with primary care, find a primary care doctor, figuring out what the doctor said and more, are provided at no cost to people who receive them from the community nurse. After several positive comments, a motion to call the question was moved and seconded; the motion failed. Moved and seconded was an amendment to change the sum from \$3500 to \$8000. A motion to call the question was seconded and passed by show of voter cards. The vote on the amendment of \$8000 carried. Article 10, as amended to \$8000 passed by show of voter card

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.

Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy Borst, Town Clerk

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS MARCH 7, 2017

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits	
Write In	26
Blank	669

Cemetery Commissioner	
Richard Landry	562
Write In	4

Collector of Delinquent Taxes	
Mary Dan Pomeroy	581
Write In	3

Grand Juror	
Write In	21

Lister	
Diane C. Osgood	578
Write In	3

Selectboard, 3 year	
John Bacon	294
Douglas Stone	316
Write In	19

Selectboard, 2 year	
James Dixon	506
Write In	39

Selectboard, 1 year	
Bill Huff	275
Write In - Li Shen	386
Write In	4

Town Moderator	
Mark McMahon	640
Write In	2

Town Treasurer	
Jill Graff	610
Write In	7

Trustee of Trust Funds	
Elmer Brown	625

School Director, 3 year	
Julie Acker	569
Write In	2

School Director, 2 year	
Scott MacPhee	542
Write In	4

School Moderator	
Mark McMahon	629
Write In	2

School Budget	
Yes	445
No	229

School Capital Improvements	
Yes	409
No	258

STATE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Report from the Legislature - Representatives Jim Masland and Tim Briglin

The two committees on which we serve – Tim on the Health Care Committee, Jim on the Ways & Means Committee – are in the eye of the storm as it relates to recent changes in federal law. Congress and President Trump's 2017 overhaul of the U.S. tax code and attempts to dismantle the Affordable Care Act will have significant policy implications for the state of Vermont. With approximately one-third of Vermont's state budget derived from federal funding, decisions currently being made in Congress will likely present considerable challenges to our state budget and a variety of state programs.

Tim's work on the Health Care Committee is focused on shoring up Vermont's over-burdened and under-resourced system for mental health care and addiction treatment. In a very tight budget year, the legislature has increased funding for mental health providers and opiate addiction therapy. Policy changes made in Congress have the potential to destabilize Vermont's health insurance marketplace, significantly increasing costs to consumers. It appears that instead of making improvements to the Affordable Care Act, Washington policy makers are intent on weakening the law in hopes that it will collapse. Into these headwinds, the Health Care Committee has prioritized keeping financial supports in place to help low- and middle-income Vermonters get access to health insurance.

Jim's work on the Ways & Means Committee is responsible for the revenues – taxes and fees – that come into the state treasury. While the new federal tax law will reduce taxes due to the IRS for some Vermonters, it may increase the taxes Vermonters pay to the Vermont Tax Department. Much of Vermont's tax code is linked to the federal tax code. Lower taxes paid to Washington translate to increased income in Vermont which can result in increased taxes due to Montpelier. While it's anything but simple, the legislature is exploring making changes to Vermont tax law to cushion the federal changes. The Ways & Means Committee is also exploring changing how we fund education in Vermont. Act 60 has been around for two decades and is showing its age. Among the proposals under review, some would key on reducing school spending, some would increase the link between local school budgets and what you pay in taxes, and other proposals would make education taxes income-based.

In addition to these issues in our committees, we expect the legislature and the governor to direct considerable attention to improving Vermont's workforce training system, reforming how we fund and deliver special education services, and continuing the debate on funding clean water requirements.

As always, we are honored to represent you in Montpelier and welcome hearing from you via email, telephone, snail mail, or in person. But not via tweet. At least not yet. Our contact information is below and we encourage you to subscribe to the Jim and Tim Report (www.jimandtimreport.com), a blog where we occasionally post information and commentary on our work in Montpelier.

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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 Selectboard. 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:	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Subdivision Plats Approved	3	3	7	1	2
Number of Lots Created	6	6	6	0	6
Annexations	4	2	2	1	4
Boundary Adjustments	0	0	2	0	0
Residences	5	8	11	5	3
Additions	10	12	12	8	9
Decks & Porches	18	8	11	11	13
Accessory Buildings	32	22	32	25	15
Businesses/Conditional Use	7	13	12	12	8
Telecommunication Facility	0	0	0	0	0
Home Occupation/Office	0	0	1	0	0
Driveways	3	2	6	4	0
Agricultural	2	0	2	2	2
Total Permits Processed *	69	62	85	69	62

*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.

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PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

In 2017, 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 its review of the comments received at its public hearing and decided that a second hearing wasn't required. The changes were sent to the copy editor for final formatting, and the draft Town Plan was submitted to the Selectboard early in June.

The commissioners continued their review of the Subdivision Regulations, meeting with the Development Review Board for a final review. The final comments are currently being addressed. When they are finished, the regulations will be submitted to the Selectboard for their review and final approval. Updating the Zoning Bylaw will be the Commission's next major task.

Kevin O'Hara, the chair of the Commission for the past five years and a member for several years before that, left the commission in September. Kevin made tremendous contributions to the current Zoning Bylaw and, in particular, the draft Town Plan, and the Town owes him a great deal of thanks for his long service.

The Commission continues to work shorthanded, now with only four members in what is supposed to be a seven-member commission. Many meetings have had to be cancelled due to a lack of quorum, and the necessary and important work is falling behind. Please consider joining the Commission as a new member or by volunteering to work on a specific project.

Planning requires a lot of time, but it is a fascinating facet of town governance and very important in shaping the future development of Thetford. The Town Plan is the guide for all of the Town by-laws and ordinances that affect development, business, and growth within the town borders. It affects every aspect of life in Thetford. If you are interested please contact a member of the Selectboard or Jason Crance, chair of the Planning Commission (Jason@crancelaw.com).

All meetings are open to the public and are held at 7:15 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

2018 will definitely be a year of transition for the Listers Office! Long time Lister, Denise Adams will be retiring this year. Denise began in January of 1999 and after 19 years of service; her last day will be on March 6th. Denise has steered the Listers Office through times of great change; and has overseen many defining moments and major developments that have helped bring the Listers Office to the standards of which it is today. To say that she shall be missed is certainly an understatement – and we all extend our very best wishes in her retirement!

■ **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:** We are pleased to report that the results from the 2017 State Equalization Study for Thetford are a Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) of 95.23%, and our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 12.4%. 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. 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. Many people file their Homestead Declaration at the same time they file their Vermont Income Tax return. **However, if you apply for an extension 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. For additional information and requirements, please go to: 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 listers@thetfordvermont.us or visit our website at: <http://thetfordvermont.us/departments/listers-office>

Respectfully submitted:

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

2017 was a very busy year for the DPW with a lot of challenging storms. The weather seems to be more and more unpredictable. As many know the town received a major storm on July 1st that caused widespread damage. On August 17th, the event was declared a national disaster making the Town eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance program making the Town eligible to receive 75 percent federal reimbursement with an additional state match.

There was roadway damage recorded at 72 locations on Class 2 and Class 3 roads throughout town with additional damage on Route 132. Route 132 is classified as a "Federal-Aid Highway" making repair costs ineligible for the FEMA funds but eligible for the Federal Highway Administration reimbursement program. This program provided 100% reimbursement for all work completed before December 26, 2017 and approximately 81% for work completed after this date. Total repair costs are estimated to be approximately 2 million dollars for work completed under the FEMA program and almost 3 million under the FHWA program.

The good news is with this much repair work on our roads we are in good shape for future storms. We accomplished many drainage ditch upgrades, culvert replacements and other repair work that brought our roads up to our town standards.

2018 brings many new challenges for our Department of Public Works. The State of Vermont had implemented a new Municipal Roads General Permit that goes into effect in 2018. With this permit is an inventory and capital plan requirement for drainage improvements to hydraulically connected roadway segments. The focus is on making roadway improvements to roads that outlet into waterbodies. There are requirements for the shape of the road, size and type of drainage ditches, and for culverts. The first deadline is 2020, where the town will need to submit an inventory and then a 5 year improvements plan. You may notice that ditches are going to get a little wider and where steep they are going to be lined with stone.

In 2017, we purchased and received two new trucks and a mower and expect to replace Truck #5 and the Ford F550 in 2018. These equipment replacements were way overdue based on past equipment schedules. The replacement schedules have been updated and we now have a more realistic replacement plan moving forward.

2017 was a tough year for the road crew, the fire dept. and the town staff, but we worked through it. I would like to thank my crew; Rocky Clark, Dennis Streeter, Nate Guyer, and Craig Kinney for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank the fire department, police department, and the local contractors who stepped up to help assist not only during the weather disaster but also so many other times.

I would like to thank the residents of Thetford for their patience through what has seemed like endless construction, road closures and delays. We realize that we could have done a better job communicating the details of the road repairs but honestly, the sheer volume of work coupled with many scheduling factors overwhelmed us in 2017 and moving forward, we hope to have better lines of communication, so thank you.

Respectfully submitted:

Chad Martin
DPW Foreman

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

During the 2017 year, Thetford was presented with many challenges, especially with weather, that thankfully did not greatly add to animal issues. The early July rainstorm and the late October windstorm amazingly did not cause an increase in lost, injured or wandering animals. The typical seasonal incidents of dogs, horses, cows, pigs, etc. rarely changes, and can at times be very amusing.

The ongoing and increased use of social media continues to help reunite many dogs, cats, horses, cows and all animals with their owners quicker. Thank you to all of those who have helped in doing so.

This past spring presented far fewer bear problems in Town, however during the summer we did see an increase in rabies incidents. That is the most important reason to keep your pets updated with their vaccinations, for their safety and yours.

An increase in events that we have seen over the last few years is in dogs being loose and wandering when owners are away and have someone watching the dog. Please keep that in mind whenever planning on being away, as it can otherwise take days to get them back to where they belong.

Again, all dogs, wolf-hybrids and ferrets in Town are due to be licensed by April 1, 2018, with a certificate of updated shots, as required by State law. Please do so this year to avoid late fees or further penalties.

As always, if any have questions or concerns, please call or e-mail.

Respectfully submitted:

Stuart P. Rogers
Thetford Animal Control Officer
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HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

1	Burial Plot Approved
2	Tenant/Landlord Dispute
1	Rabid Raccoon Investigation

Respectfully submitted:

Alford Stone
Health Officer

CEMETERY REPORT

It has been another busy year updating our long term plan to preserve and protect of our Town cemeteries.

We continue to identify potential risks, most commonly large aging trees that extend over the headstones and fences leading to significant damage. Funding sources to defray these additional costs are scarce so we continue to look for available grants and charitable foundations to help with these expenses.

In 2015, the Town accepted the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery as a Town owned property, adding to our regular mowing and maintenance schedule. This cemetery still has plots available unlike most of the others which are closed.

We are currently finalizing details and will present a proposal to the Selectboard in the late fall 2018 to accept the Evergreen Cemetery as town owned adding to list of Town Cemeteries.

We would like to thank the Thetford community and all the volunteers who work so hard and give so generously to the care of these historic treasures.

Respectfully submitted:

Sam Eaton, Chair
Richard Landry
Mark McMahan



Covered Bridge to the Cook farm off Buzzell Bridge Road, early 1940s. The farm and the bridge were razed as part of the Union Village Dam project.

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

At the 2017 Town Meeting, there was vigorous debate about hiring a third police officer to restore the police department to its former staffing level, and I appreciate both the support and the concerns expressed by people on both sides of the issue. We can only truly understand other points of view when we listen to, and hear, others speak to an issue. In the end, the voters of the Town approved restoring a third officer for the second half of 2017. We were able to attract Officer Michael Scruggs to Thetford PD from the Norwich Police Department and Mike started with us in a full time capacity in mid-July. Mike has worked part-time in Thetford for many years, and over the course of the past 20 plus years has been a police officer in Norwich, Hartford, Northfield and Berlin, VT. Mike grew up in town, attended Thetford schools, and is a graduate of Norwich University. He lives in Town with his wife and family, and serves on the Fire Department and FAST Squad. I am thrilled to have him on board – he is an asset to our team.



Michael Scruggs

Throughout the year, I hear many compliments about how we use our time to be a presence in our schools or spend time with other community groups, monitor a traffic condition in a certain area of town, or, in other words, perform basic *community policing* functions. This is what small town police departments do, and have generally always done, despite national leaders pushing the concept down to us as if it's something new. But it comes at a cost; we have to staff our police department in order to allow time for this. If an officer goes from one call to another, using time in between to write reports, conduct follow-ups and return phone calls, they really don't have a lot of free time to go into a school, or attend a TEN luncheon, or just stand at the counter of a local store and answer questions or hear concerns over a cup of coffee. Proper staffing allows us to include community policing into the services we offer. It is important, and I am thankful that our community puts a value on this so we have time to connect with the various population groups of our community.

Officer Stuart Rogers finalized his EMT certification through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians in 2017, and, with the addition of Officer Scruggs as a full time employee, all three members (100%) of the Police Department are trained to the EMT Basic level. We are pleased to be able to augment the FAST squad as EMT members whenever we are able to do so and recognize this as a vital role in our community's emergency response capacity, which relies on dedicated volunteers.



It has been a long second half of 2017 with various road projects since the July 1st storm, and it has been frustrating for motorists – especially along Route 132 – with all the construction and seemingly daily changes. With all that, there were only a couple of traffic incidents related to the damage and rebuilding work and we appreciate everyone's understanding with what could be a slow commute at times. With these traffic issues following the 2016 rebuild of Route 113, here's hoping that 2018 will have only minimal work impacting everyone's drive through town, but nonetheless, we ask for your patience and vigilance as you travel through work zones and emergency scenes so that both highway workers and emergency services personnel can work safely.



Robinson Hill Road, July 1, 2017

Lastly, we want to connect with you if you have an issue or concern to discuss, but I frequently hear from folks who came by Town Hall on several occasions to try to locate an officer. With our department size, that is a very inefficient way to find us, so I encourage you to call. If we are in the office we can usually pick up, otherwise your call will be forwarded to the State Police Dispatcher for our area. Please try to give them as much information so they can determine if your situation needs an immediate response.

It is our pleasure to partner with you to make Thetford a safe, vibrant community. Please let us know if you have ideas or concerns about how we might do so more effectively, and as always, look out for your neighbor and be kind to one another.

Michael Evans
Chief of Police



Lyme-North Thetford Bridge, over the Connecticut River. Built ca. 1900, the bridge was damaged by flooding. Only the eastern span was repaired and the western half, weakened, forced closure to vehicles in 1959. With no funds for repairs, the western span collapsed into the river in 1972. Both towns bore the cost, prorated by feet of ownership, of removing the bridge from the river.

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Nature of Incident	2017 Total	2016 Total	% Change 2016-2017
911 Hang up	11	12	-8%
Abandoned Vehicle	0	2	-100%
Agency Assist	76	70	9%
Alarm	16	12	33%
Animal Problem	14	14	0%
Assault	3	4	-25%
ATV Incident	1	1	0%
Bad Check	0	1	-100%
Burglary	4	4	0%
Citizen Assist/Citizen Dispute	39	63	-38%
Death Investigation	2	2	0%
Directed Patrol/Foot Patrol	72	55	31%
Drugs (Incl. Consent Search)	3	10	-70%
EMS/Ambulance Assist	50	30	67%
Family Fight/Custody Dispute	13	6	117%
Fingerprints	20	14	43%
Fire Department Assist	9	10	-10%
Fireworks	1	2	-50%
Fraud	4	5	-20%
Intoxication/Alcohol Violation	0	4	-100%
Juvenile Problem	6	6	0%
Littering	0	1	-100%
Lost/Found Property	12	8	50%
Missing Person	0	3	-100%

Nature of Incident	2017 Total	2016 Total	% Change 2016-2017
MV Complaint/Disturbance	39	18	117%
Noise Complaint	3	4	-25%
Paperwork/Subpoena Service	2	2	0%
Parking Problem	3	6	-50%
Phone Problem	4	2	100%
Public Speaking	4	5	-20%
Sex Offender Registry	0	3	-100%
Sex Offense	1	1	0%
Suspicious Person/Veh/Circ	54	27	100%
Theft/Larceny	13	12	8%
Threatening	8	1	700%
Traffic Crash	29	21	38%
Traffic Hazard	15	11	36%
Traffic Offense	8	4	100%
Trespassing	5	5	0%
Vandalism/Unlawful Mischief	5	7	-29%
Vehicle/Residential Lockout	6	9	-33%
VIN Check	69	68	1%
Wanted Person/Warrant	1	0	100%
Welfare Check	18	7	157%
TOTALS	643	591	9%
Traffic Stops	429	266	61%
VCVCs Issued	141	91	55%
Arrests	16	9	78%
Property Check	279	39	615%

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Evans
Chief of Police



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January 17, 2018

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 221.

Enclosed is a list of offenses that the Vermont State Police handled to in your town from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Amadon", is written over a horizontal line.

Lieutenant Matthew Amadon

**VERMONT STATE POLICE STATISTICS
TOWN OF THETFORD**

Agency Assistance	42
Alarm	9
Animal Problem	2
Assault	1
Burglary	2
Burglary Alarm	2
Citizen Assist	10
Citizen Dispute	3
Custodial Dispute	2
Directed Patrol	4
Driving - License Suspended	3
Drive/Operate Under Influence	3
E911 Hang up	8
Family Fight/Domestic	2
Found Property	1

Fraud	1
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	1
Littering/Pollution/Public Health	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	42
Property Damage, Non-vandalism	2
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	10
Theft	1
Theft - Motorcycle	1
Threatening	3
Traffic Hazard	13
Traffic Violation	1
Unlawful Mischief	2
Wanted Person	2
Welfare/Suicide Check	6

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THETFORD 221



Winter panorama shows the winding Ompompanoosuc and former covered bridge over Route 244, Post Mills, n.d.

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Thetford Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) provides fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the town of Thetford. The organization has matured into a strong community resource.

In 2017, TVFD responded to a total of 442 emergencies. This is an increase of 82 incidents over last year's emergencies.

Structure Fires	12
Car Fires	5
Wildland Fires	4
EMS (Medical)	164
Extrication/Technical Rescue	10
Hazardous Conditions (powerlines, Hazmat)	22
Service Calls	14
Cancelled in route	17
Alarm Activation and Investigation	26
Flood/Storm Response	126
Miscellaneous	13

Combining the many hours of training and maintenance of equipment and facilities, with the response to these emergencies each year, our volunteers donate hundreds of thousands of dollars of labor annually. This consists of hundreds of hours of training, response and other activities. Along with the continued increase in call volume, the time constraints have also increased. Required regulatory reporting has increased, there are additional regulatory training requirements each year as well as National Fire Protection Agency standards to be met. The chief position currently averages 32 hours per week. Fire officer and firefighter/ EMT positions average 16 and 12 hours per week respectively.

Responding to emergencies often means leaving our families, our fulltime work and other activities and events to help our community. We provide this service willingly to keep our community safe. This service is provided 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

As with many volunteer organizations, we continue to have a need for additional personnel. We recognize the time commitment is extensive, 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 fire department by contacting us, and consider joining us in serving our community!

Respectfully submitted:

Chad A. Whitcomb
Fire Chief

THETFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2017 offered Emergency Management the opportunity and challenge of managing a large summer storm that created 99 separate emergency incidents during an 8-hour period. The July 1, 2017 storm created significant damage to our local roads and presented challenges in emergency access to approximately 50% of the residences in town. During this storm, working with the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department, Thetford Police Department and the Department of Public works, all incidents received a timely response and evaluation. The emergency operations center (EOC) was open for 8 full days staffed by volunteers and members of the fire department working with our local agencies as well as Green Mountain Power, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Vermont Emergency Management and the American Red Cross to restore services and access to residences as well as maintain our community's safety.

When the EOC closed on the eighth day, the Emergency Management Director continued regular communication with the State Emergency Operations Center as well as our local emergency services continued for another 21 days. After this point, communication continued on a weekly basis until the disaster declaration was received by the Governor and President and work moved into the recovery phase.

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, issues with access etc., please do let us know so that we can assist you during emergencies. More information on this program is posted on our webpage and will be available at Town Meeting.

This storm was the biggest weather challenge presented to our area since Hurricane Irene. In fact, it was determined that this storm caused more damage than Irene and in a shorter amount of time here in Thetford. While many of the roads are repaired and culverts replaced, there are still a few areas of town in which repair work continues. Following this storm, Vermont Emergency Management facilitated a debriefing with members of the response agencies in Thetford as well as local partners. We determined that while the response was excellent in this case, there is always room for improvement and several of these initiatives (such as standardizing communication and paperwork) have already been put into place. While this storm created the largest impact, we also managed the response and resources for a number of smaller storms throughout 2017.

In September, the Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief attended the annual State Emergency management conference. Several of the training sessions offered opportunity for networking as well as resources to benefit our Thetford Community in large emergencies. Additionally, the Emergency Management Director was awarded the Emergency Management Director of the Year award by the State of Vermont Emergency Management Office.

For more information and regular updates from Emergency Management please see our website at: <http://thetfordemergencymanagement.weebly.com/>

Respectfully submitted:

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

FIRE WARDEN REPORT

The Spring of 2017 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.

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.

Burn permits are not required when there is complete snow cover, however I do ask that you call the numbers listed below to notify us of your burning during this time. This helps cut down the cost of fire department resources be sent on needless calls.

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 started taking compostable materials as of August 2017. Green compost bins are available on site for collection. Meat scraps are accepted as well as all organics. No plastic bags or stickers. We received a grant from High Meadows Foundation to help set up our compost efforts.
2. 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.
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. Coffee foil bags, foil yogurt tops, juice boxes, straws, and all foil-lined pull top soup/broth containers are not recyclable.
6. NO styrofoam, even if it has a triangle on it.
7. Most Appliances can be recycled, ask for specific details. Anything with coolant can't be placed in our scrap bin. All propane canisters should go to Hartford for disposal.
8. REDEEMABLES - \$\$!! Check your liquor bottles for a 15 cent return.
9. All non-redeemable cans can be crushed before putting in the bin. Two can crushers are available to use at recycling.
10. Please do not leave items around the shed without checking in with the staff. Clothing, stuffed items, electronics - any items that can't take the weather - CAN'T be left at the “store”.
11. **More Waste Solutions** - take cash or punch cards. They also take BIG Items.
12. **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.
13. **PERMITS** - available year-round at the Town Hall. \$18 per calendar year.
14. **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! **The recycling permit fee will increase to \$25 as of April 1, 2018.** The fee is per household. Permits can be purchased at the Town Offices or at the Recycling Center. The increase in permit fee is directly related to the costs associated with recycling including an increase in services such as plastic bag collection, compost collection, light bulb and battery drop off and disposal. Thank you for making our Saturday's fast-paced & fun!!

Sally Bugg, Recycling Coordinator

SENIOR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE (SAHC)

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 seven 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.

Plans developed late 2016 to purchase the Osgood site in East Thetford did not materialize because of local resistance and high upfront development costs.

Continuing its search in 2017, SAHC re-visited the railroad site and adjacent apartment building in East Thetford but dropped further activities, again, because of site limitations and cost. Unfortunately, government funds in Vermont for developing senior and affordable housing have all but dried up. Without such financial support, developers like Twin Pines Housing Trust (TPHT) are limiting their activities to larger scale projects not feasible in the town of Thetford.

Presently, SAHC is not aware of any site in East Thetford with promising development potential. Without continued input and support from community members, the Selectboard, local business and developers, as well as people in Vermont's government, finding and developing a site for senior and affordable housing is very difficult. Hoping for renewed interest and commitment, SAHC will be inviting a broad range of people for a Community Forum on senior and affordable housing on February 15, 2018.

Members of the Thetford Senior and Affordable Housing Committee met on a monthly schedule. Committee members are: David Fisk, Dale Gephart, Manohar Grewal, Scott Hesser, Mark McMahon (Chair), and Heinz Trebitz. Unfortunately, Betty Campbell, SAHC member from the very beginning, had to resign for personal reasons. We are thankful for Betty's interest and services over the past seven years.

Respectfully submitted:

Heinz Trebitz

TEN: THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

TEN is a town-appointed committee of volunteers who serve and advocate for Thetford's older citizens. We offer gatherings for friendship, lunch, walking, coffee, always sharing information about the joys and the woes of aging.

- In 2017, our monthly senior luncheon at the North Thetford Church served local and organic food cooked by our local chef. We welcomed an average of 60 people each month. We gather for friendship, conversation and a delicious meal on the fourth Thursday of each month.
- Friday Walkers continue to walk in good and inclement weather, adjusting distances and routes to individual needs. New walkers are always welcome. For information leave a message with Susan at 785-4029.
- TEN assists with rides for seniors and offers help with Advance Care Planning and Directives.
- TEN supports the work of Cindy Grigel, our Community Nurse, the Coffee Klatch at TCC, and Ursula Austin's Tai Chi classes also at TCC. We collaborate with Lyme in our work with seniors. We attend meetings with Aging in Community, the Caregiver Boot Camp at Kendal, and offerings through the Aging Resource Center and the Upper Valley Faith Project.
- This year we reconsolidated our finances with the town treasurer.
- We have created a Senior Resource Shelf at Latham Library.

Our meetings are fun and vibrant. Our TEN Committee enjoys the opportunity to serve, we have an energetic team who wants your ideas and feedback. Do let us know what you think about our role in Thetford. We appreciate your ongoing support and welcome any volunteers. Find us on the town website – www.thetfordvermont.us Click on Boards and Committees.

Thanks to our Thetford community for your encouragement.

Respectfully submitted:

Jody Biddle

THETFORD EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

2017 was another year of growth at the food shelf in clients and donations and gifts. We have received or ordered well over \$14,000.00 worth of food and non-edibles. The Thetford Food Shelf was the very fortunate recipient of generous grants from The Nara Fund and The Mascoma Bank Foundation. Willing Hands have filled our bins with fruits, vegetables, eggs, and bread almost every week, an invaluable service. Thetford Community Garden donated some of the best veggies ever! Thetford Academy, Thetford Elementary School and Crossroads Academy collected hundreds of pounds of nonperishables and donated a substantial amount of money to aid in feeding those in need. Our local churches continue to keep a supply of cleaning products and personal items on the shelves. What can I say about our awesome neighbors that ALWAYS come through when we need something? You are the best!

We just installed a new, larger, more efficient upright freezer made possible by The Nara Fund grant. It is 20 cubic feet, frost free, and energy star rated. As we have grown we were finding it harder and harder to deal with the smaller freezer that required defrosting 4 times a year.

For the first time in almost three years our shelves have experienced being literally overflowing. It looks wonderful! None of this can happen without the generosity of you!

We hear over and over that The Thetford Food Shelf is one of the best in the area.

As we move forward I will be leaving my post and retiring. I will miss the clientele, the laughter, and the many connections I have made. I could have not done this without 3 of the best volunteers out there. Brenda Magoon, Kippy Ann Perkins, and Alan Hitchener have not hesitated to do any job that needed to be done. They have helped make our food shelf a welcoming place to come and are ready with hugs and support whenever it is needed. We have become a family. Thank you, Brenda, Kippy, and Alan!

We are in high hopes that this organization can move back to a Town sponsored function. I will be asking to establish a special fund at Town Meeting for the monies donated to the Thetford Food Shelf. I ask for your support in this change.

Try to take a minute to come visit the food shelf. It's in the basement of Town Hall. We are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to noon. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the top of the basement stairs during regular Town Hall business hours.

Always remember, it's most often the small things that make the biggest difference. A hug and a smile can brighten a hurting soul. And, never forget to dance.

Laurie A. Ingalls
and
Brenda, Kippy, and Alan

TRI-TOWN COMMISSION

The Tri-Town Commission has the responsibility of operation, and maintenance of the Lake Fairlee Dam under the Interlocal agreement between the towns of Fairlee, Thetford and West Fairlee. Responsibilities include preparing a budget, managing business affairs, maintaining compliance with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations, and ensuring that the Dam is safe and secure.

The Tri-Town Commission reports that the Dam is working properly. When a rainy summer increased lake water levels, the water went over the top of the dam as designed until the levels returned to normal. In August, design engineers from Dubois and King conducted a site visit to inspect the Dam. Dubois and King reported that the “concrete Dam is functioning as designed and constructed”. In addition, the Lake Fairlee Dam Rehabilitation project won the Grand Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). The project was selected because of its challenges and uniqueness. The ACEC thought the Dam served as a great example of the local community coming together to solve a local infrastructure problem and then working within the state regulatory structure to bring it to reality.

Going forward, the Tri-Town Commission will continue to manage, maintain and ensure the safety of the Dam. The budget for 2018 will include installation of electricity and lamp fixtures across the Dam to replace the original fixtures.

Respectfully Submitted:

James Dixon
Tri-Town Commission



THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Thetford Energy Committee 2017 Annual Report

The Thetford Energy Committee (TEC) appreciates the cooperation and involvement of our town residents. We would like to dedicate this year's TEC report to Ellen Blumberg, a long-time member of the TEC who passed away in 2017. Ellen kept our books straight and kept us on our toes for many years. We are thankful for her dedicated service to the TEC and the Town. The accomplishments listed below are shared steps to meet the current and future energy needs of our families and buildings.

2017 Accomplishments:

Community Solar Efforts – The TEC continued supporting development of two community solar arrays: one on the closed Post Mills landfill and the other, the Thetford Strafford Community Solar (TSCS), on land adjacent to the landfill. New rules imposed by the Vermont Public Utilities Commission slowed progress on the TSCS project and made its development more expensive, but the project application is complete with hopes that the project will be developed in 2018. The Green Mountain Community Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) is working to develop the landfill project on behalf of the Town since they are able to develop the site without taking on the liability associated with it. GMEDC is in discussions with Green Mountain Power about the optimal size of the project and hopes to move forward with technical studies of the site this year.

Enhanced Town Energy Plan – Thetford applied to Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) and was selected as one of four towns to work with them on developing enhanced energy plans, which will help the Town establish and determine how best to meet our energy and climate change goals. Completing the enhanced energy plan will give the Town "substantial deference" in the Certificate of Public Good process with the Public Utilities Commission. The TEC is taking the lead and is working cooperatively with the Town Planning and Conservation Commissions and Selectboard on developing the enhanced energy plan. TRORC support for working with the Town will extend through July 2018 and we expect the plan to be completed in 2018.

Weatherize Upper Valley – Thetford participated in this program organized by Vital Communities to promote home weatherization. Twelve Thetford homeowners participated in the program, making energy efficiency improvements, including some who installed cold climate heat pumps.

Community Outreach and Education – TEC continued to educate town residents on energy saving and renewable energy opportunities through a tour of the new 4.99 MW Elizabeth Mine Solar Project; a workshop on Modern Wood Heat and Heat Pumps attended by 40 interested homeowners; tabling and distributing information about home weatherization in connection with Button Up Vermont Day; a public meeting with our state legislators on energy-related legislation; postings to the town listserv and our regular monthly notices in the Thetford town newsletter.

2018 Sustainability Programs – TEC was awarded a \$2,200 grant from New England Grassroots Environment Fund to produce "Thetford 2050: The Good Life in a Post Fossil Fuel Era", a series of programs, discussions, movies and workshops that will help launch our community into a sustainable future that will save money, decrease our dependence on fossil fuel and build our local economy. Issues covered will include net-zero housing, energy efficient heating and cooling technologies, renewable energy and cultivating local food supplies. For dates, locations and details of events, watch for notices on the town list serve, bulletin boards and newsletter, or contact Mary Bryant at 802-785-4512 or mb.gravityhill@gmail.com.

THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The Thetford Conservation Commission (TCC) wishes to thank the Town residents for their interest, enthusiasm and support throughout 2017.

The TCC Educational Outreach sponsored programs including:

- Several classes of students at both Thetford Elementary and Thetford Academy learned about the “Big Night” migrations of spring amphibians in April and May.
- Tom Tynning, naturalist author and professor at Berkshire Community College, gave a public presentation about “The Secret Lives of Spring Amphibians” at Thetford Academy in May.
- The second year of the Garlic Mustard project received impressive support from the Thetford community. Sixty volunteers helped pull garlic mustard from the edges of Thetford's roads, giving 183 volunteer hours to the cause.
- The Commission and the Thetford Historical Society co-sponsored the “Reading the Forested Landscape” presentation by Tom Wessels in September.
- Sam Jaffe’s Caterpillar Lab drew more than 100 people from the Thetford and West Fairlee communities for an afternoon of hands-on learning about caterpillars and all they do in our environment.

Special thanks to our educational outreach partners on the West Fairlee Conservation Commission, to Elise Tillinghast for introducing us to the Caterpillar lab and for her support of that event and to all of the dedicated volunteers who pulled garlic mustard for more hours than they may care to remember.



Libby Chapin and Tom Tynning



TA students pulling garlic mustard



Kids of all ages – Caterpillar Lab

In an effort to reduce thatch and promote grassland bird habitat, one of the fields on Post Mills Nature Area was burned by the Thetford Fire Department in early spring. Thank you to Chief Chad Whitcomb and all of the firefighters for their thoughtful preparation and hard work.

The Town of Thetford supported the successful conservation of New Hope Farm through the Upper Valley Land Trust. Conservation of this Thetford farm protects prime agricultural soils along the Connecticut River, a scarce natural resource, for productive farming in perpetuity.

Dr. George Clark led the 6th annual birding walk on the Taylor Floodplain Forest and Cross Road Farm in May. We are grateful to Connie Snyder for continuing to organize this walk and to Janet and Tim Taylor for hosting the event.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Fritz and Ann Lavanway, Co-chairs



Creamery Bridge (Route 5) over Gun Brook, North Thetford., n.d.

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.

2017 was a relatively slow year for this committee.

In February, we recommended approval of applications for signage from both the Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society and The First Congregational Church in Thetford.

In July, we recommended approval of a fence addition application from Robin and Sean Junker-Boyce, with a more appropriate fence top design to be in keeping with the historic character of the Historic District.

In October, we received one other application regarding a change in roofing material to standing seam, which, matching the street view material already on the home, was deemed to not require our formal recommendation.

In October, Stephen and I attended, along with many others, a Vermont Open Meeting Law Training session led by attorney Jim Barlow in the Town Hall.

Our committee has continued to operate with less than a full complement of members, with both Roney Hoffman and John Hall stepping down after many years of service, which leaves only Stephen Branchflower and myself out of the five members that should comprise this body.

Respectfully submitted:

Doug Miller
Secretary for Thetford Hill Historic Preservation Committee

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We have had a very productive year in 2017. Our youth and adult programs had 482 registrants and brought in \$21,952.00 in revenue. There are 440 local participants and 41 non-resident participants who have registered for our 45 recreation activities. This was an increase of \$1,789.00 from last year, after the reduction of both the outdoor program, and the D&J music camps had been removed.

Youth sports are still some of our most successful programs due to the many dedicated parent volunteers who share their talents and skills with our community. Basketball, baseball, softball, soccer are very popular here in Thetford. We are able to offer swimming and swim lessons at Treasure Island. This summer the introduction of an adult yoga program was added to recreation, and this coming year we will look to bring back some programs that went away, due to the need to reconsider how to make these programs our own. The plan is to look into how to bring an outdoor program back to the town. We will be looking at a wilderness program and outdoor water recreation activities in the coming spring and summer. The mission is to find a way to keep adults and children active over the summer with the many resources the town of Thetford has to offer.

You will see that recreation went over budget on the youth sports equipment because we purchased complete new uniforms for all sports. Uniforms are complete - socks, shorts, tops. The Byrne Foundation provided the Thetford Recreation Department a \$5,000.00 grant for the purchase of the new uniforms.

Our ski program had 116 participants and 31 parent volunteers for snowboarding and alpine skiing and seven youth and three volunteers for cross country. There is also skating available at Thetford Elementary School. The annual Thetford Ski Sale brought in \$1,309.49 which is put toward offsetting program costs and making scholarships available.

In early 2018, Treasure Island management was been returned to the Recreation Director. I look to develop and expand the facilities at this great town resource and to increase the activities offered at Treasure Island and through the Recreation Department.

Adult programs include: drop in basketball, yoga on the docks, Building Bones program. In the coming year we are hoping for more adult programs to come into play through pick up soccer, and a potential softball/ baseball program.

Thetford is a great community. I thank you for being a part of the Recreation Department by participating and volunteering for our activities.

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 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, fishing, hiking, picnic areas with grills, and hiking trails. The “Island” and pavilions can be reserved for private events. There is a daily entry fee, or residents and non-residents can purchase a season pass.

Operations for the 2017 Season were overseen by the Selectboard Assistant, Martie Betts and Head Lifeguard, Michaela Pomeroy. Michaela’s team of Lifeguards were William Bugg, Seth Boyce, and Hanna Schwartz. Full-time Gate Attendant Lazlo Bardos helped to manage the processes and maintenance of the park, and helping him were returning Gate Attendants Micah Tiles, and Claire Swanson. New to the Gate Attendant Team was Eamon Deffner. These eight employees worked hard to keep Treasure Island clean, running well, and fun!

Many events occurred at Treasure Island in 2017: Swim lessons, private kayak instruction, Yoga-on-the-Dock, school field trips, picnics, many pavilion rentals, whole Island rentals and very special family events. Over the course of the regular Season, Treasure Island had 2900 visits!

There were natural events, both exciting and challenging during 2017. Loons built a nest and, after a tragic start, a baby loon was born! Turtles laid eggs in the sand! July 1st brought heavy rains and flooding, washing out sections of the beach and posing a challenge to the quality of the water.

In the end, Season 2017 at Treasure Island was a pleasure to be a part of. We are excited about the future of such a beautiful park; one that is perfect for families as well as people of all ages.

Please, come and join us for the summer of 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

Martie Betts



THETFORD MEMORIAL PARK GROUP

Thetford Memorial Park was re-dedicated on Friday July 14th, 2017. The American Legion led the ceremony and many speakers extolled the sacrifices of service members, their families and the history that this space seeks to sanctify.

We welcome all to this revitalized Community space. The members of the Thetford Memorial Park Group have put many hours of research, discussion and thought into how this park can be useful to the many groups who access it over the course of a year.

This park is designed to be parked on around the edge so vehicles are out of the traveled way. Play tag and picnic in the center. Please use it, spread the word and share with us any thoughts or needs.

Thetford Memorial Park Group hopes our efforts provide a pleasing public space and continues to honor the Veterans and their Families who gave so much in times of our country's need.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the numerous donors of money, goods and time that have enabled us to bring this project to its conclusion.

Thank you.



Davis Bridge, over the Ompompanoosuc, n.d. The bridge was located above the present Union Village Dam, on the west branch of the river.

THS Archives

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 librarians and trustees have worked hard this year to improve the Latham Library, and implement the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan, including the launch of a pilot effort to provide Sunday hours (10:00 – 1:00 pm during the winter months). So you can now visit your library any day of the week! More people came and more materials circulated from the library than last year, including 3,655 Audiobooks downloaded through our online subscriptions. Overall, per capita borrowing was the highest in 14 years (since 2004)!

With the help of the annual appeal, grants, and memorial donations the Library increased both Children and Adult programs. Also, in addition to our successful Teen Space, we created a Tween room downstairs to welcome 10-12 year olds, which has been popular and provides children not only opportunities to read, socialize and use computers, but with tools to be creative.

The library could not do without our many volunteers. In addition to staffing the circulation desk, volunteers have helped to get books and other materials onto the shelves quickly, and they are helping us to clean up our databases.

Peabody Library

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

In its 151st year, the library hosted 49 programs including one summer book discussion series. Volunteers opened the library every Saturday morning during the summer months.

A summer Film series was offered in July and August. The Twenty-Second Annual Penny Carnival brought a happy crowd of 95 folks to enjoy a sunny afternoon.

Programs were offered every month this year for children. Programs concluded in December with the Twenty-Eighth Annual Holiday Readings.

The Library had 1298 visitors borrowing 437 books from the library collection. 91 audiobooks also circulated from the library. 97 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 648 titles circulated from the library in 2017 for an average of 12 books a week. 207 more people came and visited the library than last year.

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

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

Through book discussion groups, visiting speakers, authors and storytelling; by working cooperatively with classroom teachers at both schools, our member libraries have continued to encourage reading at all levels. New books have been obtained by purchase, through 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 e-book 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 2017, the Historical Society graciously allowed the Latham Library to use the Black and White Gallery as a popular Tween Space after school for fourth through sixth graders. The town has installed one way signage on Library Road directing all traffic to turn right when leaving the Bicentennial Building.

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 appeal which, depends on your continued support, Thank you for helping us meet our expenses in 2017.

Peter Blodgett, Acting Clerk



Thetford Center covered bridge, ca. 1940, vacant mill building downstream.

TOWN OF THETFORD BUDGET REPORT

On the Fiscal Year 2018 Town Budget

The Selectboard is presenting a budget for General Fund and Department of Public Works Fund spending that will increase the 2018 funds to raise by 4.79%.

Spending in the General Fund is increasing by 10.06%
Spending in the Department of Public Works fund is decreasing by 0.40%
Spending of other warned articles is increasing by 14.82%, if all pass.

Fund balances at the end of 2017 were healthy, the only benefit the Town has seen from this past July storm damage, as much work was spent in repairing that damage, versus those items that were budgeted for. As those fund balances exceeded that amount we aim to be at, the Selectboard has moved to apply a portion of that to this year's budget.

General Fund Balance: \$314,658
DPW Fund Balance: \$202,398

REVENUE

100-2630-00.00 Recycling Sticker Revenue: Anticipated increases in revenue as sticker cost will increase \$25 as of April 1, 2018, in response to continued added cost in compliance with Act 148.

SELECTBOARD

100-3000-15.02 Medical/Dental Benefits: This is showing a significant increase due to additional employees being eligible, as well increases in premiums, even though the Town has started a stepped program to employee contribution.

100-3000-42.00 Unemployment: Costs here represent increased exposure.

100-3000-47.00 WC Insurance: Again, costs here represent increased exposure.

100-3000-80.00 Professional Audit: Increases here are due to a second audit required when more than \$500,000 of federal funds is received in a single year.

100-3000-92.00 Retirement: Increases are due to additional employees being eligible, as well as a mandated increase in percentage rates.

New Line Item – Transfer to Sidewalk Project Fund: This cost represents the Town's match to grant funds for final construction in 2018.

New Line Item - Town Manager/Administrator: Tentatively budgeted for the final quarter (3 months) of 2018.

POLICE

100-4100-10.01 Police Officers F.T.: Represents the cost of a third full-time officer for the full year.

100-4100-42.00 Police Training: Represents trainings required to maintain certifications.

ELECTIONS

100-3310-10.00 Elections Officials: Represents at least three elections this year.

100-3310-23.00 Tabulators Programming: Same as above.

TOWN OFFICES – OPERATIONS

100-3210-27.000 Computer Licensing Agreements: Continued annual increases, as well as the addition of Zoning records to the records management system.

TOWN HALL – PHYSICAL PLANT

100-3710-68.00: Repairs & Maintenance: Expected increases in minor repairs.

100-3710-84.00 Town Hall Fund: Increases due to updated costs for major building repairs and replacement of the septic system.

LIBRARIES & MISCELLANEOUS

100-8000-40.00 Upper Valley Ambulance: Being level funded, versus a significant requested increase, while we research better options for the Town.

100-6820-01.00 Cemeteries – Mowing: Increase due to adjusted mowing schedule.

100-6820-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance: Adjusted plan, which offsets the above amount.

RECREATION & TREASURE ISLAND

100-7000-10.00 Recreation Director: Increase represents the return of the management Treasure Island to the Rec. Director.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

All budgeted items reflect a recycling market that remains in flux, as well as the Town's efforts to keep as many items as possible out of the waste stream.

LISTERS

100-3430-10.00 Lister Salaries: Represents an expected start of a new Lister.

CONSERVATION

100-3800-20.00 Supplies & Project Support: Represents an anticipated increase in public presentations.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

200-5000-10.00 Highway Wages: Increase represents the return to a full-time, five-person crew, with the addition of one seasonal (.5 FTE)

200-5000-10.02 Project Manager Salary: Represents increased hours with State grants, MRGP, and organizing final work of storm damage.

200-5100-36.00 Radio Maintenance: Represents addressing the issue of the complications of radio reception in parts of Town.

200-5100-48.01 WC Insurance: Represents a significant reduction in Worker's Comp insurance for the DPW.

New Line Item – Project Loan Interest: Represents the anticipated interest that will be due on the two lines of credit to cover the cost of the July, 2017 storm damage.

200-5110-50.00 Road Grant Match: Represents the Town's match to State grants.

200-5110-55.00 MRGP Fee: Required State fee in 2018 in filing for Municipal Roads General Permit, as directed by VT Act 64 (Clean Water Act).

200-5120-99.00 Transfer to Structures Fund: Represents funds for Town road structures, as well as match to State Structure Grants.

200-5180-22.00 Winter Road Supplies: Expected increase in both sand and salt in getting through this winter season, and planning for the beginning of next.

Respectfully submitted:

James Dixon
Jessica Eaton
Stuart Rogers, Chair
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Douglas Stone

★ NOTES ★

FINANCIAL REPORTS

***YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2017***

TOWN OF THETFORD 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

All Town Departments	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
Police & Animal Control	232,636	190,206	241,593	3.85%	229,536	281,380	16.47%
Fire & Emergency Management	150,240	147,696	159,520	6.18%	159,941	162,277	1.73%
Selectboard	228,426	228,567	251,538	10.12%	214,378	384,825	52.99%
Miscellaneous	248,969	300,681	262,415	5.40%	238,627	241,060	-8.14%
Recreation & Treasure Island	105,909	113,286	124,871	17.90%	90,189	125,517	0.52%
Clerk/BCA/Elections/Operations	111,198	106,757	112,949	1.57%	104,166	115,929	2.64%
Libraries	102,385	102,385	103,585	1.17%	103,585	103,585	0.00%
Treasurer & Tax Collection	86,061	85,960	89,371	3.85%	89,413	93,949	5.12%
Town Hall – Physical Plant	72,176	69,061	74,914	3.79%	75,016	76,125	1.62%
Recycling & Solid Waste	104,527	76,501	78,679	-24.73%	71,903	78,394	-0.36%
Listers	54,931	57,841	62,586	13.94%	58,342	60,281	-3.68%
Single Year Appropriations	-	38,488	-		46,488	-	
Zoning Dept. & Planning Commission	38,826	32,979	39,148	0.83%	29,014	39,113	-0.09%
Conservation	3,250	3,308	3,250	0.00%	3,149	3,350	3.08%
General Fund Expenses	1,539,535	1,553,718	1,604,418	4.21%	1,513,747	1,765,784	10.06%
Less Previous Year Surplus Applied	-	-	-		-	(100,000)	
Less Non-tax Revenues	(361,821)	(364,387)	(374,315)	3.45%	(395,222)	(338,626)	-9.53%
Totals	1,177,714	1,189,332	1,230,103	4.45%	1,118,524	1,327,158	7.89%
Town Funds to Raise(d)	1,177,714	1,189,332	1,230,103	4.45%	1,118,524	1,327,158	7.89%
Additional Taxes Raised (Rebills)							
Total Raised		1,189,332			1,118,524		
Dept. of Public Works Expense	942,425	944,638	1,037,859	10.13%	860,717	1,033,682	-0.40%
Less Previous Year Surplus Applied	-	-	-		-	(25,000)	
Less Non-Tax Revenues	(133,400)	(136,423)	(133,327)	-0.05%	(134,538)	(133,300)	-0.02%
DPW Funds to Raise(d)	809,025	808,215	904,532	11.81%	726,179	875,382	-3.22%
Additional Taxes Raised (Article)	-	-	-		-		
Total Raised		808,215			726,179		
Town & DPW Funds to Raise(d)	1,986,739	1,997,547	2,134,635	7.44%		2,202,540	3.18%
Additional Warned Articles	269,788		292,488	8.41%		335,829	14.82%
Veterans Exemption	10,242		10,000	-2.36%		12,932	29.32%
Local Agreements	10,209		10,000	-2.05%		13,033	30.33%
Total Funds to Raised(d)	2,276,978		2,447,123	7.47%		2,564,334	4.79%
General Fund Balance, 12/31 (10-15%)		163,108			314,658		
DPW Fund Balance, 12/31 (10-15%)		15,941			202,398		
Additional Warned Articles							
DPW Capital Equip.	125,000		140,000	12.00%		147,000	5.00%
Fire Capital Equip.	82,500		88,500	7.27%		90,090	1.80%
Police Capital Equip.	13,800		22,000	59.42%		28,000	27.27%
Social Service Appropriations	35,538		38,488	8.30%		39,515	2.67%
Treasure Island Fund						5,000	
TVFD Request						26,224	
Total	269,788		292,488	8.41%		335,829	14.82%

Revenues	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-2000-00.00 Current Tax Levy	1,177,714	1,217,351	1,230,103	4.45%	1,275,697	1,327,158	7.89%
Sub-Total Taxes Raised	1,177,714	1,217,351	1,230,103	4.45%	1,275,697	1,327,158	7.89%
Non-Tax Revenues							
100-2000-01.00 Hold Harmless Revenue	124,000	122,621	122,000	-1.61%	146,038	142,000	16.39%
100-2000-02.00 Additional Taxes Billed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100-2030-00.00 Interest Delinquent Taxes	24,000	27,583	23,000	-4.17%	32,351	23,000	0.00%
100-2035-00.00 Late Homestead Penalty	6,000	7,241	6,500	8.33%	12,319	8,000	23.08%
100-2040-00.00 School Tax Billing Fee	11,000	13,956	14,000	27.27%	11,239	11,500	-17.86%
100-2101-00.00 Liquor Taxes	250	280	280	12.00%	280	280	0.00%
100-2110-00.00 Dog Penalties (late fee)	500	631	500	0.00%	900	500	0.00%
100-2115-00.00 Dog Fines (tickets)	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-2120-00.00 Dog Licenses	2,500	2,772	2,750	10.00%	2,465	2,500	-9.09%
100-2121-01.00 Zoning Permits	10,000	6,381	6,000	-40.00%	3,850	4,000	-33.33%
100-2121-02.00 SubDivision Permits	100	-	-	-100.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-2211-00.00 Penalty on Taxes	25,000	30,852	27,000	8.00%	31,513	27,000	0.00%
100-2310-00.00 Town Clerk Fees	21,000	25,040	23,000	9.52%	23,029	23,000	0.00%
100-2310-00.01 Clerk's Over/shorts	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-2351-00.00 Use of Town Records	175	241	175	0.00%	145	150	-14.29%
100-2353-00.00 Zoning Material Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-2400-00.00 Traffic/Civil Fines	4,000	1,379	4,200	5.00%	4,321	4,200	0.00%
100-2400-10.00 Police Receipts	75	120	75	0.00%	240	100	33.33%
100-2400-15.00 Police Contracted Svcs. (UVD)	10,600	13,911	11,000	3.77%	10,089	10,000	-9.09%
100-2440-05.00 Tax Sale- Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-2400-20.00 Tax Sale Redem. Int. to Town	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-2630-00.00 Recycling Sticker Revenue	13,000	10,798	10,500	-19.23%	9,108	11,500	9.52%
100-2634-02.00 Recycling Receipts	-	7,523	-	-	5,221	-	-
100-2682-00.01 Cemetery Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-2690-00.00 Sale Town Owned Property	-	-	-	0.00%	750	500	-
100-2700-00.00 Treasure Island Receipts	30,000	33,849	30,000	0.00%	25,771	30,000	0.00%
100-2700-00.01 Recreation Donations	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-
100-2750-00.00 Recreation Receipts	31,000	31,932	25,500	-17.74%	23,751	24,000	-5.88%
100-2800-00.00 Insurance refunds	-	3,020	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-2810-00.00 Insurance Claim Receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-2930-00.00 Bank Interest	250	201	200	-20.00%	258	200	0.00%
100-2940-00.00 Memorial Park Donations	-	688	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-2941-00.00 Memorial Park Tax Raised	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-2972-01.00 Listers' Changes Re-Bills	-	-	-	-	448	-	0.00%
100-2985-00.00 Flood Cont-Water Resource	3,675	3,675	3,675	0.00%	3,675	3,675	0.00%
100-2986-00.00 Current Use Withdrawals	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-2987-00.00 Forest & Parks Tax	21	21	21	0.00%	21	21	0.00%
100-2988-00.00 Railroad Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-2989-00.00 PILOT Revenues	9,675	10,589	10,589	9.44%	7,418	7,500	-29.17%
100-2990-00.00 Miscellaneous Receipts	-	7	-	-	1,020	-	-
100-2991-00.00 Conservation Donation	-	69	-	-	35	-	-
100-2992-00.00 Town Land Maint. Revenue	35,000	9,006	53,350	52.43%	33,968	5,000	-90.63%
100-2995-00.00 Transfer In (LED grant surplus)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Sub-Total Non-Tax Revenue	361,821	364,387	374,315	3.45%	395,222	338,626	-9.53%
Totals	1,539,535	1,581,738	1,604,418	4.21%	1,670,919	1,665,784	3.82%

Police and Animal Control	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-4100 POLICE							
100-4100-10.00 Police Chief	68,058	68,366	70,782	4%	70,952	72,198	2.00%
100-4100-10.01 Police Officers F.T.	76,920	52,202	89,087	16%	84,642	121,000	35.82%
100-4100-10.02 Police overtime	11,000	6,149	10,000	-9%	9,714	10,000	0.00%
100-4100-10.06 UVD Contracted Detail	5,000	6,498	4,500	-10%	4,606	5,000	11.11%
100-4100-10.07 Part-Time Admin. Asst.	7,109	3,569	5,550	-22%	3,239	4,716	-15.03%
100-4100-10.08 Other Contracted Details	1,500	439	1,000	-33%	1,331	1,500	50.00%
100-4100-14.00 Social Security Police Chief	5,206	4,959	5,415	4%	4,919	5,523	2.00%
100-4100-14.01 Police Officer Soc. Security	5,884	6,437	6,815	16%	7,056	9,257	35.82%
100-4100-14.02 Soc.Sec. O.T.	842	-	765	-9%	-	765	0.00%
100-4100-14.03 UVD Contracted Detail Soc Sec	383	492	344	-10%	339	383	11.11%
100-4100-14.04 Soc. Sec. Other Contracted Details	115	34	77	-33%	96	115	50.00%
100-4100-14.07 P.T. Admin Asst. Soc Security	544	241	430	-21%	198	361	-16.12%
100-4100-15.00 Police Benefits	1,891	1,853	2,700	43%	2,663	2,750	1.85%
100-4100-20.00 Office Supplies	500	668	700	40%	725	700	0.00%
100-4100-21.00 Police supplies	4,000	3,241	3,000	-25%	3,014	3,000	0.00%
100-4100-25.00 Uniforms	6,835	1,605	6,300	-8%	5,860	5,500	-12.70%
100-4100-28.00 Computer Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-4100-34.00 Police Telecommunications	4,000	3,134	4,381	10%	4,396	5,880	34.22%
100-4100-35.00 Police Postage	300	104	200	-33%	286	250	25.00%
100-4100-36.00 Radio/Dispatch	10,500	5,302	1,899	-82%	120	2,584	36.11%
100-4100-40.00 Police Dues & Meetings	500	555	560	12%	705	700	25.00%
100-4100-42.00 Police Training	2,250	929	3,750	67%	2,571	5,850	56.00%
100-4100-60.00 Contracted Services	1,000	231	4,205	321%	929	1,500	-64.33%
100-4100-68.00 Vehicle Repair	3,000	4,101	4,000	33%	7,265	5,500	37.50%
100-4100-74.00 Police Fuel	7,700	5,929	8,000	4%	7,643	9,000	12.50%
100-4100-79.00 Evidence Room Construction	-	708	-	-	4	-	0.00%
100-4100-83.00 Equipment/ Repair/Radio	1,500	3,018	1,500	0%	1,624	1,500	0.00%
100-4100-84.00 Cruiser Fire Damage	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-4100-90.00 Transfer to Capital Cruiser	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-4100-91.00 Police small equipment fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	0%	3,000	3,000	0.00%
100-4100-95.00 Grants Matching	-	5,043	250	-	-	500	100.00%
Sub-Total Police	229,537	188,808	239,210	4%	227,895	279,031	16.65%
100-6150 ANIMAL CONTROL							
100-6150-10.00 Animal Control Wages	1,300	855	1,006	-23%	1,051	1,067	6.09%
100-6150-14.00 Social Security-AC	99	65	77	-23%	80	82	6.09%
100-6150-15.00 Pound Fees	500	-	350	-30%	-	250	-28.57%
100-6150-22.00 Humane Supplies	300	-	250	-17%	-	250	0.00%
100-6150-37.00 Licensing Supplies	300	292	300	0%	267	300	0.00%
100-6150-40.00 Dues, Mtgs., Innoculations	100	-	100	0%	-	100	0.00%
100-6150-50.00 Animal Damage	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
100-6150-74.00 Animal Cont. Travel	500	187	300	-40%	242	300	0.00%
Sub-Total Animal Control	3,099	1,399	2,383	-23%	1,640	2,348	-1.43%
Totals	232,636	190,206	241,593	4%	229,536	281,380	16.47%

Notes -

Full-Time Officers - return to a third officer - #100-4100-10.01

Police Benefits covers life & disability - #100-4100-15.00

Fire and Emergency Management	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-3900 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT							
100-3900-30.00 Emergency Management	8,830	6,292	9,880	11.89%	10,501	9,400	-4.86%
100-3900-90.00 Trans. Emer. Infrs. CapFund	1,500	1,500	2,500	66.67%	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Sub-Total Emergency Management	10,330	7,792	12,380	19.85%	13,001	11,900	-3.88%
100-4500 FIRE DEPARTMENT							
100-4500-00.00 Fire Department	137,060	137,060	143,910	5.00%	143,910	147,705	2.64%
100-4500-10.01 Fire Warden	2,850	2,845	3,230	13.32%	3,030	2,672	-17.27%
Sub-Total Fire Dept.	139,910	139,905	147,140	5.17%	146,940	150,377	2.20%
Totals	150,240	147,696	159,520	6.18%	159,941	162,277	1.73%

Selectboard	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-3000 SELECTBOARD							
100-3000-10.01 Selectboard Stipend	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%	4,000	5,000	0.00%
100-3000-11.00 Selectboard Assistant	8,715	5,952	7,255	-16.75%	5,538	7,255	0.00%
100-3000-14.00 Selectboard S.S.	383	383	383	0.13%	306	383	-0.13%
100-3000-15.00 Selectboard Contingency	5,000	160	5,000	0.00%	2,324	3,000	-40.00%
100-3000-15.01 Selectboard Assistant S.S.	667	455	555	-16.75%	424	555	0.00%
100-3000-15.02 Medical/Dental Benefits	63,775	72,451	76,626	20.15%	75,195	101,652	32.66%
100-3000-20.00 Supplies & Publications	500	81	500	0.00%	140	250	-50.00%
100-3000-30.00 Advertising	3,000	1,328	3,000	0.00%	818	2,000	-33.33%
100-3000-40.00 VT League of Cities and Towns D	3,797	3,797	3,930	3.50%	3,930	4,015	2.16%
100-3000-40.01 Dues, Meetings & Events	1,000	874	1,000	0.00%	1,293	1,000	0.00%
100-3000-42.00 Unemployment	1,016	872	631	-37.89%	515	1,166	84.82%
100-3000-47.00 WC Insurance	16,203	16,203	14,216	-12.26%	14,216	18,790	32.18%
100-3000-48.00 PACIF Liability	37,679	37,513	37,989	0.82%	38,211	44,434	16.97%
100-3000-49.00 PACIF Deductibles	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-3000-60.00 Legal Services	30,000	29,700	30,000	0.00%	11,601	24,000	-20.00%
100-3000-74.00 Travel	450	367	450	0.00%	590	500	11.11%
100-3000-80.00 Professional Audit	15,800	15,485	15,800	0.00%	17,618	22,500	42.41%
100-3000-85.00 Planning & Consulting	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	3,000	-40.00%
100-3000-90.00 Mowing	9,650	6,960	8,370	-13.26%	9,315	9,325	11.41%
100-3000-91.00 Town Lands Maintenance	-	9,949	13,000	-	4,631	6,200	-52.31%
100-3000-91.01 Trans. To Town Lands Maint.	5,000	-	5,000	0.00%	-	5,000	0.00%
100-3000-92.00 Retirement	15,792	14,189	17,833	12.92%	18,714	22,500	26.17%
100-3000-96.00 Post Mills Memorial Park	-	1,849	-	-	-	-	0.00%
New Line Item - Town Manager/Administrator (3-mos.)						20,000	
New Line Item - Town Manager Benefits						4,725	
New Line Item - Transfer to Sidewalk Project						77,575	
Totals	228,426	228,567	251,538	10.12%	214,378	384,825	52.99%

Notes -

Changes in Town Health Insurance & increases of those covered - #100-3000-15.02

Retirement increases by wages of eligible employees and State increases - #100-3000-92.00

Libraries and Miscellaneous	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-8000 LIBRARIES							
100-8000-00.00 Thetford Libraries	102,385	102,385	103,585	1.17%	103,585	103,585	0.00%
COMMITTEES							
100-4000-50.00 Energy Committee	750	509	750	0.00%	420	600	-20.00%
100-6940-20.00 Senior & Affordable Housing	-	-	2,000		-	-	-100.00%
100-6950-20.00 TEN Committee	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-6140 HEALTH OFFICER							
100-6140-10.00 Health Officer Wages	300	-	300	0.00%	-	200	-33.33%
100-6140-14.00 Social Security	23	-	23	0.00%	-	15	-34.78%
100-6140-40.00 Dues & Meetings	75	-	75	0.00%	-	-	-100.00%
100-6140-74.00 Travel	50	-	50	0.00%	-	50	0.00%
100-6120 DANGEROUS BUILDINGS							
100-6120-50.00 Dangerous Bldg. Inspector	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-6110 AMBULANCE							
100-6110-40.00 Upper Valley Ambulance	93,168	93,168	95,756	2.78%	95,756	95,756	0.00%
100-6820 CEMETERIES							
100-6820-01.00 Cemeteries-Mowing	13,440	11,550	6,910	-48.59%	7,510	8,500	23.01%
100-6820-02.00 Hillside Cem. Assoc.	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-6820-20.00 Cemeteries - Supplies	500	-	500	0.00%	-	500	0.00%
100-6820-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	2,000	2,200	8,500	325.00%	36	7,500	-11.76%
100-9900 TAX APPROPRIATIONS							
100-9900-01.00 Veterans' Flags	400	400	400	0.00%	400	400	0.00%
100-9900-02.00 Scholarships	500	500	500	0.00%	500	500	0.00%
FLOOD EXPENSE							
100-9900-07.00 Flood Expense	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
TRI TOWN COMMISSION							
100-6960-00.00 Annual Allocation	14,377	63,450	19,848	38.05%	19,080	4,466	-77.50%
100-6960-84.00 Dam Bond payment	29,013	29,013	28,471	-1.87%	28,469	27,957	-1.81%
100-9300 COUNTY TAX							
100-9300-00.00 County & Extension Svc.	88,473	88,682	88,682	0.24%	84,967	84,967	-4.19%
100-9150 INTEREST PAID							
100-9150-00.00 Interest on Loans	2,800	3,768	4,000	42.86%	964	4,000	0.00%
MISC							
100-9990-04.00 Real Estate Abatements	2,500	6,794	5,000	100.00%	-	5,000	0.00%
100-9990-06.00 Bank Fees	600	648	650	8.33%	525	650	0.00%
Totals Misc.	248,969	300,681	262,415	5.40%	238,627	241,060	-8.14%

Notes -

Library was decided to be level funded, versus the requested increase - #100-8000-00.00

Upper Valley Ambulance is being level funded while we research other options for the benefit of the Town - #100-6110-40.00

Recreation and Treasure Island	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-7000 RECREATION							
100-7000-10.00 Recreation Director	17,087	12,926	17,087	0.00%	15,539	40,768	138.59%
100-7000-10.01 Recreation Staff	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-7000-14.00 Rec. Director Soc.Sec.	1,307	989	1,292	-1.18%	1,189	3,119	141.43%
100-7000-14.01 Recreation Staff Soc. Sec.	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-7000-20.00 Recreation Admin Supplies	300	45	250	-16.67%	1,297	100	-60.00%
100-7000-20.01 Youth Sports Equipment	3,500	2,782	7,235	106.71%	8,297	4,900	-32.27%
100-7000-27.00 Licensing Agreements & Support	2,500	2,440	3,000	20.00%	2,440	3,000	0.00%
100-7000-30.00 Advertising / Marketing	525	220	400	-23.81%	-	250	-37.50%
100-7000-34.00 Telephone, Utilities	832	528	750	-9.86%	224	600	-20.00%
100-7000-40.00 Dues and Meetings	750	94	500	-33.33%	-	100	-80.00%
100-7000-40.01 Skiing Program	8,925	8,403	8,925	0.00%	8,009	8,925	0.00%
100-7000-40.02 Cross-Country Skiing Prog	175	-	175	0.00%	-	175	0.00%
100-7000-40.03 Adult Programs	350	-	350	0.00%	-	100	-71.43%
100-7000-40.10 Special Events	100	-	100	0.00%	-	50	-50.00%
100-7000-50.00 Officials Fees	4,660	1,300	3,000	-35.62%	1,295	2,500	-16.67%
100-7000-50.01 Tournaments & Fees	1,925	1,358	1,500	-22.08%	1,597	2,000	33.33%
100-7000-50.03 Instructor & Registration	8,000	10,872	2,500	-68.75%	1,150	1,500	-40.00%
100-7000-50.90 Capital Improvements Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.00%	3,000	3,000	0.00%
100-7000-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	6,800	2,685	5,000	-26.47%	2,220	1,500	-70.00%
New Line Item - Portable Toilets						1,500	
New Line Item - Rec. Director Benefits						1,000	
Sub-Total Rec	61,936	47,643	55,064	-11.10%	46,257	75,087	36.36%
100-7005 TREASURE ISLAND							
100-7005-10.00 Treasure Island Staff	15,000	25,184	38,000	153.33%	21,622	20,000	-47.37%
100-7005-14.00 Social Security-TI	1,148	1,927	2,907	153.33%	1,654	1,530	-47.37%
100-7005-17.00 Property Taxes	13,000	13,143	13,500	3.85%	13,352	13,500	0.00%
100-7005-22.00 T.I. Supplies	2,000	672	2,000	0.00%	845	2,000	0.00%
100-7005-30.00 T.I. Advertising	125	-	300	140.00%	-	300	0.00%
100-7005-34.00 Treasure Island Telephone	700	505	800	14.29%	815	800	0.00%
100-7005-68.00 Facility Maint./Repairs	8,000	21,508	10,000	25.00%	4,387	10,000	0.00%
100-7005-70.00 Residence Maint./Repairs	3,000	2,369	-	-100.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-7005-76.00 Utilities-Treasure Island	400	242	500	25.00%	243	500	0.00%
100-7005-79.00 Misc. train & certificati	600	95	1,800	200.00%	1,015	1,800	0.00%
Sub-Total TI	43,973	65,644	69,807	58.75%	43,932	50,430	-27.76%
Totals	105,909	113,286	124,871	17.90%	90,189	125,517	0.52%

Notes -

Recreation Director - return of management of Treasure Island - #100-7000-10.00

Clerk, BCA, Elections and Town Hall	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-3500 CLERK							
100-3500-10.00 Town Clerk's Salary	39,686	40,585	42,591	7.32%	40,706	44,748	5.06%
100-3500-10.01 Asst Town Clerk Wages	19,416	19,231	19,809	2.02%	19,427	20,606	4.02%
100-3500-14.00 Social Security-Clerk	3,036	2,828	3,258	7.32%	2,704	3,423	5.06%
100-3500-14.01 Social Security-Asst Clerk	1,485	1,471	1,515	2.02%	1,486	1,576	4.02%
100-3500-15.00 Town Clerk Benefits	1,100	1,048	1,175	6.82%	1,100	1,400	19.15%
100-3500-25.00 Town Hall Technology Initiative	2,000	1,350	4,000	100.00%	-	1,500	-62.50%
100-3500-40.00 CLK. Dues/Meetings/Travel	3,000	2,978	3,000	0.00%	1,917	2,550	-15.00%
Sub-Total Clerk	69,723	69,490	75,349	8.07%	67,341	75,804	0.60%
100-3080 RECORDS							
100-3080-62.00 Town Report	4,000	3,546	3,600	-10.00%	4,448	4,000	11.11%
100-3080-65.00 Restoration of Records	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	1,000	0.00%
Sub-Total Records	5,000	4,546	4,600	-8.00%	5,448	5,000	8.70%
100-3300 BCA							
100-3300-10.02 BCA Expenses	200	540	200	0.00%	150	200	0.00%
100-3300-40.00 BCA Ed. Workshops & Meetings	100	87	100	0.00%	-	100	0.00%
Sub-Total BCA	300	627	300	0.00%	150	300	0.00%
100-3310 ELECTIONS							
100-3310-10.00 Election Officials	500	400	100	-80.00%	-	400	300.00%
100-3310-21.00 Election Supplies	250	647	250	0.00%	24	250	0.00%
100-3310-23.00 Tab. Programming & Ballots	3,000	1,547	750	-75.00%	928	1,600	113.33%
Sub-Total Elections	3,750	2,594	1,100	-70.67%	952	2,250	104.55%
100-3210 TOWN OFFICES-OPERATIONS							
100-3210-20.00 Town Office Supplies	3,000	2,110	3,000	0.00%	3,238	3,000	0.00%
100-3210-23.00 Copier Contract Support	1,400	1,039	1,400	0.00%	600	600	-57.14%
100-3210-24.00 Copier Maintenance/Supply	400	75	75	-81.25%	-	75	0.00%
100-3210-26.00 Computer & IT Support	7,000	4,629	7,000	0.00%	5,680	6,000	-14.29%
100-3210-27.00 Computer Licensing Agreements	10,500	10,544	11,000	4.76%	12,130	13,700	24.55%
100-3210-28.00 Computer Supplies	400	427	400	0.00%	247	400	0.00%
100-3210-34.00 Telecommunications	5,900	7,334	5,900	0.00%	6,331	6,400	8.47%
100-3210-35.00 Town Office Postage	2,000	2,286	1,000	-50.00%	991	1,000	0.00%
100-3210-68.00 Equipment Maint/Repairs	200	-	200	0.00%	-	200	0.00%
100-3210-83.00 Tools & Equipment	1,625	1,055	1,625	0.00%	1,057	1,200	-26.15%
Sub-Total Town Offices Operations	32,425	29,500	31,600	-2.54%	30,275	32,575	3.09%
Totals	111,198	106,757	112,949	1.57%	104,166	115,929	2.64%
100-3710 TOWN HALL-PHYSICAL PLANT							
100-3710-20.00 Town Hall Phys.Plant Supp	350	310	350	0.00%	467	350	0.00%
100-3710-56.00 Rubbish Removal/Recycling	1,600	995	1,000	-37.50%	1,110	1,000	0.00%
100-3710-60.00 Contracted Custodial Services	4,500	4,594	4,500	0.00%	4,486	4,500	0.00%
100-3710-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	3,000	2,117	3,000	0.00%	3,316	3,500	16.67%
100-3710-76.00 Town Hall Utilities	7,200	6,488	7,000	-2.78%	6,853	7,000	0.00%
100-3710-80.00 Town Hall Alarm Service	230	263	275	19.57%	280	280	1.82%
100-3710-83.00 Town Hall Phys. Plant Equip.	1,000	-	1,000	0.00%	714	1,000	0.00%
100-3710-84.00 Town Hall Fund Contribution	15,500	15,500	21,000	35.48%	21,000	22,500	7.14%
100-3710-90.00 Town Hall Bond Payment	38,796	38,796	36,789	-5.17%	36,790	35,995	-2.16%
Total Town Hall - Physical	72,176	69,061	74,914	3.79%	75,016	76,125	1.62%

Notes -

Increase in Town Hall Fund Contribution for septic replacement and building repairs - #100-3710-84.00

Town Hall Exterior Repairs - \$8,500 (estimated)

Town Hall Septic Replacement - \$60,000 (estimated)

Treasurer & Collector of Delinquent Taxes	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-3400 TREASURER							
100-3400-10.00 Treasurer	40,927	41,276	41,750	2.01%	42,840	44,748	7.18%
100-3400-11.00 Asst. Treasurer	23,795	24,039	24,276	2.02%	25,600	25,248	4.01%
100-3400-12.00 Office Assistant			1,200		333	610	-49.17%
100-3400-14.00 Social Security-Treasurer	3,131	3,158	3,194	2.01%	3,274	3,423	7.18%
100-3400-14.01 Social Security-Asst Treas.	1,820	1,839	1,857	2.02%	1,958	1,931	4.01%
100-3400-14.03 Social Security - Office Asst.			92		26	47	-48.91%
100-3400-15.00 Treasurer's Benefits	2,500	2,190	2,650	6.00%	2,275	2,900	9.43%
100-3400-20.00 Treasurer Supplies	1,500	1,319	1,700	13.33%	1,376	1,600	-5.88%
100-3400-35.00 Treasurer Postage	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.00%	1,960	1,800	20.00%
100-3400-40.00 Treasurer Dues & Mtgs.	700	531	400	-42.86%	70	300	-25.00%
100-3400-74.00 Treasurer Travel			200		231	200	0.00%
Sub-Total Treasurer	75,873	75,851	78,819	3.88%	79,943	82,808	5.06%
100-3440 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTING							
100-3440-10.00 Del. Tax Collection Salary	8,443	8,495	8,780	4.00%	8,794	8,956	2.00%
100-3440-14.00 Del. Tax Collection Soc. Sec.	646	650	672	4.00%	677	685	2.00%
100-3440-20.00 CDT Supplies	100	24	100	0.00%	-	100	0.00%
100-3440-35.00 CDT Postage	900	880	900	0.00%	-	900	0.00%
100-3440-40.00 CDT Dues & Mtgs.	100	60	100	0.00%	-	100	0.00%
100-3440-74.00 Travel	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-3440-01.00 Tax Sale - Publication	-	-	-	0.00%	-	100	0.00%
100-3440-02.00 Tax Sales - Legal Fees	-	-	-	0.00%	-	300	0.00%
Sub-Total Tax Collecting	10,188	10,109	10,552	3.57%	9,470	11,141	5.58%
Totals	86,061	85,960	89,371	3.85%	89,413	93,949	5.12%

Recycling and Solid Waste	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-6320 SOLID WASTE							
100-6320-00.00 GUVSWMD Dues	31,056	31,056	28,468	-8.33%	28,468	28,468	0.00%
100-6340 RECYCLING							
100-6340-10.00 Recycling Salaries	14,000	12,456	12,830	-8.36%	14,299	13,215	3.00%
100-6340-14.00 Social Security-Recycling	1,071	953	981	-8.36%	1,094	1,011	3.00%
100-6340-20.00 Recycling supplies	1,500	1,067	1,250	-16.67%	1,157	1,250	0.00%
100-6340-30.00 Advertising dnp	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-6340-40.00 Bin lease/Comingled NRRA	45,750	21,715	25,000	-45.36%	20,137	25,000	0.00%
100-6340-42.05 Glass pick up	6,000	2,514	3,500	-41.67%	1,079	2,500	-28.57%
100-6340-42.07 Scrap metal pick up	-	42	-		213	250	100.00%
100-6340-50.00 Community Education	100	-	100	0.00%	-	100	0.00%
100-6340-74.00 Travel	550	1,048	1,000	81.82%	1,056	1,000	0.00%
100-6340-75.00 Facility Const & Maint.	500	2,625	2,000	300.00%	1,301	680	-66.00%
NEW LINE ITEM; Portable Toilets						1,320	100.00%
100-6340-80.00 Composting	1,000	-	500	-50.00%	-	500	0.00%
100-6340-82.00 Green-Up Dumpster	500	525	550	10.00%	600	600	9.09%
100-6340-90.00 Capital Reserve	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Sub-Totals Recycling	73,471	45,445	50,211	-31.66%	43,435	49,926	-0.57%
Totals	104,527	76,501	78,679	-24.73%	71,903	78,394	-0.36%

Notes -

Budgeted line items reflect a recycling market that remains in flux and Town efforts to keep items out of the waste stream.

Capital Reserve Fund - \$64,058.00

Listers	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-3430 LISTERS							
100-3430-10.00 Listers Salaries	37,918	40,542	41,698	9.97%	40,123	38,932	-6.63%
100-3430-11.00 Lister Clerk Salary	5,974	6,367	9,142	53.03%	8,275	9,510	4.03%
100-3430-14.00 Listers Social Security	2,901	3,102	3,190	9.97%	3,069	2,978	-6.63%
100-3430-14.01 Lister Clerk Soc. Security	457	487	699	53.03%	633	727	4.03%
100-3430-20.00 Listers Supplies	700	588	700	0.00%	615	950	35.71%
100-3430-23.00 Lister Service Contracts	2,407	2,764	2,407	0.00%	2,934	2,534	5.26%
100-3430-34.00 Lister Advertising	100	96	100	0.00%	94	100	0.00%
100-3430-35.00 Lister Postage	500	528	500	0.00%	159	500	0.00%
100-3430-40.00 Lister Dues & Meetings	250	95	250	0.00%	50	250	0.00%
100-3430-68.00 Lister Professional Serv.	3,250	3,030	3,500	7.69%	2,285	3,500	0.00%
100-3430-74.00 Listers Travel	175	228	200	14.29%	105	200	0.00%
100-3430-83.00 Lister Equipment	300	16	200	-33.33%	-	100	-50.00%
Totals	54,931	57,841	62,586	13.94%	58,342	60,281	-3.68%

Notes -

Lister Salary represents first year Lister - #100-3430-10.00

Social Service Appropriations	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Requested	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-6900 APPROPRIATIONS								
100-6900-01.00 Clara Martin Center	4,266	4,266	4,266	0.00%	4,266	4,266	3,626	-15.00%
100-6900-02.00 American Red Cross	500	500	500	0.00%	500	500	425	-15.00%
100-6900-10.00 VNA/VNH	11,536	11,536	11,536	0.00%	11,536	11,536	9,806	-15.00%
100-6900-39.00 Capstone	300	300	300	0.00%	300	300	255	-15.00%
100-6900-40.00 WR Council on Aging	4,950	4,950	4,950	0.00%	4,950	4,950	4,208	-15.00%
100-6900-51.00 Vt. Ctr. for Indep. Livng	150	150	150	0.00%	150	150	128	-15.00%
100-6900-52.00 Central VT Adult Basic Ed	800	800	800	0.00%	800	800	680	-15.00%
100-6900-53.00 The Family Place	300	300	300	0.00%	300	300	255	-15.00%
100-6900-55.00 Headrest	1,564	1,564	1,564	0.00%	1,564	1,564	1,329	-15.00%
100-6900-58.00 Orange County Diversion	175	175	175	0.00%	175	175	149	-15.00%
100-6900-62.00 Safeline	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.00%	1,300	1,300	1,105	-15.00%
100-6900-65.00 Vermont Green Up, Inc.	150	150	150	0.00%	150	150	128	-15.00%
100-6900-75.00 GMEDC	1,297	1,297	1,297	0.00%	1,297	1,297	1,102	-15.00%
100-6900-76.00 VT Assn for the Blind	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	1,000	850	-15.00%
100-6900-80.00 Little Rivers Health Care	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.00%	1,000	1,000	850	-15.00%
100-6900-81.00 Orange Cnty Parent Child	750	750	750	0.00%	750	750	638	-15.00%
100-6900-82.00 Vital Communities	-	750	750		750	750	638	-15.00%
100-6900-83.00 Stagecoach	-	2,200	2,200		2,200	2,200	1,870	-15.00%
100-6900-84.00 Senior Solutions	500	500	500	0.00%	500	500	425	-15.00%
100-6900-90.00 Lake Fairlee Association	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.00%	5,000	5,000	4,250	-15.00%
100-6900-92.00 Community Nurse of Thetford					8,000	8,000	6,800	-15.00%
Totals -	35,538	38,488	38,488	8.30%	46,488	46,488	39,515	2.67%

Notes -

Please see the 2018 Warned Article #13 - 2018 Social Service Appropriations are being warned at a 15% reduction. For clarity, the last column labeled "Change %" is calculated from the 2018 Proposed to the 2017 Budget.

Zoning and Planning	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-3620 ZONING							
100-3620-10.00 Zoning Administrator	15,991	13,998	16,307	1.98%	11,383	16,964	4.03%
100-3620-10.01 Zoning Admin.Asst.	9,114	9,067	9,484	4.07%	8,774	9,670	1.95%
100-3620-14.00 Social Security-Zoning	1,223	1,071	1,248	1.98%	871	1,298	4.03%
100-3620-14.01 Admin.Asst. Soc. Sec.	697	694	726	4.07%	671	740	1.95%
100-3620-20.00 Zoning Supplies	650	1,124	1,000	53.85%	1,009	1,000	0.00%
100-3620-30.00 Zoning Advertising	750	590	750	0.00%	526	750	0.00%
100-3620-35.00 Zoning postage	1,750	819	1,000	-42.86%	524	1,000	0.00%
100-3620-40.00 Zoning Dues & Meetings	400	120	400	0.00%	125	400	0.00%
100-3620-74.00 Zoning Travel	450	-	450	0.00%	-	450	0.00%
100-3620-83.00 Zoning Equipment	-	-	200		-	200	0.00%
Sub-Total Zoning	31,025	27,482	31,565	1.74%	23,883	32,472	2.87%
100-3650 PLANNING							
100-3650-10.01 Clerical Support	1,700	1,349	1,280	-24.70%	1,134	1,331	4.00%
100-3650-14.01 Clk. Support Soc. Sec.	130	103	98	-24.70%	87	102	4.00%
100-3650-20.00 Plan. Com. Supplies	75	-	75	0.00%	-	75	0.00%
100-3650-21.00 Plan. Com. Printing	1,500	421	1,500	0.00%	261	750	-50.00%
100-3650-30.00 Plan. Com. Advertising	500	-	500	0.00%	-	250	-50.00%
100-3650-33.00 Plan. Com. Internet Serv.	-	-	-		-	-	
100-3650-35.00 Plan. Com. Postage	-	77	80		-	80	0.00%
100-3650-40.00 Plan. Com. Dues & Meetings	100	-	100	0.00%	-	100	0.00%
100-3650-42.00 Plan. Com. Training	100	-	100	0.00%	-	100	0.00%
100-3650-58.00 Plan. Com. RPC Dues	3,546	3,546	3,700	4.36%	3,649	3,753	1.43%
100-3650-74.00 Plan. Com. Travel	150	-	150	0.00%	-	100	-33.33%
100-3650-83.00 Plan. Com. Equipment	-	-	-		-	-	
Consulting- Revised Town Plan *							
Sub-Total Planning	7,801	5,496	7,583	-2.79%	5,131	6,641	-12.42%
Totals	38,826	32,979	39,148	0.83%	29,014	39,113	-0.09%
Conservation							
	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
100-3800 CONSERVATION							
100-3800-20.00 Supplies & Project Support	750	808	750	0.00%	649	850	13.33%
100-3800-40.00 Dues, Meetings	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
100-3800-80.00 Conservation Fund appropriation	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%	2,500	2,500	0.00%
Totals	3,250	3,308	3,250	0.00%	3,149	3,350	3.08%

Notes -

Planned increase of public presentations - #100-3800-20.00

Dept. of Public Works	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
200-0500-00.00 Accts Receivable-Highway							
Non-Tax Revenue Sources							
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	133,000	132,838	132,827	-0.13%	132,789	132,800	
200-2240-00.00 Other Grant Receipts	-	-	-		-	-	
200-2250-00.00 FEMA/FHA Flood Repair	-	-	-		-	-	
200-2509-00.00 DPW Receipts	-	-	-		431	-	
200-2519-00.00 DPW Materials Receipt	-	-	-		-	-	
200-2542-00.00 Sale of Town Equipment *	-	77	-		54	-	
200-2600-00.00 Insurance Claims Receipts	-	-	-		-	-	
200-2700-10.00 Overweight Permit Fees	400	530	500	25.00%	490	500	
200-2800-00.00 Insurance Refunds	-	2,942	-		774	-	
200-2850-00.00 Transfer from General Fun	-	-	-		-	-	
200-2850-00.01 Transfer from Planning & Consulting	-	-	-		-	-	
200-2990-00.00 Misc. Receipts	-	36	-		-	-	
Previous Year Surplus Applied	-	-	-		-	-	
Sub-Total Non-Tax Revenue	133,400	136,423	133,327	-0.05%	134,538	133,300	-0.02%
Tax Revenue							
200-2000-00.00 Current Tax Levy - DPW	809,025	809,025	904,532	11.81%	904,532	900,382	-0.46%
200-2000-00.01 Additional Taxes Raised	10,000	10,000	-	-100.00%	-	-	0.00%
Sub-Total Tax Revenue	819,025	819,025	904,532	10.44%	904,532	900,382	-0.46%
Total Revenues	952,425	955,448	1,037,859	8.97%	1,039,070	1,033,682	-0.40%
DPW Expenditures							
200-5000 DPW Wages							
200-5000-10.00 Highway Wages	198,578	204,024	203,154	2.30%	155,803	216,726	6.68%
200-5000-10.02 Project Manager Salary	10,529	10,935	10,741	2.02%	13,017	22,189	106.58%
200-5000-10.03 Project Clerk Salary	2,377	1,096	2,426	2.03%	2,060	2,523	3.99%
200-5000-10.05 DPW On Call	550	-	550	0.00%	-	550	0.00%
200-5000-11.00 Highway Overtime	20,000	20,555	25,000	25.00%	22,758	25,000	0.00%
Sub-Total DPW Wages	232,034	236,609	241,871	4.24%	193,637	266,988	10.38%
200-5100 ADMINISTRATION							
200-5100-05.01 Retirement	8,743	8,444	9,675	10.66%	8,238	10,850	12.15%
200-5100-15.00 DPW Benefits	89,161	81,794	80,659	-9.54%	73,679	81,000	0.42%
200-5100-15.01 Social Security	16,721	17,180	15,541	-7.06%	14,406	16,580	6.68%
200-5100-15.02 Project Manager Soc. Security	805	837	822	2.02%	996	1,697	106.58%
200-5100-10.03 Project Clerk Soc. Security	182	84	186	2.03%	158	193	3.99%
200-5100-16.00 DPW Contingency	-	-	30,000		-	-	-100.00%
200-5100-17.03 Clothing Expense	2,000	1,359	2,000	0.00%	1,025	2,000	0.00%
200-5100-20.00 Office Supplies	750	465	750	0.00%	732	750	0.00%
200-5100-34.00 Telecommunications	1,000	1,105	1,500	50.00%	951	1,800	20.00%
200-5100-36.00 Radio Maintenance	500	654	1,500	200.00%	500	7,500	400.00%
200-5100-38.00 GIS Road Data Survey	-	-	400		400	400	0.00%
200-5100-40.00 Dues & Meeting	5,000	208	5,000	0.00%	161	2,500	-50.00%
200-5100-40.01 Proj. Mgr. Training & Travel	400	25	100	-75.00%	-	-	-100.00%
200-5100-48.00 PACIF Liab. & Unemp.	15,111	15,432	17,455	15.51%	20,206	17,264	-1.10%
200-5100-48.01 WC Insurance	48,767	48,567	57,151	17.19%	57,149	22,161	-61.22%
200-5100-74.00 Mileage Reimbursement	500	-	500	0.00%	311	500	0.00%
New Line Item - Project Loan Interest	-	-	-		-	60,000	
Sub-Total Administration	189,641	176,154	223,238	17.72%	178,910	165,195	-26.00%

Dept. of Public Works (continued)	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
200-5110 MAINTENANCE							
200-5110-22.00 Road Maintenance Supplies	75,000	63,164	69,000	-8.00%	31,982	65,000	-5.80%
200-5110-25.00 Contract Services	15,000	15,160	20,000	33.33%	16,887	20,000	0.00%
200-5110-50.00 Road Grant Match	1,000	-	2,500	150.00%	-	13,150	426.00%
200-5110-55.00 MRGP Fee (Act 64)			2,500		-	2,400	-4.00%
200-5110-60.00 Guardrails			6,000		3,648	6,000	0.00%
200-5110-99.00 Transfer out to BBR					11,814		
Sub-Total Maintenance	91,000	78,324	100,000	9.89%	64,330	106,550	6.55%
200-5120 RETREATMENT							
200-5120-22.00 Contribution to New Paving Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.00%	100,000	100,000	0.00%
200-5120-50.00 Structures Expense	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.00%	-	15,000	0.00%
200-5120-99.00 Transfer to Structures Fund	10,000	10,000	17,500	75.00%	17,500	22,500	28.57%
Sub-Total Retreatment	125,000	125,000	132,500	6.00%	117,500	137,500	3.77%
200-5130 RESURFACING							
200-5130-56.00 Gravel Resurfacing	50,000	32,065	60,000	20.00%	30,682	60,000	0.00%
200-5130-83.00 Resurfacing Equipment	-	-	-		-	-	
Sub-Total Resurfacing	50,000	32,065	60,000	20.00%	30,682	60,000	0.00%
200-5140 CONSTRUCTION							
200-5140-22.00 Construction Supplies	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
200-5140-56.00 Construction Expense	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
200-5140-69.00 Rt. 132 Engineering Study	10,000	9,990	15,000	50.00%	4,129	15,000	0.00%
Sub-Total Construction	10,000	9,990	15,000	50.00%	4,129	15,000	0.00%
200-5150 FLOOD FUNDS							
200-5150-22.00 Flood Funds - Materials	-	302	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
200-5150-22.06 Flood Funds - Robinson Hill		7,429	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
200-5150-56.00 Flood Funds - Contractors	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
200-5150-66.00 Flood Funds - Equip. Rental	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
Total Flood Funds	-	7,732	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
200-5180 WINTER ROADS							
200-5180-22.00 Winter Road Supplies	115,000	140,247	115,000	0.00%	124,610	125,000	8.70%
200-5180-56.00 Other Winter Road Expense	-	-	-	0.00%	702	-	0.00%
Sub-Total Winter Roads	115,000	140,247	115,000	0.00%	125,312	125,000	8.70%
200-5240 BRIDGES							
200-5240-22.00 Bridge Supplies	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
200-5240-56.00 Other Bridge Expenses	-	-	-	0.00%	-	10,000	
200-5240-66.00 Equipment Rental	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
200-5240-80.00 Transfer to Bridge Fund	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	
Sub-Total Bridges	-	-	-	0.00%	-	10,000	
200-5280 STREETLIGHTS							
200-5280-00.00 Streetlights	4,000	3,517	4,000	0.00%	3,709	4,000	0.00%
200-5310 GARAGE							
200-5310-22.00 Garage Supplies	4,000	3,960	4,000	0.00%	2,860	4,000	0.00%
200-5310-56.00 Rubbish Removal - Garage	700	750	700	0.00%	906	800	14.29%
200-5310-68.00 Garage Repairs/Equip./Maint.	4,000	4,729	4,000	0.00%	4,615	5,000	25.00%
200-5310-76.00 Garage Utilities	6,500	3,981	5,000	-23.08%	4,668	5,000	0.00%
200-5310-80.00 Alarm Service	200	155	200	0.00%	285	300	50.00%
200-5310-83.00 Garage Equipment	-	-	-		-	-	0.00%
Sub-Total Garage	15,400	13,574	13,900	-9.74%	13,333	15,100	8.63%

Dept. of Public Works (continued)	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	Change %	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Change %
200-5330 VEHICLES							
200-5330-20.00 Transportation Fuel	40,000	35,945	40,000	0.00%	37,080	40,000	0.00%
200-5330-21.00 Vehicle Oil	2,500	2,006	2,500	0.00%	1,573	2,500	0.00%
200-5330-22.00 Vehicle supplies	350	86	350	0.00%	70	350	0.00%
200-5330-23.00 Vehicle DEF Fluid			500		892	1,500	200.00%
200-5330-48.50 Insurance Deductible		-	-		-	-	0.00%
200-5330-56.00 Equipment	2,500	2,412	7,500	200.00%	5,350	7,500	0.00%
200-5330-68.00 Vehicle Maintenance & Rep (Total)	70,000	80,132	75,000	7.14%	78,947	70,000	-6.67%
200-5330-68.00 Vehicle Maintenance & Rep		5,616			5,275		
200-5330-68.01 Repairs - Truck 1		4,900			11,925		
200-5330-68.02 Repairs - Truck 2		6,402			6,521		
200-5330-68.03 Repairs - Truck 3		10,248			4,888		
200-5330-68.04 Repairs - Truck 4		28,367			7,023		
200-5330-68.05 Repairs - Tractor JD		48			3,644		
200-5330-68.06 Repairs - Grader		7,232			17,963		
200-5330-68.07 Repairs - Excavator		946			8,601		
200-5330-68.08 Vehicle Repair - Chipper		567			-		
200-5330-68.09 Equipment Repair-Chainsaw		-			-		
200-5330-68.10 Repairs - Chloride Trailer		-			-		
200-5330-68.11 Roller		4,809			922		
200-5330-68.12 Repairs-Trailer		-			-		
200-5330-68.13 Repairs-Rock Rake		682			-		
200-5330-68.14 Repair Parts-Mower		2,704			679		
200-5330-68.15 Repairs - Pole Saw		-			-		
200-5330-68.16 Trimmer		-			-		
200-5330-68.17 Water Pump		-			8		
200-5330-68.18 Repairs-Wheel Loader		2,844			2,420		
200-5330-68.19 Sweeper		414			-		
200-5330-68.20 Load Rite Trailer		50			30		
200-5330-68.21 Case Loader		78			-		
200-5330-68.22 DPW Hot Box		80			135		
200-5330-68.50 Truck 5		4,145			8,911		
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		-			-		
200-5330-91.01 Trans. To Other Hwy Project		-			-	-	0.00%
Sub-Total Vehicles	115,350	120,581	125,850	9.10%	123,913	121,850	-3.18%
200-5400-68.00 Sidewalk Maintenance	3,000	-	3,500	16.67%	-	3,500	0.00%
200-5610 DPW SIGNS							
200-5610-22.00 Highway Signs	2,000	845	3,000	50.00%	5,262	3,000	0.00%
Sub-Total DPW Signs	2,000	845	3,000	50.00%	5,262	3,000	0.00%
200-5620 DPW STRIPING	-	-	-		-	-	0.00%
200-5630 Department Capital							
200-5630-95.00 Capital Reserve	-	-	-	0.00%	-	-	0.00%
Total Expenditures	952,425	944,638	1,037,859	8.97%	860,717	1,033,682	-0.40%

Notes -

Road Grants Fund Match for Better Roads State grants - #200-5110-50.00
Municipal Roads General Permit fee (Act 64, Clean Water Act) - #200-5110-55.00
Transfer to Structures Fund for Town match to State structure grants - #200-5120-99.00
Rt. 132 Engineering Study and Evaluation - #200-5140-69.00

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	878806.06	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		Interest Amount	Principal Balance	Interest Paid	Interest
	Amount	Principal 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 12/31/17 - 44,549.318 shares	\$1,043,345.03
Fidelity Puritan Trust Shares as of 12/31/16 - 43,171.777 shares	\$894,319.21
Cash balance as of 12/31/16	\$5,611.50
1/30/17 - Deposit	\$10,000.00
1/19/17 - Check to Thetford Emergency Fund	(\$1,100.00)
2/10/17 - Check to Community Nurse of Thetford	(\$5,000.00)
7/12/17 - Check to Thetford Emergency Fund	(\$1,500.00)
10/4/17 - Check to Oxbow Senior Independence Program	(\$400.00)
12/4/17 - Check to Thetford Emergency Fund	(\$1,000.00)
12/5/17 - Deposit	\$1,725.00
Bank Interest	\$1.84
Cash Balance as of 12/31/17	\$8,338.34

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 12/31/16	\$28,742.56
Fidelity Puritan Trust Shares as of 12/31/17	\$34,130.04
Cash balance as of 12/31/16	\$2,367.29
Bank Service Charge	(\$18.00)
Cash balance as of 12/31/17	\$2,349.29

LATHAM LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Started anonymously on March, 10, 1989, the Fund, as of 12/31/17, has a value of \$184,641.43.

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

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

During 2017, the Fund awarded 8 scholarship totaling \$9,125.00. 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 1/1/17	\$1,070.84	Grave upkeep and floral pieces - Donated
Bank Charges	42.00	
Interest accrued	<u>.66</u>	
Balance on hand 12/31/17	\$1,029.50	

Jill D. Graff
Town Treasurer

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2017									
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Fire Capital Equipment Fund	Community Development Grant Fund	FEMA Rie 132 Grant Funds	Structures and BBR Grant Funds	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS									
Cash	\$ 194,944	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,844	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,436	\$ 219,224
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32,000	32,000
Receivables	285,279	0	0	0	0	2,350,357	47,253	186,991	2,869,880
Due from Other Funds	689,652	188,153	98,315	94,802	0	0	27,500	377,360	1,475,782
Inventory	0	29,520	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,520
Total Assets	\$ 1,169,875	\$ 217,673	\$ 98,315	\$ 94,802	\$ 20,844	\$ 2,350,357	\$ 74,753	\$ 599,787	\$ 4,626,406
LIABILITIES									
Accounts Payable	\$ 29,599	\$ 15,275	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 44,874
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	22,779	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,779
Due to Other Funds	0	0	0	0	0	1,427,447	47,253	11,464	1,486,164
Unearned Revenue	9,382	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,883	16,265
Line of Credit	0	0	0	0	0	1,095,609	0	0	1,095,609
Due to School District	409,683	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	409,683
Total Liabilities	471,443	15,275	0	0	0	2,523,056	47,253	18,347	3,075,374
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES									
Prepaid Property Taxes	148,774	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148,774
Unavailable Property Taxes, Penalties and Interest	235,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	235,000
Unavailable Grant Income	0	0	0	0	0	973,000	21,462	0	994,462
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	383,774	0	0	0	0	973,000	21,462	0	1,378,236
FUND BALANCES/(DEFICIT)									
Nonspendable	0	29,520	0	0	0	0	0	1,300	30,820
Restricted	0	172,878	98,315	94,802	20,844	0	0	280,010	572,047
Assigned	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,500	0	122,302
Unassigned	314,658	0	0	0	0	(1,145,699)	(21,462)	300,130	(552,373)
Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)	314,658	202,398	98,315	94,802	20,844	(1,145,699)	6,038	581,440	172,796
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 1,169,875	\$ 217,673	\$ 98,315	\$ 94,802	\$ 20,844	\$ 2,350,357	\$ 74,753	\$ 599,787	\$ 4,626,406

TOWN OF THEFORD, VERMONT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Highway Equipment Fund	Fire Capital Equipment Fund	Community Development Grant Fund	FEMA Rie 132 Grant Funds	Structures and BBR Grant Funds	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:									
Property Taxes	\$ 1,275,697	\$ 904,532	\$ 140,000	\$ 88,500	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 22,000	\$ 2,430,729
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	63,864	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63,864
Intergovernmental	157,152	132,789	0	0	0	1,377,357	25,791	211,787	1,904,876
Charges for Services	59,611	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59,611
Permits, Licenses and Fees	56,026	490	0	0	0	0	0	2,212	58,728
Fines and Forfeits	17,540	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,540
Investment Income	258	0	0	63	0	0	0	3,608	3,929
Donations	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	5,042
Other	35,772	1,259	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,031
Total Revenues	1,670,920	1,039,070	140,000	88,563	0	1,377,357	25,791	239,649	4,581,350
Expenditures:									
General Government	662,175	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,260	681,435
Public Safety	478,093	0	0	75,531	0	0	0	4,337	557,961
Highways and Streets	0	731,403	0	0	0	2,523,056	59,067	0	3,313,526
Culture and Recreation	190,774	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	190,774
Solid Waste and Recycling	69,403	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69,403
Cemetery	7,546	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,546
Capital Outlay:									
Highways and Streets	0	0	346,617	0	0	0	0	273,089	619,706
Culture and Recreation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,731	24,731
Debt Service:									
Principal	48,700	0	67,709	0	0	0	0	10,500	126,909
Interest	16,559	0	6,642	0	0	0	0	201	23,402
Total Expenditures	1,473,250	731,403	420,968	75,531	0	2,523,056	59,067	332,118	5,615,393
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	197,670	307,667	(280,968)	13,032	0	(1,145,699)	(33,276)	(92,469)	(1,034,043)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):									
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	0	0	346,571	0	0	0	0	0	346,571
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0	29,314	140,500	169,814
Transfers Out	(40,500)	(129,314)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(169,814)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(40,500)	(129,314)	346,571	0	0	0	29,314	140,500	346,571
Net Change in Fund Balances	157,170	178,353	65,603	13,032	0	(1,145,699)	(3,962)	48,031	(687,472)
Fund Balances - January 1, 2017	157,488	24,045	32,712	81,770	20,844	0	10,000	533,409	860,268
Fund Balances - December 31, 2017	\$ 314,658	\$ 202,398	\$ 98,315	\$ 94,802	\$ 20,844	(1,145,699)	6,038	\$ 581,440	\$ 172,796

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Fund Cemetery Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,436	\$ 3,436
Investments	0	0	32,000	32,000
Receivables	1,825	185,166	0	186,991
Due from Other Funds	156,386	220,974	0	377,360
Total Assets	\$ 158,211	\$ 406,140	\$ 35,436	\$ 599,787
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Due to Other Funds	\$ 1,825	\$ 8,599	\$ 1,040	\$ 11,464
Unearned Revenue	6,883	0	0	6,883
Total Liabilities	8,708	8,599	1,040	18,347
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable	0	0	1,300	1,300
Restricted	886	246,028	33,096	280,010
Assigned	148,617	151,513	0	300,130
Total Fund Balances	149,503	397,541	34,396	581,440
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 158,211	\$ 406,140	\$ 35,436	\$ 599,787

Estimate

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Permanent Fund Cemetery Fund	Total
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 0	\$ 22,000	\$ 0	\$ 22,000
Intergovernmental	17,567	194,220	0	211,787
Permits, Licenses and Fees	2,212	0	0	2,212
Donations	42	0	0	42
Investment Income	101	250	3,257	3,608
Total Revenues	<u>19,922</u>	<u>216,470</u>	<u>3,257</u>	<u>239,649</u>
Expenditures:				
General Government	6,285	12,975	0	19,260
Public Safety	2,640	1,697	0	4,337
Cemetery	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay:				
Highways and Streets	0	273,089	0	273,089
Culture and Recreation	0	24,731	0	24,731
Debt Service	0	10,701	0	10,701
Total Expenditures	<u>8,925</u>	<u>323,193</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>332,118</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>10,997</u>	<u>(106,723)</u>	<u>3,257</u>	<u>(92,469)</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Transfer In	8,500	132,000	0	140,500
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>8,500</u>	<u>132,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>140,500</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	19,497	25,277	3,257	48,031
Fund Balances - January 1, 2017	<u>130,006</u>	<u>372,264</u>	<u>31,139</u>	<u>533,409</u>
Fund Balances - December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 149,503</u>	<u>\$ 397,541</u>	<u>\$ 34,396</u>	<u>\$ 581,440</u>

Estimate

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2017											
	Restoration of Records Fund	WHIP Fund	Reappraisal & Lister Education Fund	Planning & Consulting Fund	Composing 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	\$ 375	\$ 1,450	\$ 0	\$ 1,825
Due from Other Funds	17,594	430	69,195	31,858	6,715	624	5,147	0	0	24,823	156,386
Total Assets	\$ 17,594	\$ 430	\$ 69,195	\$ 31,858	\$ 6,715	\$ 624	\$ 5,147	\$ 375	\$ 1,450	\$ 24,823	\$ 158,211
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES											
Liabilities:											
Due to Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 375	\$ 1,450	\$ 0	\$ 1,825
Unearned Revenue	0	0	0	0	6,715	168	0	0	0	0	6,883
Total Liabilities	0	0	0	0	6,715	168	0	375	1,450	0	8,708
Fund Balances:											
Restricted	0	430	0	0	0	456	0	0	0	0	886
Assigned	17,594	0	69,195	31,858	0	0	5,147	0	0	24,823	148,617
Total Fund Balances	17,594	430	69,195	31,858	0	456	5,147	0	0	24,823	149,503
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 17,594	\$ 430	\$ 69,195	\$ 31,858	\$ 6,715	\$ 624	\$ 5,147	\$ 375	\$ 1,450	\$ 24,823	\$ 158,211

TOWN OF THEIFORD, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017											
	Restoration of Records Fund	WHP Fund	Reappraisal & Liter Education Fund	Planning & Consulting Fund	Composting Fund	Energy Committee & Improvements Fund	Town Land Fund	Highway Safety Fund	Senior Affordable Housing Fund	Conservation Funds	Total
Revenues:											
Intergovernmental	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 13,642	\$ 0	\$ 1,285	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,640	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 17,567
Permits, Licenses and Fees	2,212	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,212
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	42
Investment Income	11	0	48	20	0	0	4	0	0	18	101
Total Revenues	2,223	0	13,690	20	1,285	0	4	2,640	0	60	19,922
Expenditures:											
General Government	0	0	0	0	1,285	0	0	0	0	5,000	6,285
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,640	0	0	2,640
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0	1,285	0	0	2,640	0	5,000	8,925
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	2,223	0	13,690	20	0	0	4	0	0	(4,940)	10,997
Other Financing Sources:											
Transfers In	1,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	8,500
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	0	0	2,500	8,500
Net Change in Fund Balances	3,223	0	13,690	5,020	0	0	4	0	0	(2,440)	19,497
Fund Balances - January 1, 2017	14,371	430	55,505	26,838	0	456	5,143	0	0	27,263	130,006
Fund Balances - December 31, 2017	\$ 17,594	\$ 430	\$ 69,195	\$ 31,858	\$ 0	\$ 456	\$ 5,147	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 24,823	\$ 149,503

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
 DECEMBER 31, 2017

	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	\$ 0	\$ 175,000	\$ 10,166	\$ 0	\$ 185,166
Due from Other Funds	48,031	14,775	64,058	11,235	2,875	71,028	1,965	7,007	220,974
Total Assets	\$ 48,031	\$ 14,775	\$ 64,058	\$ 11,235	\$ 2,875	\$ 246,028	\$ 12,131	\$ 7,007	\$ 406,140
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>									
Liabilities:									
Due to Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,599	\$ 0	\$ 8,599
Fund Balances:									
Restricted	0	0	0	0	0	246,028	0	0	246,028
Assigned	48,031	14,775	64,058	11,235	2,875	0	3,532	7,007	151,513
Total Fund Balances	48,031	14,775	64,058	11,235	2,875	246,028	3,532	7,007	397,541
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 48,031	\$ 14,775	\$ 64,058	\$ 11,235	\$ 2,875	\$ 246,028	\$ 12,131	\$ 7,007	\$ 406,140

TOWN OF THEIFORD, VERMONT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017										
	Town Hall Fund	Cruiser Fund	Recycling Fund	Recreation Field Fund	Police Small Equipment Funds	Paving Fund	Theiford Sidewalk/Trails Fund	Emergency Infrastructure Fund	Total	
Revenues:										
Property Taxes	\$ 0	\$ 22,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 22,000	
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0	0	175,000	19,220	0	194,220	
Investment Income	27	5	43	7	1	163	0	4	250	
Total Revenues	27	22,005	43	7	1	175,163	19,220	4	216,470	
Expenditures:										
Capital Outlay:										
General Government	12,975	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,975	
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	1,697	0	0	0	1,697	
Highways and Streets	0	0	0	0	0	273,089	0	0	273,089	
Culture and Recreation	0	0	0	5,367	0	0	19,364	0	24,731	
Debt Service	0	10,701	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,701	
Total Expenditures	12,975	10,701	0	5,367	1,697	273,089	19,364	0	323,193	
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(12,948)	11,304	43	(5,360)	(1,696)	(97,926)	(144)	4	(106,723)	
Other Financing Sources:										
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Transfers In	21,000	0	2,500	3,000	3,000	100,000	0	2,500	132,000	
Total Other Financing Sources	21,000	0	2,500	3,000	3,000	100,000	0	2,500	132,000	
Net Change in Fund Balances	8,052	11,304	2,543	(2,360)	1,304	2,074	(144)	2,504	25,277	
Fund Balances - January 1, 2017	39,979	3,471	61,515	13,595	1,571	243,954	3,676	4,503	372,564	
Fund Balances - December 31, 2017	\$ 48,031	\$ 14,775	\$ 64,058	\$ 11,235	\$ 2,875	\$ 246,028	\$ 3,532	\$ 7,007	\$ 397,541	

**Town of Thetford, Vermont
Governmental Capital Assets
December 31, 2017**

Item	Department	Date Acquired	Cost	Item	Department	Date Acquired	Cost
2017 Western Star	DPW	1/2/2017	189,068	Generator E Mgmt	General	12/31/2009	52,123
2007 Freightliner	DPW	3/9/2007	119,649	GeneratorTown 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
2018 Western Star	DPW	11/9/2017	178,162	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
Thaw er 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
Pow erclamp Hydraulic Thumb	DPW	11/10/2014	8,573	Pedestrian Path	General	N/A	25,116
2013 Doosaan 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 - Stow ell 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
Bengal mower	DPW	7/10/2017	45,046	Land - Poor Farm Road So.	N/A	6/30/1994	40,000
Sw eepster 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
L-30 Hydroseeder	DPW	3/28/2017	3,500	Land - Post Mills Conservation Area	Conservation		60,000
Radios	Police	9/1/2015	30,109	Land - Decola Property (Cranberry Hill)	N/A	6/30/2005	13,140
Radar Sign	Police	12/1/2012	2,370	Land - Poor Farm Rd. (Nature Cons.)	N/A	6/30/2004	158,690
Radar Unit	Police	2/23/2012	1,870	Land - Saw nee Bean Cemetery	N/A		0
2015 Ford Interceptor	Police	3/18/2015	32,490	Land - Judd Cemetery	N/A		0
2015 Ford Interceptor	Police	3/18/2015	32,490	Land - Trussell Road	N/A		0
Army Cots	Emerg.Mgmt.	8/19/2010	1,207	Land - Thetford Center Cemetery	N/A		0
Computers	General	10/21/2010	11,443	Land - East Thetford Cemetery	N/A		0
Computers	General	9/11/2017	4,160	Land - Thetford Hill Common	N/A		0
Computer	Zoning	1/26/2012	1,920	Land - Jackman Cemetery	N/A		0
Roller Shelves	General	10/9/2010	4,800	Land - Kinney Cemetery	N/A		0
Copier	General	2/13/2009	3,695	Land - Follett Cemetery	N/A		0
Copier	General	6/30/2003	3,500	Land - Pleasant Ridge Cemetery	N/A		0
Radios	Police	9/1/2015	30,109	Land - Post Mills Green	N/A		0
Mobile Data Computers (2)	Police	3/8/2012	1,363	Land - Glebe Cemetery	N/A		0
Computers	Police	10/19/2015	13,138	Land - Turnpike Road South	Conservation		220
Radar antenas	Police	8/22/2017	2,257				
Tow n Hall	General	6/30/2003	681,770				
						Total	3,179,752

Public Works Capital Equipment Fund- 10 Year Projection

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Fund (\$ thousands)										
Fund Balance as of Jan 1	85.6	99.8	111.6	131.1	158.7	133.8	193.9	320.8	373.7	270.6
Added to fund	147.0	154.4	162.1	170.2	178.7	187.6	197.0	206.8	217.2	228.0
Increase in Contribution	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Interest Earned on DPW Fund	0.0171	0.0200	0.0223	0.0262	0.0317	0.0268	0.0388	0.0642	0.0747	0.0541
Anticipated Public Works Equipment Purchases (\$ thousands)										
Truck 1 F550 - 5 yrs 2018		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			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 2025	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1	28.1			35.0	35.0
Truck 5 6WL - 8 yrs 2019		34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0			35.0
Grader - 17 yrs 2010										
Excavator - 12 yrs 2013	31.5							59.0	59.0	59.0
Loader - 12 yrs 2008					36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0		
Tractor - 15 yrs 2006					25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0		
Mower - 11 yrs 2017	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.7						
Chipper - 11 yrs 2019			15.0	15.0						
Roller -										
Total Payments from Fund	132.8	142.6	142.6	142.6	203.6	127.6	70.0	154.0	189.0	224.0
Fund Balance as of Dec 31	99.8	111.6	131.1	158.7	133.8	193.9	320.8	373.7	401.9	274.6

Police Capital Equipment Fund- 10 Year Projection

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Fund (\$ thousands)										
Fund Balance as of Jan 1	14.7	42.7	48.7	31.7	19.7	34.7	46.7	33.7	23.7	38.7
Added to fund	28.0	34.0	36.0	38.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Increase in Contribution	21%	18%	6%	5%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Interest Earned on Police Fund	0.0029	0.0085	0.0097	0.0063	0.0039	0.0069	0.0093	0.0067	0.0047	0.0077
Anticipated Police Equipment Purchases (\$ thousands)										
EQ1 - 2015				25.0	25.0			25.0	25.0	
EQ2 - 2015 (2 year finance)			25.0	25.0			25.0	25.0		
EQ3		28.0	28.0			28.0	28.0			28.0
Total Payments from Fund	0.0	28.0	53.0	50.0	25.0	28.0	53.0	50.0	25.0	28.0
Fund Balance as of Dec 31	42.7	48.7	31.7	19.7	34.7	46.7	33.7	23.7	38.7	50.7

Fire Capital Equipment Fund- 10 Year Projection										
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Fund (\$ thousands)										
Fund Balance as of Jan 1	91.9	106.5	85.5	70.2	60.9	58.0	41.1	30.1	25.3	27.0
Added to fund	90.1	94.6	100.3	106.3	112.7	118.3	124.2	130.4	136.943	143.79
Increase in Contribution	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%
Interest Earned on Fire Fund	0.0184	0.0213	0.0171	0.0140	0.0122	0.0116	0.0082	0.0060	0.0051	0.0054
Anticipated Fire Equipment Purchases (\$ thousands)										
E2 Pumper (2014) - 17 yrs 2031	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										158.182
Total Payments from Fund	75.5	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	135.2	135.2	135.2	135.2	158.2
Fund Balance as of Dec 31	106.5	85.5	70.2	60.9	58.0	41.1	30.1	25.3	27.0	12.6

	SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS				AND				ANNUAL MATURITIES						
	Balance 12/31/2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2017	2017				2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023-2035	Total
					Interest Paid 2017										
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	180,000		30,000	150,000											
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	355,300		18,700	336,600											
Note Payable - Merchants Bank Ford Cruiser, Interest 2% Payable Nov 2016 through Nov 2017															
Principal	10,500		10,500	0											
Interest															
Note Payable - Element Financial, Interest at .8%, 48 monthly payments (P&I) of \$3,360.91 through Sept. 2017															
Principal	26,784		26,784	0											
Interest															
Note Payable - Ford Credit Company, Interest at 5.95% annual P&I payments of \$16,311 through March 2017															
Principal	15,396		15,396	0											
Interest															
Note payable Daimler Truck 18 Western Star, Interest @ 3.27% due annually through 2022															
Principal	166,256		25,529	140,727											
Interest															
Note Payable Daimler 17 Western Star Truck, Interest @ 4.19% due annually through 2023															
Principal		153,201		153,201											
Interest															
Note payable Daimler 18 Western Star Truck, Interest @ 3.72% due annually through 2023															
Principal	0	148,370	0	148,370											
Interest															
Note payable Community Bank Bangor Mower 2017, Interest @ 2.2% through Oct. 1 2021															
Principal	0	45,000		45,000											
Interest															
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE															
Community Bank	0	275,000	275,000	0											
Community Bank FEMA Line of Credit 2.2% due Dec. 2018	0														
Principal		600,554		600,554											
Interest															
Community Bank Federal HWY Line of Credit 2.25% due Dec. 2018	0														
Principal		495,055		495,055											
Interest															
Annual Maturities TOTAL PRINCIPAL	754,236	1,717,180	401,909	2,069,507											
Annual Maturities TOTAL INTEREST															
Santander - Fire Truck Pumpar*, Interest 2.89% due each December through 2017															
Principal	144,757		71,347												
Interest															

*Note: Theford Volunteer Fire Department owns the truck, but the Town of Theford pays the loan.

TAX BILLING RECONCILIATION
Year Ending December 31, 2017

	Amount
Billings per Tax Book - including late penalties	8,666,934
Amount of Taxes for School - Paid and Accrued	(4,909,683)
Education Tax Payments Paid to School by State	(1,301,684)
Less Town Forest Taxes Paid to School	(1,281)
Highway Fund Taxes (includes taxes for paving)	(904,532)
Highway Equipment Fund Taxes	(140,000)
Fire Equipment Fund Taxes	(88,500)
Cruiser Fund Taxes	(22,000)
Late Homestead Penalty	(12,319)
School Tax Billing Fee Retained	(11,239)
General Fund Taxes	(1,275,696)
	0.00

**Estimated Tax Rates for 2018
Using 2017 Grand List**

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	2018 Est. Tax Rate	2017 Tax Rate	2016 Tax Rate	2015 Tax Rate	2014 Tax Rate
General Fund					
\$1,327,158	0.3797	0.3520	0.3388	0.3475	0.3186
Highway Fund					
\$875,382	0.2505	0.2588	0.2327	0.2091	0.1798
Articles					
\$335,829	0.0961	0.0850	0.0776	0.0079	0.0598
Veteran's Exemption					
\$12,932	0.0037	0.0037	0.0030	0.0028	0.0031
Local Agreement					
\$13,033	0.0037	0.0036	0.0029		
Total Municipal					
\$2,564,334	0.7337	0.7031	0.6521	0.5673	0.5613
% Change from previous year	4.17%	7.25%	13.00%	1.06%	15.00%
2017 Grand List					
\$3,495,029					

(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 14 grants and 18 special funds, in addition to the General Fund and DPW Fund.

The **General Fund** Balance ended the year at \$314,658, an increase of \$157,170 over last year. The revenues that came in higher than budgeted were: Hold Harmless, Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes, Penalties for Late Homestead Filings, and Recycling Receipts. These increased revenues helped to offset those that came in under budget such as Town Land Maintenance, Recreation and Treasure Island (we were closed for a week due to a weather event) and Pilot Revenues.

Total expenses for the General Fund came in under budget by \$128,440. Midway through the year, the Selectboard requested that all departments attempt to cut spending to help us get through the cash flow issues brought on by the July 1 storm. The expenses came in under budget by \$128,440. The departments that came in under budget the most were the Selectboard, Treasure Island, Police, Recreation, Clerk, Zoning, and County Tax.

The fund balance in the Department of Public Works increased \$178,353 ending at \$202,398. This is great news! We have been struggling to have a more healthy fund balance.

On July 1, 2017, the storm that hit Thetford caused massive damage. The Town is fortunate to have been awarded FEMA and Federal Highway grants to help with the repairs of our roads. We have a line of credit with Community Bank to help with the cash flow issues brought on by the \$4.5 million in damages. As of December 31, 2017 \$1,145,698 had been expended for the FEMA project and we borrowed \$600,553 to help cover these costs. Federal Highway (Route 132) expenses were \$1,377,357 and we borrowed \$495,055. We have also budgeted \$60,000 to pay for the interest on these loans. There will be additional costs in 2018 to finish the work that needs to be done.

For more detail, please take a look at the financial pages.

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 with the State of Vermont before the April 17th deadline, whether you file for an extension or not. Also, please be sure to only file once. If you file more than once, the State's system picks up the last filing date and this has caused late penalties to be added and much more work for our office and the Listers to help straighten it out.

The accounting firm of Sullivan and Powers completed their 2016 audit of the town's finances and are now working on 2017.

Becky and I welcome you to stop in 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

DELINQUENT TAX LIST**As of December 31, 2017**

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

Adams Revocable Living Trusts	Hollis, Derek & Michelle
Bailey, Agnes	Howe, Matthew and Kim
Bailey, Livio	Hurt, James
Bailey, Warren & Florence	Joiner-Claflin, Margaret
Banios, Philip Jr.	Jordan, William & Delinda
Barrett, Virginia	Josler, Lisa Ann
Berecz, Thomas	Jurgelewicz, Jan *
Blake, Robert & Patricia	Kogel, Christine
Bowen, Brian J	Magoon, Robert J.
Bragg, Richard	Mortimer, Kathryn
Cho, Han	Parker, Martin
Clifford, Gary	Perkins, Kippy & Roger
Cummings, Florence	Pogwizd, Norma
Cummings, Laurance	Pompy Press Inc.
Dalpe, Mark	Race, Robert & Lillian
Davidonis, Theresa	Rice, Susanne Bailey*
Durkee, Heman	Santor, Allen
Durkee, Roy and Charlotte	Silverstein, Elissa
Dyke, Patti	Telephone Operating Co. of VT
Farnham, Robert	Tomek, Ivan
Fenton, Ann Narva	Towle, Richard G
Geissler, Rene	Tyler, Hillary
Gioia, Connie L. & Robert J. Jr.	Wing Trust
Graham, Christopher	Zagaeski, Theodore
Green Mountain Economic Development	

*Paid in full by January 31, 2018

Total amount of taxes delinquent as of 12/31/17 \$245,793.13

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Dan Pomeroy

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. I am currently in contact with an attorney and will be submitting a delinquent tax list to the firm in April to proceed with collection.

The following is a breakout of the delinquent tax activity for 2017:

Delinquent Taxes as of 1/1/17	\$178,210.88
2016 Taxes Delinquent as of 10/17/17	<u>\$387,801.08</u>
Total Delinquent	<u>\$566,011.96</u>
Delinquent Taxes Collected	- <u>\$320,218.83</u>
Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/17	<u>\$245,793.13</u>
Delinquent Taxes Collected	\$320,218.83
Interest Collected	\$32,350.93
Penalty Collected	<u>\$31,512.85</u>
Total Amount Collected	<u>\$384,082.61</u>

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Dan Pomeroy
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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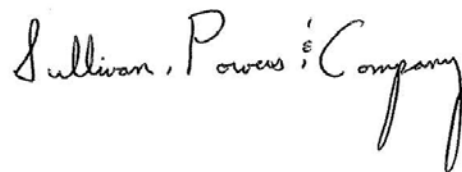
January 30, 2018

Selectboard
Town of Thetford, Vermont
P.O. Box 126
Thetford Center, VT 05074-0126

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Thetford, Vermont as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016. 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, 2017 is in process. The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town Treasurer's Office when complete.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'C'.

★ NOTES ★

OTHER ANNUAL REPORTS

2017

***COMMUNITY, AREA
and
STATE ORGANIZATIONS***

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2017 was a year marked by highs and lows – a successful first go at a spring program series and our largest Geography Bee turnout to date, and flooding at our Barn Museum, which resulted in damage to buildings and items in our collection.

At our Library and Archives, located in the Bicentennial Building on Thetford Hill, we are working through the backlog of collections to be catalogued. We continue to receive new (old) items, including business info and materials from the last owner of Grandad's Toy Shop (which moved from North Thetford to New Hampshire, before being sold), and a wealth of documents, photos, and newspaper clippings from Royce Bond and sister, Shirley Bond Maclay. In addition to family items, we were given information on the early days of Thetford's Fire Department and the Snow Coasters, two organizations close to Royce's heart. The Bonds were also avid clippers of columns and life events from local papers. We are excited to see where these new items will round out existing collections and help create new ones.

Last spring's "***Weather or Not***" series was a terrific success, and our turnout for the **Tick Talk** in North Thetford was almost beyond the capacity of the space. It was great to see so many familiar faces as well as new attendees. Spring certainly exceeded our expectations on being a good time to present a program or two. We will do it again in 2018 - stay tuned!

We aided the Open Fields School in a local history project which explored the origins of their building. Their research became an award winning film (congrats, Open Fields!), which was shown to the public in May at TA. In the fall, Scott Ellis's class from the Academy visited the archives in their study of the State Forest property. Those students were particularly interested in an aerial photo from the 1930s, picking out familiar locations, and noting changes to the landscape. Thetford Hill Fair attendees also enjoyed historic photos from around the common. We enlarged, printed and installed them around the green at approximately the same location they had been taken. It was a fun opportunity to see how much had changed, over the past century or so.

Flooding at the Barn Museum in early July changed our plans to re-open in the summer. Countless hours were spent mucking out the buildings, cleaning artifacts, discarding items too damaged to keep, and rebuilding portions of the old barn and foundations. Work will continue in the spring, but we DO plan to open in 2018. Special thanks to all the volunteers from Thetford and beyond, who gave their time and expertise on this extensive project.

Two programs preceded our Geo Bee in the fall: "**Vermont's Wildlife in a Changing Climate**" at our annual meeting, and Tom Wessels, author and landscape expert, spoke on "**Reading the Forested Landscape**". The latter program was co-sponsored with the Thetford Conservation Commission and the Science Department at TA. We ended our program year with the **6th Annual Thetford Geography Bee** in November with questions about "**Vermont Critters**", with an incredible turnout of 16 teams and a crowd of spectators. Our theme for 2018 is "**Thetford and TA**". We're excited to help Thetford Academy kick off their 200th birthday year in 2019, and hope you'll join us for this fun family event.

Martha Howard
Director, Thetford Historical Society

THETFORD HILL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

THVIS was founded in 1905, when the Town approved a petition by citizens to turn the Thetford Hill Common from a space for livestock into a public park. Our board is authorized by the Town to provide care of the trees, benches, drinking fountain and lawn mowing and be the coordinator to manage events on the Common. It is the centerpiece of the Thetford Hill National Historic District and is a classic example of a New England town Common.

All funds for maintenance come from The Thetford Hill Fair, held on or about the last week in July. 2018 will be the 106th year of the event. You are invited to browse one of the best rummage sales in the Upper Valley, the book table, plants for sale donated by local nurseries, baked goods, antiques and collectibles. Children and Camp Farnsworth campers enjoy fortune-telling, face painting, Henna tattoos, and we all look forward to a great lunch spread and the traditional tea garden. It is an all-volunteer effort. Details of this and other THVIS events, TA Events, The Open Fields Medieval Festival, Parish Players Performances and other events taking place on the Common can now be announced on the new sign post at the corner of Route 113 and Academy Road.

The Common is available for public use anytime for a wedding, concert, exercise class, touch football game or just playing catch with one of your kids. Please contact one of us to check the schedule for large events.

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



Spiral Labyrinth Walk on the Common, December 2017, held by The First Congregational Church.

THETFORD CENTER COMMUNITY BUILDING AND ASSOCIATION

Route 113, Thetford Center, VT

The lovely, historic Thetford Center Community Building is located next to the town garage in Thetford Center. It is owned by the non-profit Thetford Center Community Association (TCCA). The Association's officers and directors oversee the use and maintenance of this well-used valuable town asset.

Over the years, the TCCA has, at times, been very active, with monthly meetings and social events including fundraising Roast Beef and Chicken Pie Suppers. During the winters of 2010 and 2011, the TCCA made affordable take-home dinners on Thursday nights, with desserts and other items donated by many friends and neighbors. More fundraising and community events are planned for the future.

This wonderful building has a great kitchen setup, and has been used for potlucks, community dinners, yard sales, flea markets, food and pie sales as well as many classes, informational and educational programs, trainings, memorial events, and other public and private events. Memorial services for Thetford area residents have been held at no cost, with willing volunteers providing refreshments. The building is available for private social events, such as birthday and anniversary parties for a nominal rental fee.

Several years ago, the Town of Thetford Energy Committee organized a weatherization project for the building. This included adding insulation in the basement, a new heating system and window upgrades- reducing the costs of heating for the building and making it more comfortable in winter. This was all paid for by donations received as a result of a fundraising letter that was sent to our friends and neighbors in Thetford. The work was done by willing volunteers of all trades.

The Thetford Center Community Building is currently used by many local organizations and groups. These include Yoga classes on Monday evenings, Bones Exercise Classes for seniors on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and a TaiChi classes for seniors on Wednesday and Friday mornings. (This is a statewide program, specifically addressing the needs of seniors to maintain their balance and flexibility). On the second Wednesday of the month, there is a Coffee Klatch - a wonderful time for seniors of all ages to gather and socialize. Our Community Nurse, Cindy Grigel, is usually in attendance, as well as the Klatch organizer, Pril Hall. (Rides to the community building for Coffee Klatch are available upon request).

The Thetford Center Common is adjacent to the Community Center Building, and together with the building has been used for many activities and a number of benefit fundraisers including a barbecue to raise money for hospital expenses for a young man having a kidney replacement, as well as a stopover for an annual Multiple Sclerosis fundraiser, where meals and rest are provided to the various bicycle riders participating in the event.

Thetford Center Community Association, in agreement with the Ompompanoosuc Community Trust, is now able to receive tax deductible donations through the Trust. Donations made to the Thetford Center Community Association can be sent to the Ompompanoosuc Community Trust Inc., PO Box 2, Post Mills, VT 05058.

For more information about TCCA, or to arrange rental or use of the Thetford Center Community Building please contact TCCA treasurer: Bev Slack at 802 785 2041 or at bevpsla@gmail.com.

As one person said “The Thetford Center Community Building is a jewel in our community. We are very fortunate to have it here.”

Submitted by Bev Slack and Nicky Corrao



Though not a bridge image, this photo from 1963 is the only instance we can think of where a parade was held in honor of a bridge - Thetford Center's covered bridge, newly renovated and re-dedicated.

THS Archives

If anyone can identify the people in this photo, please contact the Historical Society. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NURSE OF THETFORD, INC. (CNT)

The appropriation voted for CNT at the 2017 town meeting helps assure the sustainability of CNT services going forward and has reduced some of the fund raising burden. We thank all Thetford townspeople for this. This money also will enable us to increase CNT hours from the current 10 hours/week to 12 hours/week, an increase which is needed.

Cindy Grigel, our CNT nurse, has had a busy year. In addition to clients enrolled last year and still being followed, she has taken on 15 new clients. At any point in time she follows an average of 15 clients. Cindy made 112 home visits and had close to 200 phone conversations with enrolled clients and with people who just wanted to talk via phone. 45% of our clients are followed for 6 months or longer.

The profile of a typical client is a person in his or her 80s, living alone in an older home with entry and in-house stairs that must be negotiated. This person often has several health conditions involving chronic pain, difficulty moving about, falling, poor memory, and needing to take as many as 4-6 medications daily. After getting a feel for the client's situation, Cindy makes suggestions to help the person manage her or his illness conditions and gain control over the difficulties being experienced in daily life. She also identifies available resources that might make life a bit better and easier, and assists the person in negotiating the complexities of the healthcare system.

Advising and providing support for families who are trying to help their elderly parents continue to live safely and comfortably at home is another important part of what Cindy does. She is an excellent source of information, ideas, and facilitation.

We hear from many families, friends, and neighbors about how much help Cindy has provided. Thanks to donations from local foundations, organizations, individuals, businesses, and Thetford taxpayers, there is no charge for CNT service. Please see the ever-growing list of supporters at our booth at town meeting and on our website at <https://communitynurseofthetford.weebly.com/>

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE

To the Citizens of the Nine Communities We Serve,

Upper Valley Ambulance is in our 27th year of providing emergency ambulance service to our member towns, and we continue to strive to meet our mission on a daily basis. Emergency Medical Services is the safety net for healthcare. We don't ask if you can pay the bill before we respond to your 9-1-1 call. We respond, render high quality healthcare as needed and help you make choices about whether you need to go to the hospital with us, or seek alternate care such as your primary physician's office. Whether we get paid for our services, or how much we get paid depends on what kind of health insurance, if any, you have. We care equally for all our patients regardless of their ability to pay. You call 9-1-1 and an ambulance responds. Period.

Because of the way healthcare reimbursement is in our country, the amount we collect is only about 50% of our costs. The only way you as a resident or visitor to the nine communities we serve can be assured that there will be an ambulance service to respond to your 9-1-1 emergency is by sharing those uncompensated costs through your taxes. All our communities are assessed a per-capita charge based on our costs that are not covered by revenue from patient billing. For 2017, that per capita charge was \$37. This year the Board of Directors of Upper Valley Ambulance struggled with flat or decreasing revenue from health insurance providers, increasing costs of our staff's health insurance and other increasing operational costs. This resulted in an increase of the per capita assessment to \$39.

However our financial struggles have presented us with a short term problem. The money that we use to put aside for replacing ambulances has had to go into paying other expenses. We need to put aside approximately fifty thousand dollars a year to replace ambulances as they age. In 2017, we did not have the funds to set aside, and we will not have the funds in 2018 or 2019. In 2020, we will have finished paying off loans and will be able to set aside that money for ambulance replacement. However, we cannot wait that long to replace ambulances. Thus, we need to assess a temporary surcharge in 2018 and 2019 of \$4.00 per capita to pay for ambulance replacement.

The total amount Upper Valley Ambulance needs from our communities for 2018 is \$43 per capita. This is a 5% increase in operational expenses and an 11% temporary surcharge for ambulance replacement. We understand that a 16% increase is difficult to swallow. We assure our communities however that the temporary surcharge is temporary, and that we continue to work hard to control our costs.

The leadership and staff of UVA continue to be proud of the organization's accomplishments and look forward to providing you with the peace of mind that your 9-1-1 system is here if you, a family member, your neighbors, or visitors to your community need it. We vow to continue our commitment to providing high quality emergency medical care to all the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

Clay Odell
Executive Director



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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Thetford

Your local health district office is in White River Junction at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: The Health Department's 3-4-50 initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three (3) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diet that lead to four (4) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and lung disease that result in more than 50% of death in Orange County. The local office is working to get these sector partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help to reduce the chronic disease in our state.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served 32 pregnant women and children to age five in Thetford with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support. We partner with grocery stores across the state to enable participants to use a debit-like card to access nutritious foods. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017 we responded to 123 potential cases of infectious disease in the White River Junction district. In 2017, \$678,259 worth of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers in Orange County.

Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In Orange County, we partnered with Gifford Medical Center to distribute media messages to encourage proper disposal of prescription drugs and to support parents in reducing substance use among youth, and work with community partners on building the momentum around prevention.



For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at www.healthvermont.gov.

Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/vdhwj/> and follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont.

ECFIBER

As many of you know, ECFiber is in process of building our fiber optic network throughout Thetford, passing every home and business in town. But as many of you *also* know, we have experienced very frustrating delays due to forces beyond our control. Among them are the difficulty in getting FairPoint and GMP to install new utility poles and ridiculous delays in obtaining pole licenses from these two companies, both of which are owned by out of state corporations. While there are time requirements in rule as to when poles must be set and licenses granted, there are no monetary penalties for failure to comply. That may change as it is high time that FairPoint be held accountable.

Despite these difficulties, ECFiber will build through the winter, hooking up customers road by road. All told, by Town Meeting, there are will be nearly 2,500 customers throughout our 24 town service areas. ECFiber is a Communication Utility District (CUD), a municipal entity described in statute. It is owned by its member towns and governed by volunteer delegates from each town. Meetings are open to the public and are usually held at the Vermont Law School in South Royalton. Feel free to attend and become involved. Thetford resident Marty Blumberg is the ECFiber treasurer.

Jim Masland and Fred Thomas, your Thetford delegates.

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



Covered Bridge on Sawney Bean Road, over the Ompompanoosuc River. Preston's Sawmill and dam can be seen upstream.

OMPOMPANUOOSUC COMMUNITY TRUST INC.

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 goal of OCT is to support local community-based organizations working for social good with financial services, fundraising, grant administration, and general advocacy.

During 2017, the OCT Inc. supported the following projects:

1. OCT Inc. made a grant of \$5,000 to the Community Nurse of Thetford (CNT) Inc. to assist with funding the community nurse.
2. OCT Inc. made a grant of \$2,000 to Puppetree, which helped it to perform the didactic play, "Swimmy" by Leo Lionni, at the Wilder Club & Library and at Camp Riverdale in Orford NH. Puppetree gave Puppet-Building Workshops at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center Splash Camp. The OCT grant helped Puppetree to hire a high school student as a part-time administrative assistant.
3. OCT Inc. joined the Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) in 2017 with an initial investment of \$10,000, which begins a long-term endowment.
4. Thetford Center Community Association Inc. (TCCA) has asked OCT Inc. to serve as its fiscal agent. OCT Inc. and TCCA have signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
5. From its inception, the OCT had been administering the Thetford Elder Network's (TEN) funds. The Selectboard determined that because TEN is an official town committee, the town should handle all of its funds. At the end of October, 2017, OCT turned over the remaining TEN funds of \$3,821 to the town.
6. OCT Inc. has been helping the Senior Affordable Housing Committee (SAHC) as needed and will continue to help.

The OCT is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible and may be made to the general fund or restricted to a specific project. Donors may make contributions to the OCT fund held by the Vermont Community Foundation as endowments and/or annuities or other charitable arrangements favorable to both the donor and the OCT.

**OCT Inc. Website for details: <http://www.pompytrust.org/>
OCT Inc. Mailing Address: PO Box 2, Post Mills, VT 05058
For Inquiries, email: manohar.grewal@gmail.com.**

OCT Inc. Board members:

Manohar Grewal (Chair), Mark McMahon, Dale Gephart, Ridge Satterthwaite, Linda Baccei, Didi Pershouse, and Thomas Sandler



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 145 members and 8 are junior members, available to anyone 15 years old and under. To become a member, contact the Club at uppervalleyfishgameclub@gmail.com or call one of the Club officers.

MEETINGS:

Club meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Thetford Elementary School from September through May at 7:00 pm, and at the club grounds in 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 2017:

The 34th Annual Ice Fishing Derby was held on Lake Fairlee in February with 196 participants and families.

The 33rd annual Kid’s Fishing Derby was held at the Club Pond in June with 46 children participating.

Certificates were presented to 20 Firearms Hunter Safety students and to 14 Bow Hunter Safety students at the fall Hunter Safety Class.

The Club presented a Handgun Safety Class for Women which all 11 participants completed.

The Club grounds received significant damage from the July 1st storm that did major damage throughout the town.

Club members donated over 500 man-hours to repair the town’s Stump Dump Road, the Club entrance road, a partial washout of the Club pond, and to clean up debris throughout the property.

We continued the application of Lime and Rock Phosphate as outlined in our Environmental Stewardship Plan.

Upgrades were made to the 25 yard target, and to the .22 range.

The first of the safety berms was completed.

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION



The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. The following are highlights from 2017:

Technical Assistance: In 2017, TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls and assisted towns with Municipal Planning Grant applications.

Emergency Management & Preparedness: TRORC helped coordinate the Hazardous Materials Statewide Commodity Flow Study to inform and update emergency response plans, hazard analysis and response procedures. Our LEPC #12 efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the region. TRORC assisted all member towns with their Local Emergency Operations Plans and have been working with the final towns to complete the updates to municipal Hazard Mitigation Plans. Following the flooding event of July 1, TRORC worked with the majority of towns in our region on flood assistance and FEMA coordination. TRORC continues to work on closing out buyout properties and re-use park projects from the 2011 Irene flooding. To date, we have coordinated the purchasing of 142 homes damaged in Irene, helping to avoid future flood damage to structures on those sites.

Regional Energy Plan: The Vermont Department of Public Service has approved TRORC's Regional Energy Implementation Plan and Regional Plan and awarded a "Determination of Energy Compliance." The Plans outline a pathway to implement the goals and policies of the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan at the regional level by setting regional targets for specific energy conservation, generation and fuel switching strategies, helping the state meet 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. TRORC is currently working with a number of towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to meet the new state standards and recommendations so that Town Plans can be given greater weight in Section 248 proceedings.

Transportation: TRORC is administering the Grants-In-Aid program in our region to provide funding for towns to implement best management practices on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit provisions. Some of the projects include grass and stone-lined ditches, improvement and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. TRORC staff have also been busy with Road Erosion and Culvert Inventory projects with many municipalities, and we have continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

Specifically in Thetford this past year, we continued to manage the Thetford Sidewalk and Thetford Trailhead projects, began work on enhanced energy planning, assisted with emergency coordination following the July 1 storm, prepared Better Road grant applications, coordinated a municipal roads Grants-In-Aid project for South Colby Road, coordinated VTrans public meetings on the park and ride study, and assisted with the development and approval of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

*We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.
Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret*



Covered bridge attached to Chubb Fishrod Factory in Post Mills. The mill, built in 1870, was destroyed by fire in 1875, along with the covered bridge.

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.

Direct services provided by GUV to Thetford and District residents in fiscal year 2017:

- Events were held in Thetford, Sharon, Strafford, Bridgewater, Woodstock, and Hartford where we collected 19.2 tons of tires; 1.38 tons of scrap metal; 12 tons of electronics; 12.6 tons of “big” trash/construction & demolition debris; and thousands of fluorescent bulbs and batteries.
- 399 GUV residents (16 from Thetford) participated in household hazardous waste events held in Woodstock in September 2016 and Hartford in June 2017. 8.1 tons of hazardous materials were collected, including 651 gallons of paint.
- GUV held three backyard compost workshops throughout the District from May to July, led by VT Master Composter Cat Buxton. Soil Saver composters and Sure-Close food scrap pails were sold at greatly reduced prices thanks to a grant from the VT Agency of Natural Resources. 13 Thetford residents attended the West Fairlee workshop.
- GUV staff spent one October Saturday passing out paint and battery recycling information to residents at the Recycling Center, as well as helping staff members set up a system for ongoing battery recycling.

In FY 17, 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. GUV would also like to thank Sally Bugg and her team for their dedicated work at the recycling center.

Tips to remember:

- The next household hazardous waste collection will be Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Hartford Recycling Center. Stay tuned for other 2018 HHW dates and locations.
- Recycle **paint, fluorescent and LED bulbs**, and **all batteries** (except vehicle/lawn mower) at the transfer station. Visit www.paintcare.org or www.call2recycle.org/vermont/ for more info.
- Food scraps will be banned from residential 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.guvsmd.org. For information contact GUVSWMD 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 and Hydro-Electric Dam Relicensing, to proposed regulatory changes, such as the NH shoreland protection rules.

During FY 17, CRJC convened a meeting on the Conte Wildlife Refuge with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to learn about their Water-on-Wheels Express and to develop a partnership to bring this educational exhibit to Connecticut River communities. CRJC was a sponsor of the 20th Annual Source-to-Sea Cleanup with the Connecticut River Conservancy and partnered with them on an analysis of erosion studies as part of the FERC relicensing process of hydro-electric dams. As a result, FERC requested the dams' owner to provide additional information on erosion along the river.



Headwaters of the Connecticut River, Fourth Connecticut Lake, Pittsburg, NH

CRJC emphasized the Vermont Clean Water Initiative with a focus on best agricultural practices to reduce impacts on surface waters. CRJC continues to bring public policy decision makers to our meetings to keep them abreast of the issues facing the Connecticut River. Finally, CRJC worked with the students of the Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth to conduct a valuation of the Connecticut River to the New Hampshire Economy. Read or download the study here: <http://www.crjc.org/news-and-events/>.

The current officers of the Joint Commissions are *Jason Rasmussen, President (VT)*; *James McClammer, Vice President (NH)*; *Jennifer Griffin, Treasurer (NH)*; *Steven Lembke, Secretary (VT)*. For a full list of Commissioners see the following website: <http://www.crjc.org/about-crjc/commissioners/>

UPPER VALLEY SUBCOMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT



The Upper Valley Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions consists of appointed volunteers from the Vermont towns of Hartford, Norwich, Thetford, Fairlee, and Bradford, and the New Hampshire towns of Lebanon, Hanover, Lyme, Orford, and Piermont. We meet every two months to discuss and act on river-related issues.

The subcommittee reviewed and commented on a wide range of regulatory applications, including river shoreline stabilization, wetlands activity, bridges over tributaries, stormwater management, wastewater projects, and private waterfront structures.

We actively participated in the Wilder Dam federal re-licensing process, by submitting a detailed analysis of the Preliminary Licensing Proposal (PLP), and continuing comments on Erosion Studies #2 and #3. In response to our comments and those of others, these studies are currently being revised to include more data on river velocities and erosive soils. We continue to assert that the fluctuations in the river levels by the normal and storm operations of Wilder Dam are exacerbating erosion of the riverbank.

The Upper Valley Subcommittee held a joint meeting with the Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee to discuss restoration of eroding banks by the K-Mart Plaza in Lebanon.

We will continue our coordination with other river conservation and planning organizations, such as the Connecticut River Conservancy, the New Hampshire Rivers Council, the Connecticut River Paddlers, the White River Partnership, the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission, and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

For more information or to become involved in the work of the Subcommittee, please contact Chairman Jim Kennedy (james.kennedy@valley.net).



Union Village covered bridge, ca. 1940.

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, 2017.
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 2017, 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, owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Construction of the bridge over the Ompompanoosuc River on Route 132, part of the Union Village Dam project, ca. 1947.

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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Thetford Hill
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Peter Blodgett, Librarian

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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

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Peter Blodgett, Librarian

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Wednesday: 2:00-8:00 PM

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**Town of Thetford
Thetford Center, VT 05075**

PRE-TOWN MEETING

Monday, February 26, 2018
7:30pm

Thetford Town Offices



TOWN MEETING

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Thetford Elementary School

Multi-Purpose Room

School Meeting at 9:00am

Town Meeting 10:00am



ELECTION OF TOWN AND

SCHOOL OFFICERS AND

SCHOOL BUDGET

Australian Balloting

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

8:00am to 7:00pm

Thetford Town Hall