TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT

222nd ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

We dedicate the 222nd annual report to:

The Richmond Selectboard is pleased to dedicate this year's annual report to the volunteers, staff, and all the donors who support Our Community Cares Camp.

Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC) started as a nutrition program for local kids who were going hungry during the summer. Over the years OCCC has grown and now provides a month-long summer camp, with two meals a day, for free, to more than 100 children from k-8th grades. In 2016, kids ate 7,164 healthy meals through OCCC at camp and at other feeding sites in Chittenden East Supervisory Union. OCCC is a nonprofit founded by community members, staffed by community members, funded by community members, for community kids. And they provide so much more than food.

- OCCC closes the opportunity gap by bringing art, music, sports, books, gardening, and other forms of expression to kids whose families can't afford to pay for camps or classes.
- OCCC creates a stable environment where kids know they'll have good friends, healthy food, caring adults, and lots of fun day after day, year after year.
- OCCC builds a leadership ladder where younger campers see older campers become junior counselors, paid counselors, and role models.
- OCCC teaches kids nutrition and cooking skills and life skills they can bring home to share with their families.
- OCCC offers, as one mom said, a "non-judgment zone." Kids are free to be themselves and take safe risks.
- OCCC staff tell kids, every single day, that they matter.

This is how you build a strong community: by investing in kids. Kids with hope and opportunity and good role models believe in their futures. They graduate. They stay away from drugs. They work hard and give back.

The kids of Our Community Cares Camp believe our community wants them to succeed. When you give your time, money, goods, or services to OCCC, you are showing them that you are part of a community that cares.

www.ourcommunitycarescamp.org

Bernard "Pat" Quinn 1928-2016

This past year we have been saddened by the passing of a Richmond Icon. "Pat" Quinn started his life in West Bolton, but returned from the Army to become a meat cutter working with his father in Jonesville. People came from all over for the perfect cut of meat. Through the years he owned his own store, where he loved discussing with his customers the current events, politics, business, family & friends. He always had an eye on his community. He moved in "his retirement" to work at the Richmond Market & Beverage where he greeted everyone with a smile and a hearty "what are you up to today"? Pat will be missed by everyone!

Neil A. Sherman 1927-2016

Volunteering was a major part of Neil's life here in Richmond. He brought his family to Richmond and in 1971 opened The Richmond Insurance Agency. For many years, Neil served as a Trustee for the Village of Richmond. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Howard Bank and on the Richmond Police Advisory. He donated his knowledge and time to the Richmond Historical Society. During his retirement he could be found volunteering many hours as an Old Round Church guide. Neil served several terms as a Library Trustee, helping raise money and making decisions for library automation and renovations. He truly understood the meaning of volunteerism.

ANNUAL
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TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
2015- 2016

Warning for the
Two Hundred and Twenty-Second
1795 - 2016

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 7, 2017

Chartered October 1794

Bring This Report to Annual Meeting.

Please keep this report as a reference manual

Lunch will be available in the cafeteria at a nominal charge
Courtesy of Beacon Light Grange #557

Many thanks to the residents and town employees who submitted articles for this town report. Thanks go to the various departments and the employees within the Town of Richmond that do their jobs to ensure Richmond is a safe and welcoming place to live.

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

POSITION	NAME	TERM	TERM ENDS
Town Moderator	Clinton Buxton	1 Year	2017
Town Clerk	Linda M. Parent	3 Year	2019
Town Treasurer	Mark Aridgides	3 Year	2019
Cemetery Trustees	Linda M. Parent	5 Year	2017
	Curran Robinson	5 Year	2018
	Dennis Gile	5 Year	2019
	M Eileen Buxton	5 Year	2020
	George Gifford	5 Year	2021
Constable	Andrew Squires	1Year	2017
Library Trustee	Cammy Richelli	5 Year	2017
	Kristen Hayden-West	5 Year	2018
	Keith Frantz	5 Year	2019
	Laurie Dana	5 Year	2020
	Ellen Crary	5 Year	2021
Selectboard	Ellen Kane	2 Year	2017
	David Sander	3 Year	2017
	Lincoln Bressor	3 Year	2018
	Steve May	2 Year	2018
	Bard Hill	3 Year	2019
State Representative	Marcia L. Gardner	2 Year	2019
Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School Directors			
	Michael Marks	2 Years	2017
	Jon Milazzo	3 Years	2018
	John "Chip" Noonan	3 Years	2019
	Lucinda Preston	3 Years	2019

Justices of the Peace All 2 Year terms ending 2018

Denise Begins Barnard	Marshall Paulsen
Francis Churchill	Sue Pochop
Mary B. Houle	Mark Shepard
Cheryl Hard	Cameron Thomas
James "Jeff" Hard	C. Jane VanLandingham
Keith Kasper	Becky Vigneault

Thank you to Janet & Rick Bonneau at Winooski Press for their support and assistance in the publication of the Town Report. Thank you to Pennie Rand for the cover photo and to the many citizens that have provided other photos for this Town Report.

Linda M Parent, CVC, Town Clerk

SCHEDULED TOWN MEETINGS & OFFICE HOURS

Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Water & Sewer Commissioners	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 6:00PM Town Center
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Development Review Board	2nd Wednesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Conservation Commission	2nd Tuesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Recreation Committee	1st Tuesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Economic Development Commission	3rd Friday of each month 7:30AM TBA
Library Trustees	1st Thursday of each month 6:00PM Library
Trails Committee	3rd Tuesday of each month 7:00PM Town Center
Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 6:30PM TBA

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS - 434-2221 / 434-3139
Monday 8:00AM - 5PM
Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday 8:00AM - 4PM
Friday 8:00AM - Noon

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE HOURS - 434-5170
Monday 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday 8:00AM - 4PM

TOWN PLANNER & ZONING ADMINSTRATOR OFFICE HOURS - 434-2430
Monday 8:30AM - 5:00PM
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30AM - 4:00PM
Wednesday Noon - 5:00 PM

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TOWN OF RICHMOND COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

SELECTBOARD

Ellen Kane, Chair
Bard Hill, Vice Chair
David Sander
Lincoln Bressor
Steve May

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Judy Rosovsky, Chair
Elizabeth Wright
Robert Low
Mary B. Houle
Frederick Barrett
Jacob Davignon
Kristin Nelson

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

David Sunshine, Chair
Roger Pedersen
Ian Bender
Gabriel Firman
Matthew Dyer
Alison Anand, Alternate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Paul Hauf, Chair
Morgan Wolaver
Denise Barnard
E. Lauck Parke
Joy Reap
Ellen Kane

JULY 4TH PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

Susan Glennon
Barbara LaPlant
Richard Niquette
Donna Niquette
Linda Parent
Reg Mobbs
Ken Nussbaum
Norman Perkins
Justin Spence
Eric Andrews

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean Foley, Chair
Joy Reap, Vice Chair
Brian Tellstone
Alex Brosam
Mark Hughes
E. Lauck Parke
Mark Fausel

Have you taken advantage of the services available at the Town Clerk's Office?

- ✓ REGISTERED TO VOTE?
- ✓ VOTED EARLY?
- ✓ LICENSED YOUR DOG OR REPORTED CHANGES?
- ✓ RENEWED YOUR CAR REGISTRATION?
- ✓ PAID YOUR WATER/SEWER & PROPERTY TAX BILL?
- ✓ SUBMITTED A ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION?
- ✓ OBTAINED COPIES OF DEEDS?
- ✓ POSTED YOUR LAND?
- ✓ RESEARCHED YOUR GENEOLOGY?
- ✓ APPLIED FOR YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE?
- ✓ OBTAINED COPIES OF MARRIAGE, BIRTH, OR DEATH CERTIFICATES?
- ✓ HAD DOCUMENTS NOTARIZED?
- ✓ PAID YOUR PARKING TICKET?
- ✓ REQUESTED A VEHICLE EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT?
- ✓ APPLIED FOR YOUR GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT?
- ✓ PURCHASED LAKE IROQUOIS PASSES?
- ✓ ASKED ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT TOWN SERVICES?

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Harland Stockwell, Chair
Robin Rabideau
Steve May
Molly Dugan

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Ian Stokes, Chair
Martha Marciel
Jean Bressor
Callie Ewald
Tyler Merritt
Steve Bower
Jim Monahan
Veronique Beittel
Sam Graulty
Willie Lee

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Bard Hill, Chair
David Sander
Lincoln Bressor
Bob Reap
Frances Huntoon

Town Center Fund FY2016

Income from Rents		
CESU	$	42,318
Post Office	$	89,200
Interest	$	508
RATC Nest		
Misc. Receipts		
Expenses		
Misc. repairs	$	-
Parking Lot		
General Fund	$	(15,000)
Excess Revenues over (under)	$	117,026
Balance 7/1/2016	$	211,573

Future Projects include replacement windows, roof repairs and a variety of other renovations - painting, small carpentry repair, etc.

TOWN OF RICHMOND VERMONT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING

RICHMOND, VERMONT
MARCH 1, 2016

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond met at Camels Hump Middle School at 9:05 am (as there was a problem at the traffic light in the center of town) to transact business. Moderator Clinton Buxton called the meeting to order. An honor guard from Boy Scout Troop #23 presented the Flag of our Country and the State of Vermont. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Buxton asked that we observe a moment of silence for the members of the military who serve to protect the freedoms we have today. Roberts Rules of Order were reviewed. Mr. Buxton stated the house rules and procedures.

Selectboard Chairman David Sanders announced the dedication of the 221st annual town report to the late Richmond Fire Chief Thomas A Levesque. Tom's brother Gerald Levesque accepted the dedication on behalf of the family. A standing ovation was given the Chief.

Linda M. Parent, Town Clerk read the warning for the meeting.

Moderator Buxton added at this time the opportunity for residents to ask any questions regarding the printed town reports. Marie Thomas asked about the status of the proposed public safety building. Mary Ann Barnes asked where the proposed site would be. Jonathan Low asked if there would be an increase in services with the new building plan. Selectboard member Taylor Yeates responded that Black River Design is under contract to work on conceptual ideas. The location and services rendered have yet to be determined.

Article 1. Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Richmond in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($650,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state & federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making storm water improvements and replacing sidewalks and curbs on East Main Street, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($650,000)? (To be voted by Australian ballot – result - yes 1277, no 420)

Article 2. To elect school and town officers for terms posted on the ballot. (To be voted by Australian ballot)

Article 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of $3,459,091 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond?

The article was moved by Frances Thomas, second by Lee Jones. Town Manager Geoffrey Urbanik gave a presentation on the proposed budget, which included information on the East Main Street storm water and curb project. After several questions, the Article was approved by those present by voice vote in the affirmative.

Article 4. To transact any other Town business that may come legally before this meeting.

Vermont State Representative Anne O'Brien announced that she was available for any questions or concerns that the Richmond Citizens had for her. Mr. Urbanik reported that the overage in the Town Trails line had been in error, as the Trails committee did not have to pay for the removal of the large dead elm tree on Tilden Avenue. Marie Thomas thanked Geoffrey Urbanik for his good service as Town Manager and wished him well with upcoming health procedures. David Thomas asked that the font in the Town Report be increased for easier reading. Kristin Hayden-West asked that the Selectboard consider holding the Town Meeting in the evening. Frances Thomas asked how the proposed West Main Street water line project was going. Mr. Urbanik reported that the process had been slow, but they were still working on it. Robert Bartlett asked that there be an analysis done on the turn over within the Police Department and why additional funds for police officers makes sense. Police Chief Alan Buck responded that we remain a "training department" and that most officers move on to other departments for financial and advancement opportunities. Selectboard member Ellen Kane agreed that the board would look into the subject before the next Town Meeting.

Selectboard Chairman David Sander recognized out going Selectboard member Taylor Yeates for his years of service.

Marshall Paulsen moved, second by Mary Houle, to adjourn the meeting and that all should partake of the Beacon Light Grange lunch. So approved, the meeting closed at 10:22 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M Parent, CVC, Town Clerk
Clinton Buxton, Moderator

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Sullivan, Powers & Company are hired annually to audit the financial books for the Town of Richmond. Fothergill, Segale & Valley are hired annually to audit the school records. Excerpts from their annual audit have been included in this report. The full report is available at the town office and also under the documents section at www.richmondvt.gov – see "2016 Town Audit."

SELECTBOARD

Welcome to the 222nd Richmond Town Meeting.

Richmond had a busy year with the town planning process, Creamery site clean-up and redevelopment, and completion of major infrastructure projects. Your Selectboard worked hard to guide Richmond through big decisions carefully and to ensure the town continued to function efficiently, responsibly and transparently.

It has been an honor to serve as Chair of the Selectboard and guide the town through important decisions that will impact the future of our town. I have been impressed by the dedication of Town Staff and the many citizen volunteers who work tirelessly year round to make Richmond a town that honors it's past and embraces the future. We are also fortunate to have the management skills of our Town Manager, Geoffery Urbanik. Geoff's experience, expertise and dedication have moved Richmond forward in a positive direction.

The Town Planning Committee has worked diligently to develop a new town plan that incorporates input from residents of all ages and creates a new vision for our future. The Selectboard, Interim Zoning Committee, Economic Development Committee, Town Staff and many other citizens were able to come to consensus on new interim zoning for the Creamery site, a brown field and health hazard for almost 20 years, and attract a developer. Finally the Creamery site is cleaned up and ready for new development that will revitalize our town.

The new Town municipal water storage tank project is complete. This tank is expected to have a service life of 100 years or more and will provide water for fire protection and better water pressure throughout the water system. The East Main Street water lines have all been replaced including Pleasant Street. Next step will be the completion of the East Main sidewalks and streetscape. Research is still being conducted the regarding the West Main Street water and sewer utility extension. This project has the potential to bring quality water and sewer utilities through the gateway district and beyond, while also bringing more revenue in to the water and sewer system. A solar powered cross walk sign was installed on Bridge Street to make crossing safer for everyone.

Fire, Police and Rescue continue to keep us safe but struggle with inadequate facilities. The Public Safety Building Committee engaged a contractor to complete a conceptual building plan. The committee spent a lot of time gathering facts and input from the Fire and Police Department as well as visiting other towns of similar size that have recently built new public safety buildings. Based on research and Selectboard and public input the contractor is now creating an architectural plan that will eventually be presented to Richmond citizens.

Our Highway department has done an exceptional job staying one step ahead of winter weather, with plowing and sanding the roads, completing repair work as well as the ongoing work all summer long with road maintenance. The Highway Department was also able to address Greystone drainage issues to prevent future damage due to localized rainstorms similar to the June 9, 2015 storm which resulted in FEMA funding for extensive repair.

The Selectboard's top priority is to ensure your tax dollars are spent wisely on projects and services that improve the lives of all citizens. Richmond is a wonderful town, where the mountains, rivers and good people all meet. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Selectboard.

Ellen Kane, Chair

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-OUTSTANDING as of 6/30/16

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total Outstanding
2006-2007	$55.99	$83.44	$4.48	$143.91
2007-2008	$453.84	$455.50	$36.30	$945.64
2010-2011	$1,902.90	$1,203.80	$152.24	$3,258.94
2011-2012	$8,285.70	$6,437.97	$662.88	$15,386.55
2012-2013	$11,386.82	$6,882.89	$910.92	$19,180.63
2013-2014	$16,419.77	$6,869.16	$1,313.60	$24,602.53
2014-2015	$26,298.18	$6,647.24	$2,103.89	$35,049.31
2015-2016	$94,177.57	$6,695.22	$7,534.31	$108,407.10
Total Outstanding	**$158,980.77**	**$35,275.22**	**$12,718.62**	**$206,974.61**

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT-COLLECTED as of 6/30/16

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Penalty	Total Collected
2006-2007	$233.03	$348.32	$18.65	$600.00
2009-2010	$1,659.33	$1,494.07	$132.75	$3,286.15
2010-2011	$3,271.21	$2,636.22	$261.71	$6,169.14
2011-2012	$3,776.74	$2,582.42	$302.16	$6,661.32
2012-2013	$13,167.11	$5,920.86	$1,053.43	$20,141.40
2013-2014	$17,254.30	$5,456.89	$1,380.41	$24,091.60
2014-2015	$98,831.39	$12,589.36	$7,949.92	$119,370.67
2015-2016	$58,295.03	$1,668.24	$4,565.90	$64,529.17
Total Collected	**$196,488.14**	**$32,696.38**	**$15,664.93**	**$244,849.45**

POLICY REGARDING COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Taxes in General. Property taxes are due each year in four installments: 8/15, 11/15, 2/15 and 5/15. After each installment deadline, late balances will be assessed interest charge based on the principal of the debt. For the first three months of a late balance, 1% will be assessed. Thereafter, 1.5% will be assessed. The following day after the 5/15 installment is due, any remaining balances are then considered delinquent. Delinquent balances are assessed an annual 8% penalty fee in addition to the 1% and/or 1.5% quarterly assessment as described above, per the Richmond Charter.

In all cases, when partial payments are received, interest must be credited first with the remainder being divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the penalty fee.

Late and Delinquent Taxes in General. It is in the best interest of the Town and the tax payer to remain current on all tax obligations. The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all late and delinquent taxpayers will be treated fairly and will know what to expect.

Late Taxes. Within two weeks after a quarterly tax payment is due, those with late balances will receive a letter from the Finance Assistant or his/her designee that details the amount due.

Delinquent Taxes. Following the final tax due date of May 15th, the Delinquent Tax Collector ("the Collector") will be given the Warrant listing all delinquent tax payers and the amounts due. Within five days of receiving the Warrant, the Collector will send by return receipt mail a copy of this policy, a Delinquent Tax Agreement and the amount of taxes, penalty and interest due. Within this mailing, the Collector will request that the tax payer submit a suitable Delinquent Tax Agreement within 30 business days to avoid initiation of a Tax Sale.

A suitable Agreement is one that has been accepted and executed with the signature of both the tax payer and the Collector. A suitable Agreement is one that defines a payment schedule which results in all delinquent taxes to be paid in full prior to the 5/15 tax deadline for the following year. At no time can current taxes be late during the term of the Agreement. This will breach the Agreement.

The Collector will also provide a list of programs and organizations that may help assist the property owner with payment of taxes. The Collector will work with the taxpayer to develop an agreement that can take advantage of relief programs that may take time to implement.

If at any time the executed Agreement is breached by missing a designated payment or other terms of the Agreement, the taxpayer will be notified by return receipt mail and has 30 days to pay the amount due in full before the Collector proceeds with a tax sale or other enforcement action.

If a suitable Agreement has not been submitted by the tax payer to the Collector within thirty days, the tax payer will be notified by return receipt mail that they have twenty days to pay the amount due in full before the Collector proceeds with a tax sale or other enforcement action.

If the amount due is $1,500 or less, the Collector may pursue the matter in Small Claims Court and/or pursue other legal collection procedures in conjunction with the process listed below for Tax Sales.

Tax Sales. The Collector will begin the tax sale process in accordance with State Statutes to collect the delinquent taxes, interest, penalty and allowable fees, as follows:

a. An Attorney hired by the Collector for such purpose will notify the taxpayer of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the cost to expect once the tax sale process begins.

b. The Attorney will notify all mortgage holders, lessees and lien holders in accordance with State Statute.

c. The Attorney will place a lien on the property.

d. Once the deadline date has expired and full payment has not been received, the Attorney will proceed with the tax sale in accordance with State Statue (32 V.S.A. Section 5252).

e. Cost of preparing and conducting the tax sale, including legal fees and advertising, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer, according to law.

In the event that no one purchases the lien at the tax sale, or if in the judgment of the Collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the Collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the methods permitted by law.

Tax sales shall be conducted twice a year, if necessary, to ensure agreements are enforced and delinquent balances do not become unduly burdensome on the taxpayer.

DELINQUENT TAX SALE REPORT

The Delinquent Tax Collector scheduled twelve tax sales this year. Eleven of the properties were redeemed by the owners, by paying in full the amount due prior to the scheduled date. One property went to tax sale. The property was in foreclosure and the bank had not paid the complete amount due before the tax sale. The bank redeemed it shortly after the sale date. Tax sales will be scheduled for May 2017 and October 2017. Properties that are delinquent and the owners have not contacted the Delinquent Tax Collector by March1 of each year will be referred to the Delinquent Tax Attorney for processing. The owner then will be responsible for the tax amount principal, interest, penalty and all legal fees.

Town of Richmond
FY18 Budget Expense Worksheet
January 17, 2017

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	FY17/18 % Change
TOWN ADMINISTRATION					
10-7-10-0-10.00 Administration Salaries	203,000	207,110	208,000	212,160.00	2.00%
10-7-10-0-10.01 Delinquent Tax Collector	10,000	14,966	10,000	10,000.00	0.00%
10-7-10-0-10.03 Election Expenses	2,700	372	2,700	2,700.00	0.00%
10-7-10-0-10.05 Selectboard	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750.00	0.00%
10-7-10-0-11.00 SS/Medicare - Adm.	15,530	17,615	15,989	16,315.10	2.04%
10-7-10-0-10.08 Bank Fees		526		500.00	100.00%
10-7-10-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	11,165	8,920	12,540	12,540.00	0.00%
10-7-10-0-15.00 Health Insurance	43,884	40,988	43,884	47,394.72	8.00%
10-7-10-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	1,300	1,127	1,300	1,300.00	0.00%
10-7-10-0-17.00 Recognitions/Awards	800	600	800	800.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-20.00 Office Supplies	3,250	5,927	3,250	3,250.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-20.01 Recording Books	3,600	3,514	3,600	3,600.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-21.00 Postage - Adm.	7,500	6,032	7,500	7,500.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-22.00 Office Equipment	6,000	2,007	6,000	3,500.00	-41.67%
10-7-10-1-23.00 Website Administration	1,600	233	1,600	1,600.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-24.00 Advertising - Adm.	4,000	4,216	4,000	4,000.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-25.03 Town Reports	5,000	4,510	5,000	5,000.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-27.00 Training/Education	1,500	817	1,500	1,500.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-29.00 Travel - Adm.	150	46	150	150.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-30.00 Telephone	5,000	4,299	5,000	5,000.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-42.00 Association Dues	500	470	550	550.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.00 Contract Services Admin	15,500	26,987	15,500	12,000.00	-22.58%
10-7-10-1-45.02 Contract Services Animal	3,200	2,658	3,200	3,200.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.03 Contract Services Election	4,700	(162)	4,700	4,700.00	0.00%
10-7-10-1-45.05 Technology	1,000	1,647	1,000	1,000.00	0.00%
10-7-10-2-31.00 Heat	11,000	7,138	11,000	10,000.00	-9.09%
10-7-10-2-32.00 Electricity	9,200	10,348	9,200	10,300.00	11.96%
10-7-10-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	4,800	6,631	4,800	4,800.00	0.00%
10-7-10-2-34.00 Trash Removal	3,000	1,574	3,000	2,000.00	-33.33%
10-7-10-2-62.00 Building Maintenance	11,000	14,930	11,000	11,000.00	0.00%
10-7-10-2-62.01 Landscaping & Tree Maint	2,000	1,401	2,000	2,000.00	0.00%

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10-7-10-3-42.01 VLCT Membership Dues	5,345	5,342	5,439	5,500.00	1.12%
10-7-10-3-43.00 Legal	7,500	18,456	7,500	7,500.00	0.00%
10-7-10-3-44.00 Independent Auditors	20,000	17,041	22,000	22,000.00	0.00%
10-7-10-3-46.00 Engineering Review	3,000		3,000	3,000.00	0.00%
10-7-10-3-48.00 General Insure/VLCT PACIF	116,000	136,869	121,800	139,000.00	14.12%
10-7-10-3-80.00 County Tax	22,000	21,501	22,000	22,000.00	0.00%
10-7-10-3-80.03 Emergency Management	1,000		1,000	1,000.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.12 Transportation Svcs -SSTA	2,300	1,765	2,300	2,300.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.03 Flags	650	1,330	650	650.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.15 Front Porch Forum	100	100	100	100.00	0.00%
10-7-40-2-33.01 Fire Protection	14,570	14,570	14,570	32,796.00	125.09%
10-8-90-5-95.10 Richmond Rescue	66,300	66,300	68,289	70,680.00	3.50%
Total - Town Administration	573,424	684,471	588,202	710,635.82	20.81%
Assessors					
10-7-12-1-20.00 Office Supplies Listing	850	810	850	850.00	0.00%
10-7-12-1-27.00 Training/Education	400		400	400.00	0.00%
10-7-12-1-45.00 Contract Services Listing	23,000	19,500	21,600	21,600.00	0.00%
10-7-12-3-47.00 Tax Map Maintenance	1,500	2,390	1,500	1,500.00	0.00%
10-7-90-1-91.00 Reappraisal Reserve	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000.00	0.00%
Total - Listers	32,750	29,700	31,350	31,350.00	0.00%
PLANNING AND ZONING					
10-7-15-0-10.00 Salaries	68,500	56,721	58,000	59,160.00	2.00%
10-7-15-0-11.00 SS/Medicare - Adm.	5,240	4,147	4,600	4,600.00	0.00%
10-7-15-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	3,000	2,044	3,000	2,500.00	-16.67%
10-7-15-0-15.00 Health Insurance	-	41	-	0.00	0.00%
10-7-15-0-15.01 Health Insurance Opt-Out	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000.00	0.00%
10-7-15-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	1,100	246	600	350.00	-41.67%
10-7-15-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,400	2,479	2400	2,800.00	16.67%
10-7-15-1-21.00 Postage - PZ	900	900	900	900.00	0.00%
10-7-15-1-24.00 Advertising - PZ	4,200	2,691	4200	4,200.00	0.00%
10-7-15-1-27.00 Training/Education	455	90	455	1,500.00	229.67%
10-7-15-1-29.00 Travel - PZ	600	262	600	600.00	0.00%
10-7-15-1-42.00 Association Dues	210	80	210	210.00	0.00%
10-7-15-1-45.00 Contract Services Planning and Zoni	3,100	1,961	3100	4,000.00	29.03%
10-7-15-3-43.00 Legal	7,700	3,200	5000	5,000.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.08 Regional Planning Dues	5,800	5,703	5,800	5,800.00	0.00%
Total - Planning and Zoning	108,205	85,564	93,865	96,620.00	2.94%

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POLICE DEPARTMENT					
10-7-20-0-10.00 Regular Salaries	239,000	281,145	290,000	295,800.00	2.00%
10-7-20-0-10.01 School Resource Officer	46,000	23,790	47,000	24,265.00	-48.37%
10-7-20-0-10.02 Constable Training	-			500.00	100.00%
10-7-20-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	5,000	10,577	11,000	11,000.00	0.00%
10-7-20-0-10.99 Overtime	32,272	32,607	41,314	42,140.00	2.00%
10-7-20-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	18,284	26,876	28,795	28,995.00	0.69%
10-7-20-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	11,000	31,091	15,337	21,423.00	39.68%
10-7-20-0-15.00 Health Insurance	66,636	38,736	40,090	40,891.00	2.00%
10-7-20-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	1,800	1,685	1,790	1,825.00	1.96%
10-7-20-1-16.00 Uniforms	7,620	4,642	8,174	8,337.00	1.99%
10-7-20-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,550	2,708	2,601	2,653.00	2.00%
10-7-20-1-22.00 Office Equipment	2,550	2,299	2,550	2,601.00	2.00%
10-7-20-1-22.01 Computer - Office	5,500	6,709	4,102	4,184.00	2.00%
10-7-20-1-27.00 Training/Education	3,060	2,269	3,180	3,243.00	1.98%
10-7-20-1-28.00 Forensic Testing	-			800.00	100.00%
10-7-20-1-29.00 Travel	500	105	915	933.00	1.97%
10-7-20-1-30.00 Telephone	6,120	8,555	8,181	8,344.00	1.99%
10-7-20-3-20.00 Police Supplies	6,304	10,999	5,093	5,194.00	1.98%
10-7-20-3-35.00 Equipment Repair	1,500	2,319	1,500	1,530.00	2.00%
10-7-20-5-50.00 Gas & Diesel	26,500	17,524	25,554	26,065.00	2.00%
10-7-20-5-52.00 Police Cruiser Repair	6,120	18,269	7,419	7,567.00	1.99%
10-7-20-5-52.18 Police Cruiser Equipment	7,000	1,034	2,500	7,550.00	202.00%
10-7-20-5-52.19 Police Cruiser Tires	4,080	2,516	4,080	4,161.00	1.99%
10-7-90-5-90.20 Police Cruiser Purchase/Lease	30,000	34,460	28,000	35,000.00	25.00%
10-7-90-5-93.01 Police Capital Reserve	2,040	2,040	2,081	2,081.00	0.00%
10-7-90-2-92.03 Police Capital Cams principal		6,264	6,851	6,300.00	-8.04%
10-7-90-2-92.03 Police Capital Cams interest		587		600.00	100.00%
10-8-90-5-95.20 CUSI Domestic Task Force	8,000	7,536	6,205	7,583.00	22.21%
Total - Police Department	539,436	577,343	594,312	601,565.00	1.22%

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LIBRARY DEPARTMENT					
10-7-35-0-10.00 Salaries	132,202	130,859	133,346	133,768.00	0.32%
10-7-35-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000.00	0.00%
10-7-35-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	10,318	10,240	10,524	10,688.06	1.56%
10-7-35-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	3,787	5,639	5,386	5,779.00	7.30%
10-7-35-0-15.00 Health Insurance	1,556	1,190	1,587	26,995.00	1601.01%
10-7-35-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	460	329	469	966.00	105.97%
10-7-35-1-20.00 Office Supplies	2,000	1,204	2,400	2,000.00	-16.67%
10-7-35-1-21.00 Postage	1,000	885	1,200	1,200.00	0.00%
10-7-35-1-22.00 Computer	2,500	2,353	2,500	2,500.00	0.00%
10-7-35-1-27.00 Training/Education	300	184	300	300.00	0.00%
10-7-35-1-29.00 Travel	300	-	300	300.00	0.00%
10-7-35-1-30.00 Telephone	2,500	2,598	2,550	2,550.00	0.00%
10-7-35-2-31.00 Heat	3,000	2,503	3,000	3,000.00	0.00%
10-7-35-2-32.00 Electricity	5,500	5,048	5,500	5,500.00	0.00%
10-7-35-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	800	1,525	1,600	1,600.00	0.00%
10-7-35-2-62.00 Maintenance	10,200	9,896	15,000	15,000.00	0.00%
10-7-35-3-20.01 Books	12,000	14,560	14,000	14,000.00	0.00%
10-7-35-3-45.01 Programs	700	883	700	700.00	0.00%
10-7-90-2-92.01 Library Reserve	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000.00	0.00%
Total - Richmond Free Library	202,123	202,896	213,362	239,846.06	12.41%

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." ~ Marjorie Moore

Every day Richmond residents volunteer their time and talents to improve & sustain the quality and way of life in our town. Whether you volunteer at elections, the Friday Food Affair, Food Shelf, coaching Little League or soccer, groups in your Church, Historical Society, organizing a Fishing Derby or a Fun Run, working Green Up Day or July 4th, you do make a difference. There are so many ways to volunteer, we never could list them all. To volunteer demonstrates a positive force for activism with the best possible outcome. Someone who does the volunteer act without being paid for the act does it from their heart.

Many folks volunteer their time and energy serving on a town committee or board. It all helps. Without the caring spirit of the residents of the Town of Richmond, where would we be?

Thank you all, for everything you do! *Linda M Parent, Town Clerk*

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FIRE DEPARTMENT					
10-7-40-0-10.00 Salaries	16,000	16,666	20,000	25,000.00	25.00%
10-7-40-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	1,300	1,405	1,450	1,922.50	32.59%
10-7-40-1-18.00 Medical	100		100	100.00	0.00%
10-7-40-1-27.00 Training/Education	500		2,500	1,500.00	-40.00%
10-7-40-1-29.00 Travel	400		400	400.00	0.00%
10-7-40-1-30.00 Telephone	2,900	2,934	2,900	2,900.00	0.00%
10-7-40-1-95.00 Public Relations	200		200	400.00	100.00%
10-7-40-2-31.00 Heat	2,500	2,186	2,500	2,500.00	0.00%
10-7-40-2-32.00 Electricity	1,900	1,847	1,900	2,500.00	31.58%
10-7-40-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	1,500	1,226	1,500	1,500.00	0.00%
10-7-40-2-62.00 Maintenance	2,000	10,958	6,000	10,000.00	66.67%
10-7-40-3-00.00 Turnout Gear				12,000.00	100.00%
10-7-40-3-00.01 Air Packs				12,000.00	100.00%
10-7-40-5-35.01 Radio Repair	1,500	2,061	1,500	3,000.00	100.00%
10-7-40-5-35.03 Radio Dispatch	6,000	4,979	6,000	6,000.00	0.00%
10-7-40-5-50.00 Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	4,200	2,614	4,200	4,200.00	0.00%
10-7-40-5-51.01 Pump Testing	1,000	263	1,500	3,500.00	133.33%
10-7-40-5-52.00 Fleet Maintenance	8,000	9,282	11,000	11,000.00	0.00%
10-7-40-5-52.02 Hose Testing	3,500	1,969	3,500	3,500.00	0.00%
10-7-40-5-53.01 Equipment Repair	1,500	806	1,500	1,500.00	0.00%
10-7-40-5-55.00 Supplies	2,000	2,274	2,000	2,000.00	0.00%
10-7-40-5-57.00 Equipment Purchase	9,600	13,098	9,600	10,000.00	4.17%
10-7-40-5-80.03 2005 Engine Interest	4,590	4,590	4,590	3,757.00	-18.15%
10-7-40-5-80.04 2011 Engine Interest	1,152	1,011	complete	complete	0.00%
10-7-90-5-90.06 2015 Engine Interest	-		4,650	3,638.69	-21.75%
10-7-90-5-90.05 2015 Engine Bond	-		50,100	49,708.00	-0.78%
10-7-90-5-90.03 2005 Engine Bond	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000.00	0.00%
10-7-90-5-92.00 Fire Engine 2011 Note	49,500	50,500	Complete	complete	0.00%
10-7-90-5-93.00 Fire Capital Reserve	28,500	28,500	28,500	28,500.00	0.00%
Total - Fire Department	160,342	169,168	178,090	213,026.19	19.62%

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RECREATION & TRAILS					
10-7-60-0-10.00 Recreation Salaries	3,000	2,250	2,600	2,500.00	-3.85%
10-7-60-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	300	179	200	200.00	0.00%
10-7-60-1-42.00 Association Dues	250		250	250.00	0.00%
10-7-60-2-32.00 Electricity	900	551	900	700.00	-22.22%
10-7-60-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	1,200	1,204	1,200	1,200.00	0.00%
10-7-60-2-34.00 Trash Removal	800	1,179	800	1,200.00	50.00%
10-7-60-2-62.00 Park Maintenance	3,500	1,891	3,500	8,500.00	142.86%
10-7-60-2-62.01 Trails Maintenance	1,000	1,190	1,000	1,000.00	0.00%
10-7-60-2-62.02 Recreation Equipment				1,500.00	100.00%
10-7-60-3-95.00 Conservation Comm Supplies				1,000.00	100.00%
10-7-60-3-95.01 Special Events	500	58	500	1,000.00	100.00%
10-8-90-5-92.21 Lake Iroquois Association	400	400	400	400.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-92.22 Lake Iroquois District	600	600	600	600.00	0.00%
10-7-90-2-92.02 Conservation Fund 1Cent	44,500	44,500	44,800	45,300.00	0.00%
Total - Recreation & Trails	56,950	54,002	56,750	65,350.00	15.15%
CHARITABLE APPROPRIATIONS					
10-8-90-5-95.02 Age Well	1,800		1,800	1,800.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.04 GBIC Membership	100	100	200	0.00	-100.00%
10-8-90-5-95.05 Howard Center	-			0.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.07 American Red Cross	-			0.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.09 Richmond Community Band	400	400	400	400.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.11 Hale & Hearty	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.13 Visiting Nurses	9,693	9,693	9,693	9,693.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.14 VT Ctr for Independent Living	375	375	375	375.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.16 COTS	500	500	1,000	1,000.00	0.00%
10-8-90-5-95.17 OCCC	100	100	100	100.00	0.00%
Total - Appropriations	17,068	15,268	17,668	17,468.00	-1.13%
General Fund Total	**1,690,297**	**1,818,412**	**1,773,599**	**1,975,861.07**	11.40%

Amount to be Raised from FY18 Property Taxes			
$	1,975,861	GF Expense	
$	(316,131)	GF Non-Property Tax Revenues	
$	**1,659,730**	**GF Property Taxes to be Raised**	10-6-01-1-01.10 Current Year Property Tax
$	1,558,023	**Highway Expense**	
$	(114,950)	HWY Non-Property Tax Revenues	11-6-01-1-01.10 Current Year Property Tax
$	**1,443,073**	**HWY Property Taxes to be Raised**	
$	**3,102,803**	**Total Amount to be Raised**	

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11-7-50 HIGHWAY					
11-7-50-0-10.00 Regular Salaries	242,760	219,705	252,000	265,500.00	5.36%
11-7-50-0-10.30 Health Insurance Opt Out	20,000	14,039	15,000	15,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-0-10.98 Overtime	28,611	17,437	28,611	20,740.00	-27.51%
11-7-50-0-11.00 Social Security/Medicare	22,000	19,241	22,000	22,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-0-12.00 Municipal Retirement	14,000	12,846	15,000	15,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-0-15.00 Health Insurance	31,354	43,867	50,500	53,025.00	5.00%
11-7-10-0-15.03 Long Term Disability	1,800	1,397	1,800	1,800.00	0.00%
11-7-50-0-16.00 Uniforms	2,800	2,690	2,800	2,800.00	0.00%
11-7-50-1-20.00 Office Supplies	1,500	587	1,500	1,500.00	0.00%
11-7-50-1-29.00 Travel	-		-	0.00	0.00%
11-7-50-1-30.00 Telephone	1,900	1,810	1,900	2,400.00	26.32%
11-7-50-2-29.00 Education / Licenses	400	393	400	400.00	0.00%
11-7-50-2-31.00 Heat	6,500	4,014	6,500	6,500.00	0.00%
11-7-50-2-32.00 Electricity	2,900	2,268	3,000	3,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-2-33.00 Water and Sewer	2,000	2,090	2,000	2,200.00	10.00%
11-7-50-2-34.00 Trash Removal	1,200	866	1,200	1,000.00	-16.67%
11-7-50-2-62.00 Maintenance	7,000	15,540	7,000	7,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-3-32.01 Street Lights	15,500	14,623	15,500	15,500.00	0.00%
11-7-50-5-35.00 Radio			-	600.00	100.00%
11-7-50-5-35.01 Radio Repair	300	321	300	300.00	0.00%
11-7-50-5-50.00 Gas & Oil	3,500	2,273	3,500	3,500.00	0.00%
11-7-50-5-50.02 Diesel Fuel	80,000	32,283	70,000	50,000.00	-28.57%
11-7-50-5-52.00 Fleet Repair Trucks	12,000	14,558	12,000	15,000.00	25.00%
11-7-50-5-52.01 Excavator Repair	1,500	4,171	1,500	2,500.00	66.67%
11-7-50-5-52.02 Gang Mowers	600		600	0.00	-100.00%
11-7-50-5-52.03 Winter Maint Attachments	300		300	300.00	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.04 Grader Repair	2,500	443	2,500	2,500.00	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.05 Loader	600	849	600	1,000.00	66.67%
11-7-50-5-52.06 Pickup	500	890	500	500.00	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.07 Park Mower	800	2,919	250	500.00	100.00%
11-7-50-5-52.08 Roadside Mower	300	246	400	400.00	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.09 Tractor	300	823	300	300.00	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.10 Utility Vehicle	1,000	612	1,000	1,500.00	50.00%
11-7-50-5-52.18 Tire Chains	1,000	633	1,000	1,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-5-52.19 Tires	8,000	7,335	8,000	8,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-5-53.00 Small Equipment Repair	1,000	1,240	1,000	1,000.00	0.00%

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11-7-50-6-57.03 Welding & Cutting Supplies	1,000	682	1,000	1,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.04 Equip. Rental Wood Chip	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-57.19 Misc. Equip. Parts	1,000	973	1,000	1,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-58.02 Bridge/Culvert Repair	3,200	-	3,200	3,200.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.00 Patching	1,000	2,156	1,000	1,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.01 Chloride	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.19 Miscellaneous Supplies	1,000	869	1,000	1,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-62.02 Sweeping	3,600	3,600	3,600	4,000.00	11.11%
11-7-50-6-63.00 Centerline Paint & Should	2,500	793	3,000	3,500.00	16.67%
11-7-50-6-63.01 Guardrails	3,000	8,948	3,000	5,000.00	66.67%
11-7-50-6-63.02 Signs	3,000	2,200	3,000	3,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.00 Culverts	6,000	6,391	6,000	6,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.03 Gravel	221,000	220,322	225,000	150,000.00	-33.33%
11-7-50-6-60.05 Salt	72,200	55,862	75,000	75,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-60.06 Sand	48,000	48,285	48,000	48,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-6-64.01 Retreatment	290,000	282,201	290,000	292,000.00	0.69%
11-7-50-6-64.02 Storm Drains	2,500	1,388	3,000	120,000.00	3900.00%
11-7-90-2-90.09 1996 Highway Garage Princ	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.09 1996 Highway Garage Int	4,000	2,695	2,700	540.00	-80.00%
11-7-90-2-90.11 Jericho Road Princ	43,200	43,200	43,200	43,200.00	0.00%
11-7-90-2-90.13 Jericho Road Int	25,930	25,927	25,130	20,552.04	-18.22%
11-7-90-5-90.01 2015 FY15 Tandem Dump Truck Prir	25,000	19,844	20,000	19,844.40	-0.78%
11-7-50-3-80.14 2015 FY15 Tandum Dump Truck Int	-	2,395	2,401	1,440.70	-40.00%
11-7-90-5-90.05 2014 Loader Interest	381	334	-	complete	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.06 2013 Depot Street Princ	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000.00	0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.11 2013 Depot Street Int	1,200	1,166	800	415.47	-48.07%
11-7-90-5-90.07 2017 Foreman Pickup	-		45,000	0.00	-100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.23 2016 Chevy Pickup Princ				11,138.00	100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.24 2016 Chevy Pickup Int				195.00	100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.08 2014 Loader	22,750	22,500		complete	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.10 2011 Dump Truck Interest		544		complete	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.11 2011 Dump Truck Princ	27,470	25,626		complete	0.00%
11-7-90-5-90.12 2013 Excavator Princ	22,000	21,960	22,000	21,960.00	-0.18%
11-7-50-3-80-12 2013 Excavator Int	1,021	1,491	1,021	509.35	-50.11%
11-7-90-5-90.13 Park Mower			25,000	0.00	-100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.25 2016 Park Mower principle				20,667.38	100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.26 2016 Park Mower interest				361.00	100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.15 Project 4a Millet Stormwater	7,800	7,046	7,100	7,050.00	-0.70%
11-7-90-5-90.16 2012 Tandem Dump Truck	22,438	22,438	22,200	complete	0.00%

Town of Richmond
FY18 Budget Expense Worksheet
January 17, 2017

Expense Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	Budget FY 2018	FY17/18 % Change
11-7-90-5-90-22 2015 FY16 Dump Truck Interest				592.34	0.00%
11-7-50-3-80.02 Equipment Note Interest	6,000	-	1,700	0.00	-100.00%
11-7-90-5-90.09 East Main Streetscapes		8,507			0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.01 Highway Capital Reserve	27,700	27,700	27,700	27,700.00	0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.02 Bridge & Culvert Reserve	37,000	37,000	37,000	37,000.00	0.00%
11-7-90-5-93.03 Rainy Day Reserve	-		-		0.00%
Total - Highway Department	**1,573,115**	**1,471,703**	**1,602,633**	**1,558,022.82**	-2.78%
Budget Amounts for Voter Approval	**3,263,412**	**3,290,115**	**3,376,232**	**3,533,883.89**	**4.67%**

Town of Richmond, FY18 Budget Revenue Worksheet, January 17, 2017

Revenue Budget Accounts	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	Budget FY 2018
Administration Operations				
10-6-01 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	1,475,298	1,525,321	1,553,109	1,659,730
10-6-01-1-01.11 Delinquent Tax	-		-	
10-6-01-1-01.12 Delinquent Tax Penalty	10,000	15,718	10,000	10,000
10-6-01-1-01.13 Delinquent Tax Interest	16,000	36,367	17,000	22,000
10-6-01-1-01.14 Current Taxes - Interest	11,000	12,634	11,000	11,000
10-6-01-1-01.17 State PILOT	434	482	464	1,581
10-6-02-2-10.10 Act 60 Reappraisal Grant	1,700	14,425	1,700	12,000
10-6-02-2-10.12 Equalization Grant	-	1,697	1,700	1,700
10-6-02-2-10.13 Railroad Tax	1,700	3,391	1,700	1,700
10-6-02-2-10.14 Current Use Program	62,000	78,723	59,800	78,000
10-6-02-2-10.15 Per Parcel Revenue for Listing	16,036	-	16,036	-
10-6-02-2-10.16 Per Parcel Lister Education	399	-	399	-
10-6-10-1-01.11 Zoning Permits/Hearing Fees	16,000	16,954	16,000	16,000
10-6-10-1-20.01 Water/Sewer Admin.	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
10-6-10-1-20.02 Elementary School Payment	1,500		-	-
10-6-10-1-21.01Town Center Rent - Utilities	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
10-6-10-1-21.02 Water & Sewer Insurance Transfe	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
10-6-10-1-30.01 Surplus Funds - recreation	-		-	-
10-6-10-1-40.05 Interest on Investments	500	29	-	-
10-6-10-1-99.11 Miscellaneous - Other	-	20	-	-
10-6-10-3-11.10 Beverage Licenses	800	1,200	800	1,200
10-6-10-3-11.11 Dog Licenses	5,100	4,913	5,100	5,100
10-6-10-3-30.10 Recording Fees	26,000	23,368	26,000	26,000
10-6-10-3-30.12 Vault Time / Copies	4,000	4,078	4,000	4,000
10-6-10-3-30.13 Certified Copies	1,200	1,370	1,200	1,200
10-6-10-3-30.14 Marriage Licenses	200	270	200	200
10-6-10-3-30.15 Vehicle Registration Fees	600	270	250	250
10-6-20-2-01.10 Police - Local Fines	1,000	2,625	1,000	2,000
10-6-20-2-02.10 Police Receipts	1,200	840	1,200	1,200
10-6-20-2-03.00 CESU Contribution - SRO	46,000	35,550	46,000	26,000
10-6-20-2-04.00 Police short term contracts		473		500
10-6-20-2-20.10 Police Overtime Grants	-	10,278	10,000	10,000
10-6-20-2-20.11 Uniform Traffic Tickets	21,000	47,299	21,000	30,000
10-6-20-2-97.00 Sale of Town Property	1,000	3,868	1,000	1,000
10-6-35-3-00.10 Rentals & Bolton Fees	5,000	9,127	6,000	8,000
10-6-40-1-99.10 Fire Revenue	-		-	-
10-6-60-6-00.10 Field Use Fees	500	420	500	500
Total General Fund Revenue	1,771,167	1,896,709	1,858,158	1,975,861
11-6-01-1-01.10 Current Year Property Tax	1,459,085	1,459,085	1,457,983	1,443,073
11-6-02-2-05.10 Highway State Aid	113,500	113,095	113,500	113,500
11-6-50-0-01.10 Overweight Permits	1,000	1,175	1,000	1,000
11-6-50-0-01.12 Public right of way permits	-	200		300
11-6-50-0-01.11 Access Permits	150	660	150	150
11-6-50-1-99.00 Transfer from Cemetery	included in tax		-	-
11-6-50-1-30.01 Surplus Funds	-		-	-
11-6-50-1-99.10 Miscellaneous Revenue, Grants	-	-	30,000	-
Total Highway Revenue	1,573,735	1,574,215	1,602,633	1,558,023

TOWN OF RICHMOND
Reserved Fund Balances June 30, 2016

	Fund Balance July 1, 2015	Increase (Decrease)	Fund Balance June 30, 2016
Special Revenue Funds			
Bridge and Culverts	$264,445.00	$37,000	$301,445.00
Conservation	$219,419.00	$44,500	$263,919.00
Recreation Path	$986.00	$115	$1,101.00
Records Restoration	$44,262.00	$8,829	$53,091.00
Reappraisal	$108,231.00	$7,000	$115,231.00
Lister Education Reserve	$2,548.00	$0	$2,548.00
Railroad Street Planning Grant	$7,069.00	$0	$7,069.00
Police Reserve	$0.00	$2,040	$2,040.00
Library Reserve	$30,186.00	$3,660	$33,846.00
Highway Reserve	$69,896.00	$27,700	$97,596.00
Adam Muller Flags	$9,488.00	$0	$9,488.00
Fire Department Reserve	$112,097.00	($98,468)	$13,629.00
Fire Impact Fees	$12,064.00	($6,364)	$5,700.00
Fire Fundraising	$5,267.00	$2,405	$7,672.00
Friends of the Library	$1,863.00	($416)	$1,447.00
Rainy Day Reserve	$66,919.00	$1,766	$68,685.00
Recreation Tree Replacement	$237.00	$0	$237.00
Recreation Fund (Soccer & Tennis)	$9,771.00	($16)	$9,755.00
Town Center Debt Service	$94,546.00	$117,471	$212,017.00
TOTAL	$1,059,294	$147,222	$1,206,516
Permanent Funds			
Cemetery Trust Fund	$8,306	$0	$8,306
Edmunds Trust	$24,159	$36	$24,195
Shonyon Fund	$6,430	$10	$6,440
Cemetery Trust Fund Expendable	$130,690	$3,145	$133,835
TOTAL	$169,585	$3,191	$172,776

Richmond Village Housing Note Receivable

Note receivable consists of a $300,000 mortgage loan made to the Richmond Village Housing Limited Partnership on March 9, 1999. The proceeds originated from a Grant Agreement dated January 9, 1998 between the Town of Richmond and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The note bears interest of 2.5% with principal and interest payments deferred until March 31, 2014. In August, 2014, the Selectboard agreed to a 15-year deferral of principal and to-date accrued interest until March, 2029. The mortgage remains secured by deed on the real property.

Tax Rate Estimate FY2018

		Grandlist Estimate	Amount To Be Raised	Tax Rate	
Current Fiscal Year	At Town Meeting 2016 was 4,484,914				
FY 2016 - 2017	7/1/2016	$ 4,522,639	$ 3,011,092	$ 0.6659	GF rate for tax billing purposes
			$ 3,011,092	$ 0.6659	Total calculated rate
				$ 0.6659	Town rate/SB Approved 7/1/2015
Next Fiscal Year					
FY 2017 - 2018 (Estimated April 2016 GL)	12/15/2016	$ 4,524,500	$ 3,102,803	$ 0.6858	GF rate for tax billing purposes
			$ 3,102,803	$ 0.6858	Total calculated rate
				$ 0.6858	Town Rate/SB - To be set July 2016
				0.0199	
				2.99%	

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Property Taxes	$ 2,971,817	$ 3,049,608	$ 77,791
Intergovernmental (includes FEMA claims)	195,335	612,064	$ 416,729
Fees, Licenses and permits	24,350	26,062	$ 1,712
Charges for goods and services	77,700	73,816	$ (3,884)
Police Revenues	69,200	86,314	$ 17,114
Interest Income	500	28	$ (472)
Miscellaneous	5,000	30,764	$ 25,764
TOTAL REVENUES	**3,343,902**	**3,878,656**	**534,754**
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	$ 698,629	$ 714,915	$ (16,286)
Public Safety	565,996	601,023	$ (35,027)
Highways and streets	1,234,225	1,304,280	$ (70,055)
Library	194,123	195,756	$ (1,633)
Recreation	11,450	8,502	$ 2,948
Appropriations	101,118	99,004	$ 2,114
Capital Outlay	30,000	185,265	$ (155,265)
Debt Service			$ -
Principal	262,358	262,332	$ 26
Interest	44,893	41,757	$ 3,136
Special Grant Funds	-	43,084	$ (43,084)
Rainy Day Fund	-	18,234	$ (18,234)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**3,142,792**	**3,474,152**	**(331,360)**
EXCESS OF REVENUES (OR EXPENDITURES)	**201,110**	**404,504**	**203,394**
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Surplus Funds			
Loan Proceeds			-
Proceeds from Sale of Property	1,000	3,868	2,868
Insurance Proceeds	-	7,296	7,296
Operating Transfers In			-
Operating Transfers Out	(202,110)	(201,301)	809
Total other financing sources (uses)	(201,110)	(190,137)	10,973
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	**$ -**	**$ 214,367**	**$ 214,367**

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED FY2015-2016

	Tax Rate	Grand List Value	Taxes Raised
Richmond Town Taxes			
Municipal Tax	0.6454	$ 4,477,496	$ 2,889,776
Conservation Fund	0.0100	$ 4,477,496	$ 44,775
Education Taxes			
Residential Homestead	1.4761	$ 3,388,427	$ 5,001,657
Non-Residential	1.5466	$ 1,105,741	$ 1,710,139
Taxes Billed July 2015			$ 9,646,347
Adjustments to Grand List			$ (9,503)
Total Taxes Due FY 15-16			$ 9,636,844

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Total 15-16 Taxes Collected (Cash Basis)	$ 9,540,530
Taxes Turned Over to Delinquent Tax Collector	$ 94,178
Prepaid Taxes	$ 2,137
Abatements	$ -
Rounding	$ (1)
Taxes Accounted for:	$ 9,636,844

TAX RATES
Fiscal Year 15-16

	Residential Rate	Non-Residential Rate
Education (From VT Dept of Taxes)	1.4761	1.5466
Municipal	0.6554	0.6554
Tax Rates	2.1315	2.2020

RICHMOND RESCUE, INC.

The last year was a busy one for the volunteers and staff of Richmond Rescue. We began providing paramedic services in January with no coverage or equipment issues. Since that time we have treated countless patients with expert level assessment, advanced cardiac care, and hospital strength pain control. We look forward to adding a second paramedic to our staff in 2017 to cover all weekday shifts with the highest level of care.

Throughout this year our service to the Town of Richmond never halted. We are proud to serve as your primary provider of emergency pre-hospital medical care. To provide perspective on our operations the following statistics reflect fiscal year 2016:

Total requests for service: 589
Calls for service in Richmond: 268
Requests to Interstate 89: 53
Average Ambulance Response Time in Richmond: 7:30 minutes
Active number of volunteers: 41
Total volunteer hours: 22,050

In addition to our ambulance service we are now providing backcountry rescue services. In the past year our Camels Hump Backcountry Rescue Team (CHBR) roster has grown to thirty very active members. We are pleased to provide this difficult-to-deliver service with a commitment to high quality medicine and patient safety.

We continue to offer free car seat fittings, E911 driveway signs ($10), and CPR/First Aid classes. Please contact our station any time, at 802-434-2394 or email director@richmondrescue.org to arrange for these services.

Finally, we are always recruiting volunteers. Are you interested in serving your community while learning a new skill? Visit our website, www.richmondrescue.org, to learn about the volunteer opportunities.

It has been a pleasure serving the Town of Richmond this past year and we look forward to our continued service.

Sincerely,
Taylor F.J. Yeates, AEMT
President, Richmond Rescue, Inc.

RICHMOND WATER RESOURCES

July saw us start construction on the new reservoir on Jericho Road. Located across from the Southview entrance, it will increase system pressure and eliminate freezing and vulnerability issues. It was exciting to break ground on a project that will serve all of Richmond's needs for fire flow storage volumes and drinking water for 100 years.

August marked the connection of a new Brewery to the system. Stone Corral moved from Huntington to Richmond to take advantage of our excellent water quality and wastewater capacity. They are the first industry to come on line since the Creamery left in 1999. Speaking of the Creamery, plans moved along with a developer to purchase the site and clean it up for something new.

At the urging of the Board, staff started a big push in **September** to make sure all customers considered installing pressure reducing valves (PRV's) to avoid interior water leaks from the increase in pressure from the new reservoir. With the walls going up and most of the earthwork complete, we were, so far, staying on schedule. We also installed a new 4" valve on Pleasant Street to finally allow shut-down of this street in case of a water leak. The new valve proved its worth one week later when an old joint let go on this line.

October set us back with a major glitch in the treatment plant computer system(s). We had to limp along with manual operation of several process components until a back-up could take over. I'd always wondered if the new upgraded plant could be run manually. Not very easily, and not very effectively! The glitch pointed out it is almost impossible to manage the plant without computer control systems.

November and December both proved much warmer than normal and the project contractor took advantage of it. All the final parts and pieces of the reservoir were installed and tested much easier on the nice days. The final switch-over by the end of the year, however, was delayed by a couple minor changes to the final piping configuration. There would be no going back once we abandoned the old system, so everything had to be perfect.

Beautiful weather continued into **January,** allowing another contractor to dig and correct an old septic issue on Brown's Court without any frost. What a huge change from last year! We finalized plans for the upcoming East Main project and worked on a budget that implemented new fire fees.

On **February** 8th, we shut down the old tanks for the last time and brought the new reservoir online. It couldn't have gone any better, everything coming together and all the new equipment and piping taking over without a hitch. In short order, the pressure increase allowed us to remove the residential booster pumps as required to clear our state permit. We did notice an increase in water consumption over the next few weeks, but assumed it was from visible seepage through the new reservoir walls. The project engineer encouraged the contractor to seal these leaks, but water use still remained up after most of this work was done. Finally, in **March**, we discovered a substantial main water leak at a residence on East Main that was traveling through the drainage piping into the house sewer completely underground. Once we fixed that, we found another main leak doing the same thing a little further down the street. In both cases, these water pipes were so rotten several feet had to be replaced to fix it. This certainly proved East Main is long overdue for an upgrade.

Speaking of East Main, final plans were completed and went out to bid in **April.** With the Town Manager out of commission for a bit, we got a good lesson on how much work he does behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly. It took the help of the interim Manager and all town staff working together to keep everything on track and the many balls rolling on our projects through a very busy **May** until he returned. In **June**, we capped off the year with an award to Desroches Construction for the East Main work that came in quite a bit lower than expected. This was great news, as a little extra wheedling or use of a large hammer might see us squeeze the badly needed Pleasant Street upgrade under this same bid. Next year should prove interesting as we continue carefully pondering a West main expansion, finally replace all the ancient lines on East Main and breathe new life into the Creamery property.

Kendall Chamberlin, Trudy Jones and Allen Carpenter

FY2018 WATER RESOURCES BUDGET

Account #	Description	Budget 2016-2017	PROPOSED 2017-2018	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
20-6 WATER DEPARTMENT REVENUE					
20-6-00-3-00.00	Water User Receipts	$ 291,000	$ 294,578	$ 3,578	1.23%
20-6-00-3-01.00	Sale of Water from Hydrant	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ -	0.00%
	Gateway Water Revenue			$ -	new
20-6-00-4-10-01	Sale of Meters	$ -		$ -	new
20-6-00-4-10.02	Hook On Fees – Water	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
20-6-10-4-10-04	Fire Service Fees (target 5% of water budget)	$ 14,576	$ 32,796	$ 18,220	125.00%
20-6-00-9-99.11	Miscellaneous		$ -	$ -	
20-6-03-5-40.05	Interest on Investments		$ -	$ -	
	REVENUE TOTAL	$ 307,576	$ 329,374	$ 21,798	7.09%
20-6 WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT REVENUE					
20-6-00-3-00.01	Sewer User Receipts (5% increase to receipts)	$ 382,000	$ 390,000	$ 8,000	2.09%
20-6-00-4-10.03	Hook On Fees – Sewer	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
	Gateway Sewer Revenue				new
20-6-00-9-99.11	Miscellaneous				new
20-6-01-4-11.10	Septage Receipts (100% revenues shown)	$ 190,000	$ 190,000	$ -	0.00%
20-6-03-5-40.05	Interest on Investments			$ -	0.00%
	REVENUE TOTAL	$ 573,000	$ 581,000	$ 8,000	1.40%
	COMBINED REVENUE TOTAL	***$ 880,576***	***$ 910,374***	$ 29,798	3.38%

Account #	Description	Budget 2016-2017	PROPOSED 2017-2018	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
20-7 WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION (30% WATER, 70% WASTEWATER) EXPENSES					
20-7-80-0-10.00	Salaries	$ 150,160	$ 150,160	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-0-10.30	Insurance Opt Out	$ -	$ -	$ -	
20-7-80-0-10.99	Overtime	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-0-11.00	Social Security/Medicare	$ 11,200	$ 11,200	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-0-12.00	Municipal Retirement	$ 6,900	$ 6,900	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-0-15.00	Health Insurance	$ 30,000	$ 30,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-0-15.03	Long Term Disablity	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-16.00	Uniforms	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-20.00	Office Supplies/Postage	$ 700	$ 700	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-22.00	Office Equipment	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-22.01	Computer			$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-24.00	Advertising	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-26.01	Administrative Expense (3% of WA,WO and WWO)	$ 14,576	$ 14,576	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-27.00	Training/Education	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-27.01	Safety Training	$ 300	$ 300	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-29.00	Travel	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-30.00	Telephone	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-42.00	Association Dues	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-80-1-43.00	Legal	$ -	$ -	$ -	
20-7-80-1-48.00	W & S General Insurance	$ 16,000	$ 16,000	$ -	0.00%
	Subtotal Administration	$ 243,036	$ 243,036	$ -	0.00%
20-7 WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS EXPENSES					
20-7-83-4-16.00	Personal Protective Equip	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-31.00	Heat	$ 600	$ 600	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-32.00	Electricity	$ 8,000	$ 8,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-34.00	Trash Removal	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%

Account #	Description	Budget 2016-2017	PROPOSED 2017-2018	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
20-7-83-4-41.00	Permits/Fees/License	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-45.00	Water Contracted	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-45.02	Equipment Rental	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-46.00	Engineering	$ 2,000	$ 2,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	$ 700	$ 700	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-52.00	Fleet Maintenance	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.02	Water Line	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.03	Pumps/Tanks	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.04	Asphalt Repair	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.05	Equipment Purchase	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.06	Supplies	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-62.07	Meters	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-83-4-65.00	Water Treatment Chemicals	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
	Subtotal Water Operating	$ 56,800	$ 56,800	$ -	0.00%

Account #	Description	Budget 2016-2017	PROPOSED 2017-2018	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
20-7 WATER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENSES					
20-7-90-5-90.02	East Main Replacement Fund (discontinued)		$ -	0	0.00%
20-7-90-5-90.03	Short-term (10 yr) capital fund (Engineered, $20k anr	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	0	0.00%
20-7-90-5-93.01	Water Capital Reserve (Goal 5%/revenue/yr)	$ 19,000	$ 19,000	0	0.00%
20-7-90-2-90.09	Distribution System Capital fund (Goal 5%/revenue/yr	$ 14,265	$ 14,265	0	0.00%
20-7-90-5-90.01	Water Reservoir (principal-interest)	20,000	$ 38,220	18,220	0.00%
20-7-90-5-93.02	East Main RF3-335 (principal & interest)	$ 35,000	$ 35,000	0	0.00%
20-7-90-2-90-05	Brown's Court -w (2018)	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	0	0.00%
20-7-90-2-90.07	Jericho Road Debt Service-w (2032)	$ 54,600	$ 51,108	-3,492	-6.40%
	Service Vehicle ($32k 1 yr note, 1/2 FY18)		$ 4,800	4,800	0.00%
	WPL-170 (10/2019 to be rolled into East Main)		(to be rolled into East Main)		
	Subtotal Water Capital	$ 177,865	$ 197,393	$ 19,528	10.98%

Water Operating. & Capital TOTAL	$ 234,665	$ 254,193	$ 19,528	8.32%
Water Department Administration Cost (Total X 30%)	$ 72,911	$ 72,911	- 0	0.00%
TOTAL WATER BUDGET	$ 307,576	$ 327,104	$ 19,528	6.35%

Account #	Description	Budget 2016-2017	PROPOSED 2017-2018	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
20-7 WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS EXPENSES					
20-7-82-2-32.01	Electricity	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-2-62.03	Pump Station Maintenance	$ 1,800	$ 1,800	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-16.00	Personal Protective Gear	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-31.00	Heat	$ 13,000	$ 13,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-32.00	Plant Electricity	$ 34,200	$ 34,200	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-32.02	Water usage - Treatment Plant	$ -	$ -	$ -	
20-7-82-3-34.00	Trash Removal	$ 1,300	$ 1,300	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-41.00	Permits/Certs/License	$ 800	$ 800	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-45.00	Wastewater Contracted	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-45.01	Biosolids Contracted	$ 3,500	$ 3,500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-45.02	Equipment Rental	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-45.03	Biosolids Disposal/CSWD	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-46.00	Engineering	$ 500	$ 500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-50.00	Gas, Oil & Diesel Fuel	$ 1,800	$ 1,800	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-52.00	Fleet Maintenance	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-62.00	Wastewater Facil Repair	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-62.01	Biosolids Facility Repair	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-62.02	Collection System Repair	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-65.00	Wastewater Chemicals	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-65.01	Biosolids Chemicals	$ 35,000	$ 35,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-65.02	Septage Chemicals			$ -	
20-7-83-4-62.99	WWTF water bill	$ 16,000	$ 16,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-82-3-66.00	Supplies	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$ -	0.00%
	Subtotal Wastewater Operating	$ 206,900	$ 206,900	$ -	0.00%

20-7 WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENSES					
20-7-90-5-90.04	East Main Replacement Fund	-	$ -	$ -	0.00%
20-7-90-5-93.04	Short-term (10 yr) capital fund (Engineered, ?? annually)	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ -	0.00%

Account #	Description	Budget 2016-2017	PROPOSED 2017-2018	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
20-7-90-2-90.11	Collection System Capital Fund (Goal 3%/revenue/yr)	$ 21,670	$ 21,670	$ -	0.00%
20-7-90-5-93.00	Wastewater Capital Reserve (Goal 10%/revenue/yr)	$ 83,000	$ 83,000	$ -	0.00%
20-7-90-2-90.01	RFL-101 planning-ww (2026)	$ 12,080	$ 12,080	$ -	0.00%
20-7-90-2-90.06	Project 7a Sanitary Sewer (2032)	$ 13,525	$ 14,092	$ 567	4.19%
20-7-90-2-90.02	Phosphorus SRF(2026)	$ 22,300	$ 22,300	$ -	0.00%
20-7-90-2-90.14	Jericho Road Debt Service-ww (2032)	$ 23,400	$ 21,903	$ (1,497)	-6.40%
	Service Vehicle ($32k 1 yr note, 1/2 FY18)		$ 11,200	$ 11,200	0.00%
	Subtotal Wastewater Capital	$ 195,975	$ 206,245	$ 10,270	5.24%

Account #	Description	Budget 2016-2017	PROPOSED 2017-2018	+INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
	Wastewater Operating. & Capital TOTAL	$ 402,875	$ 413,145	$ 10,270	2.55%
	Wastewater Department Administration Fee (Total X 70%)	$ 170,125	$ 170,125	-	0.00%
	TOTAL WASTEWATER BUDGET	$ 573,000	$ 583,270	$ 10,270	1.79%
	Combined Water and Wastewater Budgets Total	*$ 880,576*	*$ 910,374*	$ 29,798	3.38%

TOWN OF RICHMOND, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES & CHANGES
IN NET ASSETS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Water and Sewer Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Charges for services	802,265
Total operating revenues	802,265
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Administration	238,094
Pump station	1,297
Wastewater department	211,239
Water department	51,826
Depreciation	166,484
Total operating expenses	668,940
Operating income (loss)	133,325
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Grant revenue	-
Insurance reimbursement	-
Transfer In	21,616
Interest income	-
Interest expense	(35,059)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(13,443)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	119,882
NET POSITION, July 1, 2015	4,430,638
NET POSITION, June 30, 2016	4,550,520

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk's Office welcomes all who wish to stop in. We are a busy office, as we are a local spot to go to for questions and answers. Whether the question is town related or simply for information, we try our best to help the public.

Our voter checklist stands at 3100 registered voters. Thank you to all who assist at the elections. The combination of the Board of Civil Authority and volunteer workers makes for a more efficient day. My thanks to the Richmond Highway Department and the Camels Hump Middle School staff who help with the moving of materials and set up of the voting area.

Boy Scout Troop #23 provide set up help and serve as the official color guard for the annual meeting in March.

There were three elections held in 2016. The statistics are as follows:

Election	date	voters on checklist	total voted	early voters
Town Meeting	3/1/16	2957	1545	164
VT State Primary	8/9/16	2954	1217	285
General Election	11/8/16	3098	2563	869

Starting January 1, 2017, "same day voter registration" will become available. For Richmond residents that come to the polling place and have not previously registered to vote, the option will now be available on the day of the election. Residents will automatically be registered to vote when your Vermont driver's license is renewed, per a new legislative mandate.

The one item that slows down the process of counting votes is the random voting of write in candidates. If a person is running a true write in campaign for office, we welcome the process. Every write in vote has to be recorded by hand. Even if you write yourself in or a friend to be silly, each name must be recorded and reported to the Secretary of State. This can add several hours on an already long day.

State Statute requires that all dogs be registered in the town they reside by April 1 of each year. Although many rabies vaccinations are valid for three years, the animal must be registered each year. The vaccination is an important step in protecting your family's health, as well as your pet. Richmond and Huntington Town Clerks team together each year to hold a rabies clinic. This year the rabies clinic will be held at the Richmond Rescue garage on March 18, 2017. Special thanks go to Dr. Kerry Lindemuth, of the Green Mountain Animal Hospital, who donates her time to administer the vaccinations. You will be given a dog tag to attach to the animal's collar. It is very important to have your name and phone number on the dog's collar. Identification makes it easier to return the pet to its family if lost or injured. We understand that it is very difficult to lose a pet, but please let us know if the pet no longer lives with your family.

We continue to provide a venue to renew motor vehicle registrations. The convenience fee for registrations is $3.00 each. Green Mountain Passports are available at the Town Clerk's Office for a fee of $2.00. This lifetime pass gets those Vermont residents that are at least 62 years of age or a Veteran into the State Park system at no charge.

We also offer Notary Public service at no charge to Richmond residents. Please stop by if you require any of these services.

I do have a list serve established for residents to receive an email when something of interest comes up. This may include such things as road closings, reminders of tax payments being due or water line breaks. Of course, every email might not affect every resident, but a mass email will go out. At no time do I publish these emails. If you would like to be included and have not been receiving notices from me, please send your request to richmondclerk@gmavt.net.

The Clerk's office works as a team. This includes Martha Laing, Assistant Town Clerk and Connie Bona, Finance Assistant. We all enjoy our time together and are willing to help everyone who comes into the office. All of the departments of the Town of Richmond work very well together, helping each other as may be necessary. I would like to extend my appreciation to the residents of the Town of Richmond for their support. I enjoy my job and the opportunity to help the citizens of our town. The door is always open. Everyone working together makes Richmond a wonderful place to live.

Linda M. Parent, CVC, Richmond Town Clerk

RABIES CLINIC

MARCH 18, 2017

9 AM TO NOON

RICHMOND RESCUE GARAGE

PLEASE BRING PROOF OF PREVIOUS RABIES VACCINATIONS

DOG LICENSES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RICHMOND & HUNTINGTON

QUESTIONS...PLEASE CALL LINDA PARENT, TOWN CLERK 434-2221 - RICHMOND

PRICE IS $20 PER ANIMAL

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE LEASHED OR CRATED

VITAL RECORDS

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Births	37	32	37	46	49	46
Deaths	18	20	29	27	19	22
Marriages	26	29	32	43	28	22

Vital records are public documents that are recorded in the Town Clerk's office. Certified copies are available upon request at a cost of $10.00 each. Genealogy research can be done during regular office hours.

BIRTHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2016

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAME
Urie, Autumn Jean	January 03, 2016	Heather & Joel Urie
Urie, Oliver Lawrence	January 03, 2016	Heather & Joel Urie
Cioffi, Bennett Modestino	January 10, 2016	Alaina Palombo & Michael Cioffi
Diederich, Everett Richard	January 12, 2016	Kassandra & Peter Diederich
Robidoux-Granger, Addison Marie	January 26, 2016	Angel Robidoux & Anthony Granger
Hammond, Oliver William	February 11, 2016	Misty & Jason Hammond
Sibbald, Sebastian Waldo	February 12, 2016	Charlotte Phillips & Edward Sibbald Jr
Kent, Chloe Kathleen	February 19, 2016	Kiley & Keith Kent
Harrington, Leah Rae	February 22, 2016	Erin Clark & Stephen Harrington
Soltsov, Daniel Richmond	February 23, 2016	Sarah & Boris Soltsov
Conant, Catherine Claire	February 23, 2016	Alison & Ransom Conant
Dahlstrom, Shay Isabelle	February 26, 2016	Caroline & Ryan Dahlstrom
Tucker, Owen Gabriel	March 02, 2016	Melissa & Christopher Tucker Sr
Streeter, Kole William	March 18, 2016	Kaitlin Streeter
Callens, Silas Paul	March 25, 2016	Alana & Trevor Callens
Floyd, Dune Spencer	April 15, 2016	Katelyn & Philippe Floyd
Boswell, Robert George	May 18, 2016	Leah & David Boswell
Laber, Oliver Warren	May 31, 2017	Holly Brandl-Laber & Nathaniel Laber
Grady, Maddox Allen	June 09, 2016	Allison Brown & Adam Grady
Valyou, Nehemiah Sebastian	June 13, 2016	Lisa & Jamie Valyou
Ryan, Maranda Lynn	June 16, 2016	Erika Bombard & Patrick Ryan III
Zachary, Cordelia Grace	June 17, 2016	Shannon & Vicentios Zachary
Monty, Maxon Charles	June 25, 2016	Timothy & Rebecca Monty
Timrud, Jaakon Lawrence	July 3, 2016	Christina & Evan Timrud
Davignon, Fern Helena	July 4, 2016	Nicole & Jacob Davignon
Rich, Freya Scarlet	July 6, 2016	Sarah & Dustin Rich
Rice, Luke James	July 11, 2016	Suzanne Elowson & Shawn Rice
Bordeau, Ryder Francis	July 25, 2016	Karla Kennedy & Christopher Bordeau
Davis, Roy Marshall	July 29, 2016	Kelly & Roy Davis
Kreider, Brooke Isabelle	August 13, 2016	Kathryn & Ashleigh Kreider
Dougherty, Luca-Sage Arthur	August 10, 2016	Jessica & John Dougherty
Bennett, Blake Joseph	August 22, 2016	Cory & Jamie Bennett
Cronin, Misha Bean	September 3, 2016	Rebecca Weisman & Christopher Cronin
Chiorgno, Charlotte Grace	September 6, 2016	Amanda Musser & Vincent Chiorgno
Prack, Charlotte Arlene	September 8, 2016	Britni & Jonathan Prack
Valentine, Elliana Shae	September 11, 2016	Cynthia & Brian Valentine
Hearn, Aspen Sky O'Brien	September 24, 2016	Amanda Hearn & Daniel O'Brien
DiCocco, Hugh Robert	September 29, 2016	Alicia & Shay DiCocco
Psaros, Anna May	October 20, 2016	Jessica & Matthew Psaros
Stewart, Teaghan Marie	October 20, 2016	Teren Foster & Todd Stewart
Nadeau, Greyson, Michael	November 8, 2016	Katelyn & Paul Nadeau III
Kiernan, Hazel Mason	November 15, 2016	Shannon Dufour-Martinez & Casey Kiernan
Morrison, Bennett Donald	November 22, 2016	Bethany Mahler & Kyle Morrison
Beams, Katherine Laurel	November 23, 2016	Marikje Shelmandine & Stephen Beams
Atwood, Vanessa Jane	December 1, 2016	Stephanie & Matthew Atwood
Tuttle, Milo Lindell	December 14, 2016	Katie Hatin & Avery Tuttle

MARRIAGES FOR THE PERIOD OF 2016

SPOUSE	SPOUSE	MARRIAGE DATE
Lashea, Ivy Tutein	Micheli, Mark Edward	April 11, 2016
Belanger, Ivan Heass	Cookson, Cara Lee	May 21, 2016
Thomas, Kimberly Anne	Schaefer, Michael	June 4, 2016
Langenberg, Christie Jean	Burke, Matthew Moylan	June 6, 2016
Collett, Mary Yvettte	Loughlin, Liam Patrick	June 17, 2016
Kraft, Ellen Beth	McCune-Sanders, William Jason	July 3, 2016
Nyhagen, Lisa Elaine	Wilkins, Patrick Raymond	July 23, 2016
Fitzpatrick, Stephen Edward	Turner, Danielle Jeanine	July 30, 2016
Macrae, Katelyn Bolton	Sadler, Nathan Neal	July 30, 2016
Morway, Carrie Ann	Liberty, Raymond Gene Jr	July 30, 2016
Hoffman, Mark Noah	Hamblin, Erin Eva	August 6, 2016
Morabito, Amanda Ann	Pesantes, Mark Luis	August 6, 2016
Burgher, Timothy Lee	Corless, Caitlin McDonald	August 27, 2016
Keogh, Danielle Etta	Provo, Raymond James	September 17, 2016
Lowitz, Melissa Debra	Eusden, Tyler Woolsey	September 24, 2016
Rittling, Joseph Bruno	Lamarche, Zoe Anastacia	October 6, 2016
Matteri, Laura Melissa	Hamlin, John Arthur	October 8, 2016
Murray, Maragaret Helen	Haskins, Joseph Lyle	October 8, 2016
Francis, Holly Ann	Holbrook, Sanford Samuel III	October 15, 2016
Pecue, Bradley Michael	Wernhoff, Elise Kristen	October 15, 2016
Palombo, Alaina Christine	Cioffi, Michael Robert	October 15, 2016
Nau, Rebecca Ann	Thomas, Kevin Peter	November 26, 2016

DEATHS FOR THE PERIOD OF 2016

NAME OF DECEASED	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
Buxton, Howard R	January 15, 2016	Richmond, VT
Hardy, Mary Theresa	January 15, 2016	Burlington, VT
Bradley, Rita Irene	January 23, 2016	Richmond, VT
Selleck, Robert H	February 16, 2016	Williston, VT
Rachlis, Karen Marie	February 21, 2016	Williston, VT
McLeod, Michael James	February 24, 2016	Burlington, VT
Witham, Marion Louise	April 14, 2016	Colchester, VT
Parent, Palma Mae	April 26, 2016	Burlington, VT
Mulle, Judith E	May 10, 2016	Williston, VT
Healy, Edith Corten	May 30, 2016	Burlington, VT
Sheeran, George G	June 14, 2016	Richmond, VT
Lunderville, Evelyn Anne	August 11, 2016	Burlington, VT
Poehlmann, Eric A	August 24, 2016	Colorado
Thomson, Laurence E	September 24, 2016	Colchester, VT
Atwood, Donald C	October 6, 2016	Burlington, VT
Rushworth, Janice Berry	October 26,2016	Richmond, VT
Stricker, Florence Pratt	November 4, 2016	Burlington, VT
Trujillo, Liliane Medina	November 19, 2016	Colchester, VT
Quinn, Bernard Francis	November 20, 2016	Burlington, VT
Clark, John A	December 6, 2016	Richmond, VT
Sherman, Neil Alden	December 6, 2016	Colchester, VT
Shattuck, Phillip Bancroft	December 24, 2016	Waterbury, VT

TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2016

SELLER	BUYERS	LOCATION
Atkins, Allison	Merrill, Nathaniel & Volinsky, Sarah	520 Bridge St
Ayers, Tyler & Catherine	Paine, Stephen	101 Farr Rd
Baker, Phillip & Eileen	Kaup, Courtney & Ward,Karin	1613 Stage Rd
Bombard, Dorothy & Arthur	Allen, Mary Jane	215 Lower Cir
Bordeaux, Edward Estate	Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity	43 Bordeaux Ln
Brown, Louise	White, Terry & Molly	125 North Rd
Cain, Brian	Gero, Adam & Bacheller, Alexandra	96 Pinnacle View
Cairns, Ellen	LaPlant, Trevor & Tatum	1819 Huntington Rd
Carpenter, Tina Marie	Feinson, James & Lyn	4 Cochran Rd
Cherry, William	Wagg, Erin	103 Farr Rd
Copp, Weaver & Downer	Gray Ledge Farm LLC	1950 Hillview Rd
Cote, Marcel & Sarah	Hayes, Nancy	42 Red Barn Ln
Cousino, Heidi	Webb, Steven & Danielle	254 Summers St
Cowan, Isaac & Kathleen	Weir, Lauren & Dustin	2950 East Main St
Croll, Shirley	Guenther, Jessica & Carolyn	56 Meadow Ln
Curley, James & Denise	Hegg, Logan & Robin	72 Huntington Rd
Currier, Ruth & Robert	Albano, Joseph	139 Lower Cir
Dahlstrom, Ryan & Caroline	Burgher, Timothy	328 Hillview Rd
Doherty, Dennis & Bona, Constance	Brownell, Tyler & Larose, Hillary	290 Cemetery Rd
Emmons, Kevin & Brenda Lee	Wellman, George & Koide, Masayo	919 Hillview Rd
Falcon Management	Lucia, Sherrie	28 Meadow Ln
Farr, Peggy	Marquis, Robert & Doreen	595 Huntington Rd
Fecteau Homes	Roy, Amie	138 Lower Cir
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	Andreasen, Donald	1484 Jericho Rd
Feinson, James & Lyn	Canniff, Christopher	137 Jericho Rd
Flint, Bonnie	Bradley, Tyler & Lindsay	118 Stage Rd
Frascoia, Paul	Rich, Dustin & Sarah	1172 Johnnie Brook Rd
Frederick, Eugene & Roberta	Thomas, Martin Jr	34 Overlook Ln
Galliher, Shirley	Linn, John	1140 Williams Hill Rd
Godbout Design Build LLC	Pacheco, Jose & Amber	390 Sadlar Meadow
Godbout Design Build LLC	Brier, Ryan & Danielle	383 Sadlar Meadow
Godbout Design Build LLC	Chandler, Janice	259 Sadlar Meadow
Godbout Design Build LLC	Dubose, Christopher & Janice	257 Sadlar Meadow
Godbout Design Build LLC	Dunn, Barbara	283 Sadlar Meadow
Godbout Design Build LLC	Petralia, Paul & Danielle	448 Sadlar Meadow
Godbout Design Build LLC	Pemberton, Evan & Nora	488 Sadlar Meadow
Gosselin, Jeanne	Chastenay, Anthony	3114 East Main St
Harrison, Harry & Christine	Kupiec, Timothy	102 Valley View Rd Ext
Holland, Matthew & Villani, Diane	Parks, Jamey & Sandy	1780 Hinesburg Rd
Huntington Homes Inc	Lesh, Mark & Emily	109 Sylvan Ridge
Ianelli, Joseph & Carolyn	Smith, Logan & Fields, Julia	31 Blue Rock Rd
In Classic Boats	Zinn, WA & RR	3215 East Main St
Isham, Cory & Julie	Sutton, Ian & Jennifer	444 East Hill Rd
Johnson, Richard & Emily	Basiliere, Dana & Susan	1131 Southview Dr
Keefe, Laurie & Darren	O'Leary, Shaun & Danielle	53 Lords View Terr
Kenney, Timothy & Jennifer	Kellar, Jeffrey & Lauren	1747 Wes White Hill
Knapp, Pauline Estate	Morin, Dnald & Bonnie	113 Pleasant St
Labombard, Richard & Anne	Smith, Whitney & Stanger, Trevien	276 Valley View Rd
Lamell, Ronald	Randy's Excavating LLC	87 Robbins Mountain Rd
LaPlant, Trevor & Tatum	Mulhall, Thomas & Tamarra	20 North Rd
Leo, Bruce & Amy	Morrison, Kyle & Mahler, Bethany	2384 Huntington Rd
Levesque, Thomas Estate	Smith, Talia & Richard & Daley, Mary Kathleen	86 Collins Mountain Rd
Levesque, Thomas Estate	Maria Daley Living Trust	212 West Main St
Loud, John & Phyllis	Jermy, Ann Marie & Kevin	280 Joan Ave
Lovett, Abbott Estate	Corcoran, Michael	1930 Dugway Rd
Lusk, Daniel & Patten, Angela	Buret, Darcy	1630 Stage Rd
Marquis, Robert & Doreen	White, Daniel & Brooke	288 Wortheim Rd
Mayer, Kevan & Deborah	Daub, Brian & Jacqueline	134 Lily Pond Cir
McCollum, Heather	Streeter, Robert & Mary	254 Old Farm Rd
Milnor, Sally	Hoopaugh, Joseph	48 Lower Circle Ext
Mongeon, Margaret & Reginald Mathieu	Brooks, Jonathan	20 Lawrence Rd

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TOWN OF RICHMOND PROPERTY SALES 2016

SELLER	BUYERS	LOCATION
Montgomery, Daniel & Meredith	Choiniere, Charles & Reiko	2520 Hillview Rd
Morrissey, Kathleen	Roberts, Jason & Stephanie	464 Hidden Pines Cir
O'Brien, Jospeh & Kelly	Remy, John & Heather	4001 Huntington Rd
O'Neil, Scott & Abigail	LaShalle, Jason & Amy	341 Palmer Ln
Palmer Family Trust	Leavitt, James & Jose	642 Palmer Ln
Palombo, Alaina	Rossi, Ernest Jr & Chelsea	128 East Main St
Paulman, Gregory	Gallo, Caleb	128 Lower Cir
Paulsen, Marshall & Gretchen	Desautels, Thomas & Catherine	475 Williams Hill Rd
Paya, Denise	Skinner, Ronald & Patricia	78 Lower Circle Ext
Pecor, Jason & Joanna	Belaski, James & Maureen	135 Maple Hill Rd
Peet, Frederick & Stacey	Kennedy, Darren & Amber	1938 Jericho Rd
Perry, Tammy & George	Nickerson, Scott	86 Tilden Ave
Peters Properties LLC	Purcell, Jonathan	224 Tilden Ave
Petralia, Paul & Danielle	Danks, Cecilia	157 Church St
Pfeil, Joshua & Hannah	Pelcher, Michael & Susan	112 Blue Rock Rd
Piner, Michael	Fahner, Christopher & Lynsey Mae	682 Stonefence Rd
Potter, David & Wiese-Hanson, Lisetta	Bender, Stephen & Brown Jana	83 Bradford Terr
Quintin, Constance	Mack,Ronald	1933 Huntington Rd
Raftery, Ayeshah	Channell, Dacyn	137 Esplanade
Senesac, Guy & Susan	DeHond, Andrew & Cohen, Annaliss	179 Lemroy Ct
Sherman, Phyllis	Ackley, Ryan & Laura	47 Round Church Rd
Sikora, Mark & Kathleen	Hillview Prooperty Management	65 Huntington Rd
Skinner, Ronald & Patricia	Shea, Amy & Murray, Laura	30 Browns Ct
Slayton, Edythe & Suanya	Atwood, Shermayne	256 Stage Rd
Smith, William & Betsy	Carabeau, Ryan & Melissa	1376 Wes White Hill
Spence, William & Jan	Ades, Steven & Libby, Wendy	63 Browns Ct
Stavrinakis, Michael & Kimberly	Burnett, Adam & Maria	731 Jericho Rd
Streeter, Robert & Mary	Heath, Benjamin & Tina	747 Stonefence Rd
Sylvan Knoll LLC	Bailey, Peter Jr	100 Sylvan Ridge
Sylvan Knoll LLC	Ste Marie, Renee & Leggett, Joshua	49 Sylvan Ridge
Sylvan Knoll LLC	Roberge, Richard & Sue	60 Sylvan Ridge
Tomlinson, Rozella	Gingras, Patrick & Mercy	2817 Huntington Rd
US Housing & Urban Development	Douglass Properties LLC	291 Hillview Rd
Wagg, Erin	Gonzalez, Jeffrey & Redfern, Jenessa	480 Greystone Dr
Wales, Martha	Kelly, Jamie	783 Wes White Hill
Washburn, Jacqueline	Hundsdorfer, Claudia & Detlev	15 Railroad St
Willette, Peter & Krystal	Cousson, Dale	122 Lower Cir
Youngman, Kevin & Ruth	Saxons Oaks Co	400 Stage Rd

DOG LICENSE REPORT

There were 454 dogs registered in the Town of Richmond this year. All dogs and wolf hybrid animals are required by State Statute 20 V.S.A § 3581 to be licensed on or before April 1 of each year. This statute includes the registration of service dogs. The Town must keep a copy of the rabies vaccination on file. The fee to license an animal is $15.00 per animal. After April 1, the fee increases to $20.00 each. A total of $6,645.00 was collected from the pet owners. As part of that figure, $2,215.00 that was sent to the State of Vermont for their fees.

It is imperative to have your dog registered and be up to date with their rabies vaccination. With the registration and vaccination on file at the town office we can provide the information to the hospital or police in a timely manner to assist in treatment if there is a dog bite. We have seen the number of dogs being registered going down. There appear to be many dogs in Richmond that are not registered. Please do your part to make your pet legal in the eyes of the law. If the Police or Animal Control Officer are called to an animal complaint, you will incur a fine, as well as the need to register the animal.

The Animal Control Officer continues to be called to pick up dogs that have wandered away. Please have the dog tag attached to your pet's collar. If the owner cannot be located the dog will be impounded. If the animal has been injured, it will be taken to the emergency veterinarian. The animal's owner will be held responsible for the services rendered. The Animal Control Officer is Chris Laberge (802-598-1698) of Bolton. He handles domestic animal complaints. At this time we do not have an officer that is able to relocate wildlife.

Please let the Clerk's office know if your pet no longer lives with your family. We hate to contact the family if necessary, only to find that the pet has passed away. The Town of Richmond recognizes our part in the welfare of our pet population.

RICHMOND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Winter 2015-2016 was very mild with few snow storms to report. We had more freezing rain storms than accumulating snow storms. Our overtime was about half of a normal winter season. This reduced our salt and sand usage as well as fuel usage.

Some changes were made in the department. Full-time employees of the Highway Department are: Peter Gosselin – foreman; Mike Mashia – promoted to assistant foreman/ grader operator; Dillon Laforce - operator; Glenn Murray – operator, and George Brownell operator/grounds maintenance. Part-time employees of the department are: Troy Liberty – technical advisor/trouble shooting and Joe Preston. Joe Preston started work with the Highway Department in September as a year round part time employee. Joe previously worked for VTRANS and had received training in traffic control, chain saw operation and OSHA safety. Part-time seasonal employees were: Joe Rittling and Logan Liberty - grounds maintenance.

This past summer was normal compared to the previous 5 summers that brought us storm related road damages. Summer road work performed by the Highway Department included the following:

Snipe Ireland Road - Replaced two 18 inch diameter road crossing culverts. Ditched entire road length. Stabilized an inside corner that had been deteriorating for years with ledge. Resurfaced entire length of road with top course ¾ inch plant mix gravel. This road project was carried over from the summer 2015 gravel road work plan due to multiple road damages that summer.

Williams Hill Road - Installed stone splash pools at 3 road crossing locations due to high erosion at the outlet end of culverts. Resurfaced road with ¾ inch plant mix gravel.

Volunteer's Green - Removed all wooden posts. Widened entrance road and added parallel parking. Built a new connector road from concession stand to rear soccer field. Installed stone around the entire roadway and parking perimeter. Installed new signage and speed bumps.

Old County Road - Replaced one 12 inch diameter road crossing culvert and added one 18 inch diameter new driveway crossing culvert. Ditched side of road at turn around spot and made a gravel turn around for our plow trucks.

Hillview Road - (Gravel Plan) Excavated and removed a 700 foot stretch of gravel road surface 1 foot deep and filled in a blind hill section of road with the excavated gravel. Installed 1400 feet of underdrain in 2 locations that historically have repeated mud and trapped water issues. Replaced two 18 inch road crossing culverts and one 48 inch road crossing culvert. Installed 2 courses of road gravel. 1.5 inch base course plant mix gravel and ¾ inch top course gravel along with road fabric for 1.04 miles. The remaining 1.3 miles received top course ¾ inch plant mix gravel. Ditched and installed 1500 feet of stone lined ditches.

Mountain View Road - Replaced one 48 inch diameter road crossing culvert.

Collins Mountain Road - Replaced one 18 inch diameter road crossing culvert. Reset one 12 inch driveway culvert.

East Hill Road - Replaced one 18 inch failed road crossing culvert and repaved the asphalt over it.

Joan Avenue - Replaced one 18 inch diameter driveway culvert and repaved the asphalt over it.

Pleasant Street - Excavated and replaced the road base material at the end of the street. Assisted FW Whitcomb in prepping road base for paving.

I'm pleased to report that we have hit the target point on the gravel plan. All of our major dirt roads have had the road bases rebuilt and now only require top course gravel resurfacing. I have proposed to the Selectboard to shift a portion of the gravel plan money into the sidewalks and storm drains. We have several village asphalt sidewalks that need replacing as well as upgrading to meet ADA compliance. The Bridge Street storm drain system as well as the Pleasant Street storm drain system all need replacing. I hope to utilize our Highway resources as much as possible to upgrade the sidewalks and storm drains.

Other seasonal work includes the following:

- Sweeping of all village streets, sidewalks and developments.
- Line striping of crosswalks and parking lots.
- Mowing and trimming of the Riverview and Bridge Street Cemeteries.
- Mowing and trimming of all Town properties including the Volunteer's Green and Brown's Court ball field.
- Roadside mowing of all town roads.
- Gravel road grading.
- Hauling hundreds of loads of gravel for Snipe Ireland Road and Hillview Road gravel plan.
- Hauling road gravel for mud season.
- Hauling and stockpiling winter sand.
- Additional roadwork scheduled for spring 2017 on Christmas Hill Road as per gravel plan.

Contracted work for the summer includes the following: The paving contract was awarded to FW Whitcomb of Colchester. Roads resurfaced were 3.75 miles of Huntington Road; Thompson Road; Farr Road; Hillview Road; Mountain View Road; Cemetery Road and base course on Pleasant Street. There are punch list paving items to be completed in the spring.

We applied for the VTRANS State Structures grant as well as the Class 2 Roadway grant. We were awarded the class 2 Roadway grant for paving which allowed us to resurface more mileage this year. Due to the recent award of the Structures grant we were not awarded that grant this year.

The Highway Department had 2 new equipment purchases this year. The 2008 John Deere compact tractor was replaced with an articulating all-wheel drive compact tractor made by Ventrac. This new tractor has multiple attachments and can mow up to a 30 degree angle in any direction. Because of its compact size and articulation it is more adapted to municipal needs for mowing and snow removal. We purchased a new foreman's pickup under the state purchasing contract. The contract was awarded to Cody Chevrolet of Montpelier. We greatly appreciate this new equipment, as well as your continued support of the Capital Equipment Plan. The crew and I take pride in our work and continue to work toward better roads, bridges and sidewalks. Please don't hesitate to call me at 434-2631 or E-mail me at: richmondhighway@gmavt.net.

Peter Gosselin
Richmond Road Foreman

TOWN OF RICHMOND 7 - YEAR GRAVEL PLAN
JANUARY 2017

FISCAL YEAR	Gravel & Fabric	Rental Equipment to Haul Gravel	Culvert repair or replacement	Brush clearing, flagging & ditching	Miles	Road and Mileage to receive gravel resurfacing
FY 18	$150,000	$25,000	$2,500	$2,500	3.05	(ONLY RESURFACING NEEDED. ALL GRAVEL ROAD BASES REPAIRED) Kenyon Road - 2.25 miles of 2.25 miles; Cemetery Road - .80 miles of .80 miles
FY 19 Summer 2018	$150,000	$25,000	$2,500	$2,000	2.60	Roger's Lane - .40 miles of .40 miles; Dugway - 1.50 miles of 3.35 miles; Lawrence Road - .30 miles of .30 miles; Besaw Road - .10 miles of .10 miles; Grandview Drive - .30 miles of .30 miles
FY 20 Summer 2019	$155,000	$25,000	$1,500	$2,000	2.85	Dugway Road - remaining 1.85 miles of 3.35 miles; Wes White Hill Road - 1.0 miles of 2.10 miles
FY 21 Summer 2020	$155,000	$25,000	$2,500	$2,000	2.8	Wes White Hill Road - remaining 1.10 miles of 2.10 miles; Stage Road - 1.50 miles of 2.80 miles; Jones Mill Road - .20 miles of .20 miles
FY22 Summer 2021	$160,000	$25,000	$2,500	$2,000	3.30	Stage Road - remaining 1.30 miles of 2.80 miles; Williams Hill Road - 1.40 miles of 1.40 miles; Old County Road .30 miles of .30 miles; Worthiem Road - .30 of .30 miles
FY 23 Summer 2022	$160,000	$25,000	$2,500	$2,000	3.40	Johnnie Brook Road - 1.40 miles of 1.40 miles; Snipe Ireland Road - 2.0 miles of 2.55 miles
Fy 24 Summer 2023	$160,000	$30,000	$2,500	$2,000	3.35	Snipe Ireland Road - remaining .55 miles of 2.55 miles; Hillview Road - 2.30 miles of 2.30 miles; Christmas Hill Road .50 miles of .50 miles
	7-year resurfacing cycle continues					

TOWN OF RICHMOND 12-YEAR PAVING CYCLE

January 2017

FISCAL YEAR	Budget Amount	Miles Paved or Planned	Road and Mileage to be paved	Notes
FY 18 Summer 2017	292,000	2.13	Huntington Road - remaining .40 miles of 4.15 miles; Greystone Drive - .95 miles of .95 miles; Highland Drive - .20 miles of .20 miles; Apple Tree Lane - .10 miles of .10 miles; Church Street - .18 miles of .18 miles; Duxbury Road - .20 miles of .20 miles; Bridge Street .10 miles of .60 miles	Developments not grant eligible Heavy road shim needed for developments Bridge Street resurface after storm drain replacement from traffic light to RR tracks
FY 19 Summer 2018	294,000	2.40	Wes White Hill Road - .90 miles of .90 miles; Cochran Road - 1.40 miles of 3.68 miles; Dugway Road apron - .10 miles of .10 miles	Cochran Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2010)
FY 20 Summer 2019	294,000	2.28	Cochran Road - remaining 2.28 miles of 3.68 miles	Cochran Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2010)
FY 21 Summer 2020	296,000	2.20	Hinesburg Road - 2.20 miles of 3.90 miles	Hinesburg Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2011)
FY22 Summer 2021	296,000	2.25	Hinesburg Road - remaining 1.70 miles of 3.90 miles; Kenyon Road apron - .05 of .05 miles; East Hill Road - .50 miles of 1.20 miles	Hinesburg Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2011)
FY23 Summer 2022	298,000	2.24	East Hill Road - remaining .70 miles of 1.20 miles; Sherwood Forest Road - .07 miles of .07 miles; Bridge Street - remaining .47 miles of .57 miles; Burnett Court - .11 miles of .11 miles ; Brown's Court - .19 miles of .19 miles; Millett Street - .13 miles of .13 miles; Tilden Avenue - .18 miles of .18 miles; Baker Street - .11 miles of .11 miles; Lemroy Court - .19 miles of .19 miles School Street - .09 miles of .09 miles	Village Streets not grant eligible Bridge Street resurfacing after storm water and sidewalk replacement (last resurfaced 2007)
FY24 Summer 2023	298,000	2.33	Jericho Road - 2.33 miles of 2.33 miles	Jericho Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2014)
FY 25 Summer 2024	298,000	2.02	Esplanade Street - .26 miles of .26 miles; Round Church Road - .07 miles of .07 miles; Railroad Street - .16 miles of .16 miles; Mary Drive - .22 miles of .22 miles; Hidden Pines Drive - .20 miles of .20 miles; Hidden Pines Circle - .70 miles of .70 miles; Hidden Pines Extension - .11 miles of .11 miles; Joan Avenue - .30 miles of .30 miles	Village streets not grant eligible Developments (last resurfaced 2014)
FY 26 Summer 2025	300,000	2.44	Southvew Drive - 1.30 miles of 1.30 miles; Westall Drive - .45 miles of .45 miles; Westall Extension - .09 miles of .09 miles; Bradford Terrace - .20 miles of .20 miles; Town Center parking lot - .25 miles of .25 miles; Toscano parking lot - .15 miles of.15 miles	Developments (last resurfaced 2014)
FY 27 Summer 2026	302,000	3.56	Huntington Road - 1.80 miles of 4.15 miles; Governor Peck Highway - .80 miles of .80 miles; Roger's Lane - .10 miles of.10 miles; Johnnie Brook - .15 miles of .15 miles; Thompson Road - .33 miles of .33 miles; Farr Road - .11 miles of .11 miles; Pleasant Street - .12 miles of .12 miles; Depot Street - .15 miles of .15 miles	Governor Peck Highway and Huntington Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2016)
FY 28 Summer 2027	302,000	3.54	Huntington Road - remaining 1.95 miles of 4.15 miles; Mountain View Road - .74 miles of .74 miles; Collins Mountain Road - .35 miles of .35 miles; Hillview Road - .40 miles of .40 miles; Cemetery Road - .10 miles of .10 miles	Huntington Road grant eligible (last resurfaced 2016)
FY 29 Summer 2028			NEW 12 – YEAR CYCLE BEGINS	
	3,270,000	27.39	***Variable:*** *Budgetary: Loans & Grants; Inflation; Weather & Emergencies; Type of Road Repair Needed*	Village streets are estimated at a higher cost due to utilities and paving quantities

RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT

As I write this annual report, I am happy to report that we did not lose any of our officers this year to another larger agency. Since I became Chief in June of 2011, we have in the past lost at least one officer to another larger agency that has offered better pay. The last year the Town Manager, Mr. Geoffrey Urbanik along with the select board has worked hard to close the pay gap which is no easy task. Their reviews showed that we were and still are the lowest paid agency in the county. Hiring a new officer is time consuming and costly as it takes about a year to screen, hire and train a new officer before he/she is ready to be on patrol by themselves.

As I stated earlier we did not need to hire any new officers this past year. Currently we have the following officers on the department trying hard to keep you the citizen's safe; Cpl. Rick Greenough who has been with us since 2005, Cpl. William Bullock what rejoined the department in 2003 but over two employment stints has been with the police department for over 25 years, Cpl. Brett Lindemuth since 2012 who currently serves as the School Resource Officer at Camel's Hump Middle School then works normal patrol duties when school is not in session. The school district reimburses the town for salary for this position based on hours he is active at school or extra activities. Officer Mat Nadeau will complete his third year in January of 2017. And our own Officer John Hamlin who grew up in Richmond and started with us in August of 2014. The administrative duties have been handled on a part-time basis by Ms. Dianne Corbett, who has held this position since January 2002 and me as Chief since 2011.

At the 2014 town meeting the public voted to look at building a new public safety complex. For the last 10 months or so we have had an active public safety building committee consisting of myself, Fire Chief Dennis Gile, Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Levesque, Richmond Rescue President Taylor Yeates, Select Board member David Sander, Town Manager Geoffrey Urbanik and numerous residents from the town. I would like to thank Bob Stafford, Brian Carpenter and Rick Barrett who have participated in almost every meeting which were 2-3 times a month. When this project first started it was to look at a three department complex to include police, fire and rescue. Since the initial concept the project has now centered on initially a complex to house a new police and fire department with a piece of property being purchased that would be large enough to accommodate rescue in the future if they so desire. This is a large and complex project so we don't anticipate that any bond vote request will take place before the summer of 2017. Anyone who has been in either the police or fire department buildings can see just how bad the town needs a new facility.

It has been another busy year for us. We will exceed last year's total calls which were 1319 while this year we finished at 1389. Our record year was in 2014 when we handled a total of 1376 cases. Last year we made a total of 112 arrests with DUI arrests topping the list at 37 and again leading this year with a total of 31 arrests. We also made 9 Drug related arrests last year while this year that rose to 13 to include several for possession/sale of heroin which is still a huge problem in the town, the state and the country. Last year the department issued a total of 1211 traffic tickets while this year the total number was 1368 an additional 1336 written warnings were issued this year compared to 1175 last year. A breakdown of the department stats are included in the report which will also be posted on our Facebook account.

The following are just a few of the calls the members of the Richmond Police Department have handled in the last year. January 23, 2016 @ 07:47 hours, Cpl. William Bullock was requested to assist Richmond Rescue with an untimely death on West Main Street. Cpl. Rick Greenough, our certified death investigator was then called to the scene by Bill. The 76 year old female had died of natural causes, however the scene was a little hectic when family members began to fight over property and attempted to remove jewelry from the victim prior to completing the investigation so Cpl. Greenough then had to ask them to leave the home. At about the same time this was going on a counterfeit money complaint came in as well as power lines being taken down by a truck at the south end of the bridge on Bridge Street. Vermont State Police and Richmond Fire dealt with the power line issue and Cpl. Bullock handled the counterfeit money complaint. A suspect was identified who had been passing fake $20, $50 and $100 dollar bills to businesses throughout Chittenden and Washington County. The U.S. Secret Service was contacted and the suspect was later arrested in a joint effort by us, South Burlington Police, Barre Police, Waterbury Police, Vermont State Police and the U.S. Secret Service. His counterfeit money making equipment was confiscated and he was arrested and jailed only to be released on conditions. A few months later he was arrested again for doing the same thing and now faces many state charges.

February 5, 2016 @ 00:02 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau while on patrol observed a vehicle in the Park & Ride by exit 11 with the doors and trunk open and two males coming out of the trunk. He stopped to investigate and initially observed an open alcohol container. While patting the men down, he located hypodermic needles on one of them. This man currently under court imposed conditions. The vehicle was seized and a warrant requested after a police canine alerted on the vehicle. The male was taken into custody for violating his court conditions, however prior to taking him to jail, the subject became dope sick and was taken to the emergency room where he was treated with the heroin reversal drug, Narcan, twice prior to being released to the Dept. of Corrections. The search warrant located 8 pills not in a regulated container and a quantity of white powder (cocaine). The male was charged with multiple crimes to include possession of drugs.

February 23, 2016 @ 06:34 hours, I responded to what was initially reported as a two vehicle accident where one vehicle rear ended another on West Main Street. The investigation revealed that this was a road rage incident where the front vehicle twice in a short period of time would stomp on the brakes on the snow covered road stopping the second time in the middle of the road and then was hit which caused a third vehicle to go off the road to avoid hitting them. The lead vehicle was charged for causing this incident.

March 29, 2016 @ 17:22 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau secured enough probable cause to believe that there was stolen property located in a Richmond home. The home owner would not grant consent to search or return the property so the home was seized while Mat applied for a search warrant. For the next 4+ hours, Officer John Hamlin and Trooper Brittney Barone along with her canine listened to the home owner rant and rave at the top of her lungs at the officers. A judge granted the warrant which was executed and the stolen property was located in the home. The home owner was then charged with possession of stolen property and disorderly conduct.

April 6. 2016 the Richmond Police Department held an awards luncheon at the town center. Honored this day were Officers Rick Greenough, William Bullock and Brett Lindemuth who were promoted to the rank of Corporal. Also honored was Officer Mat Nadeau who received two awards, the first the Department's Life Saving Award for actions taken on September 3, 2016 where he performed CPR and rescue breathing on a

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male heroin overdose patient. The 54 year old male survived this incident. Second, he was awarded the Chief's Award for his dedication to DUI enforcement during 2015. Mat arrested more than 30 DUI suspects during 2015.

June 2, 2016 @ 20:20 hours, Officers Hamlin and Nadeau responded to a family fight at a Jericho Road apartment. The incident involved 1 female and 2 male. Record checks revealed that there were outstanding for both of the men who were taken into custody and then transported to jail.

July 1, 2016 @ 00:37 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau observed a suspicious vehicle in the lot at the Park & Ride. A check revealed that the registration was expired so the vehicle was stopped near the Mobil. As he approached the vehicle he could smell an odor of marijuana. While speaking with the male and female occupants, neither who could produce identification, it became apparent the male was giving a false name when he could not say the middle name. The female passenger was patted down to be taken into custody, and it was discovered that she had approximately 12 bags of heroin on her, some full and some with just residue. The vehicle was seized and a search warrant applied for. After the warrant was granted a search of the vehicle was completed, discovered was approximately ½ pound of marijuana which is a felony. Also during the search 39 unlabeled pills were located and sent to the State Police Laboratory for analysis. Each was charged with possession of drugs (heroin) and felony possession of marijuana. The female was also charged with two counts of violating her court ordered conditions of release from a prior criminal charges and the male with an additional charge of false information to a police officer.

July 1, 2016 @ 21:52 hours, Officer John Hamlin was dispatched to the Mobil station regarding an assault on a woman. The investigation determined that this incident began in Burlington and continued to the Mobil where the female convinced her attacker that she would urinate in the car if he did not stop at a bathroom. The victim in this case had been punched repeatedly, burnt with a lit cigarette on her body twice and had her arm run over by the attacker with the vehicle prior to fleeing into the Mobil where the clerk gave her shelter. The attacker had fled the area, but was identified. Officer Mat Nadeau used his tech skills using social media to help track him down. When we could not locate an exact location we contacted the U.S. Marshall's fugitive task force. Within a few days the attacker was tracked down to a location in Barton, Vermont area and taken into custody. He was charged by us with multiple counts as was already on parole for two prior domestic assaults, one a felony count facing three years for the existing charge. As of today he is still in jail held without bail as he is looking at 15-20 years in jail if convicted of the new charges as well as violating his parole.

August 14, 2016 @ 04:34 hours Cpl. Brett Lindemuth responded to a motor vehicle complaint at the intersection of Hinesburg Road and Huntington Road. When he arrived it was determined that both the male and female who had parked the car were intoxicated. The female was currently criminally suspended and had court imposed condition regarding alcohol. Williston PD came and assisted as the female was taken into custody for criminally operating the motor vehicle and for violating her court conditions and Cpl. Lindemuth took her to jail. Williston PD took the male to ACT 1 in Burlington to detoxify but he was refused due to his demeanor and was also taken to jail.

September 9, 2016 @ 14:12 hours, Cpl. William Bullock and I responded to a domestic assault at a Kenyon Road home. The highly intoxicated ex-boyfriend was at the house and in a fit of rage he was throwing glass bottles, ashtrays and beer bottles at the female victim. He was taken into custody by us and charged with domestic assault, unlawful mischief and for violating his court imposed conditions which included no contact with the victim and not to be at the home. Prior to lodging him at the jail, he was also cited into court for theft of services and grand larceny from another case that Officer Mat Nadeau was investigating.

October 4, 2016 @ 00:01 hours, Officer Mat Nadeau responded to the fatal accident involving 5 teenagers on Interstate 89 when they were struck by a wrong way driver who then stole a Williston PD cruiser. Mat grabbed his A.E.D. from his cruiser in an attempt to revive a 15 year old teenage girl but this was not successful. This was a difficult night for Mat, the Williston Officers, the Troopers and Other First Responders at the scene.

December 8, 2016 @ 12:32 hours; Cpl. Bill Bullock and I assisted the Vermont State Police with a vehicle pursuit that ended up coming through town. The suspects were wanted on warrants and had attempted to run a Trooper over with the car while he attempted to take one in custody in Williston. Cpl. Bullock attempted a roadblock on West Main which they drove around and hit a State Police cruiser before continuing into Waterbury where stop sticks were used flattening some tires, however they continued through the back roads of Moretown on rims before trying to run a roadblock by two AOT plow trucks on Route 100B which did not work. After being treated for minor injuries, they were charged with the warrants then later many additional counts to include burglaries and are currently in the state correctional center.

These incidents are just a small amount of the almost 1400 cases we have handled during the calendar year 2016.

Again this year, I would like to thank the crew at highway who keeps the roads clear and helps defer costs by doing some of the maintenance on our cruisers. I would also like to recognize the members of the Richmond Fire Dept. and Richmond Rescue which we have a close working relationship with and end up responding to the same calls and finally I would like to thank the men of the Richmond Police Department for what they do day in and day out. This has been a rough year for us in law enforcement with the number of officers killed in the line of duty and the negative reporting coming out of the national media and the political campaigns. We at the Richmond Police Department will continue to strive to be guided by truth, honor, professionalism and integrity.

Respectfully;
Alan F. Buck, Chief of Police, Richmond, Vermont

POLICE STATISTICS 2016

Law Incidents	
911 Hang Ups	20
Accidents	101
Agency Assists	248
Animal Problem	22
Assault	3
Burglary Alarm	60
Burglary	9
Citizen Assist	57
Citizen Dispute	24
Dead Body	2
Directed Patrol	105
DLS	5
DUI	20
Family Fight	8
Found Property	14
Fraud	13
Juvenile Problems	22
Miscellaneous	98
MV Complaint	181
Noise Disturbance	7
Parking Problem	15
Phone Problem	7
Property Watch	56
Sex Offender Reg	13
Suspicious	113
Theft	33
Threatening	6
Traffic Hazard	28
Trespassing	13
Vin Inspection	59
Welfare Check	27
Total Law Incidents	**1389**

Traffic Tickets	
Basic Rule	
Cell Phone	142
Condition of Vehicle	9
Display of Plates	4
Driving License Suspended	49
Driving Rds Laned for Traffic	26
Fail Carry Registration	97
I89 Regulations	38
Inspection	235
Insurance Certificate	24
Local Speed	647
Miscellaneous	8
No Registration	33
Operating Without License	20
Possession of Marijuana	17
Stop/Yield Intersections	19
Total Traffic Tickets	**1368**
Traffic Warnings	
Cell Phone	15
Condition of Vehicle	297
Display of Plates	19
Driving Rds Laned for Traffic	72
Failure to Carry Reg	18
I89 Regulations	31
Illumination	9
Inspections	161
Insurance	102
Miscellaneous	19
No License/Poss of License	29
No Registration	26

Traffic Warnings Cont'd	
Signals Required	42
Slow Moving Vehicles	16
Speed	414
Stop/Yield Intersections	25
Texting Prohibited	14
Traffic Control	27
Total Warnings	**1336**
Arrests/Offenses	
Attempt to Elude	4
C&N	4
Contempt of Court	3
Disorderly Conduct	2
DLS	8
Drug Possession	16
DUI	31
False Info to Police	2
LSA	3
Miscellaneous	15
Petty Larceny	3
Simple Assault	1
Unlawful Mischief	2
Violations of Conditions	7
Wanted Person	2
Total Arrests/Offense	**103**

MOUNT MANSFIELD COMMUNITY TELEVISION, INC.

Help us celebrate twenty years of public access in Jericho, Richmond and Underhill in 2017! MMCTV is located on Channel 15 on Comcast Cable, as well as online, on-demand (for free) at www.vimeo.com/mmctv. We are also looking to add a second channel (Comcast Channel 17) in the near future, which will focus on government content only.

With a mission to provide a platform for free speech and media education, we film and archive local meetings and offer gear and training for folks to make their own shows. Our small, dedicated staff works closely with vibrant community producers and enthusiastic volunteers.

Our recent projects include streaming events like, such as MMU graduation, town meeting and selectboard meetings. We have a week-long, middle school TV camp.

Based in Richmond since 1997, our 501(c)3 nonprofit provides some 350 hours a year of ultra-local programming. We are on 24/7 and primarily air our own programs and those of other PEG (Public, Educational, and Government) channels in Vermont.

Interested in getting involved? We are always looking for volunteers and can help anyone produce their very own TV show. Some locally-produced shows include Inkwell Vermont (Chris Carfaro), Two Towns Garden Tour (Jan deVries) and The Cuban Bridge (Toni Basanta). We also work closely with schools and non-profit organizations, and post events on our Community Bulletin Board. Donations of any size are always appreciated.

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RICHMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT

I, Dennis Gile, was appointed Fire Chief of the Richmond Fire Department in January 2016. Gerald Levesque was appointed Asst. Chief at the same time. These appointments were made by the Richmond Selectboard.

In 2016, the fire department responded to 164 alarms. The breakdown is as follows: 1 structure fire, 11 grass/brush fires, 2 Illegal burns, 2 motor vehicle fires, 8 rescue assists, 15 mutual-aid calls, 4 hazardous material calls, 13 carbon monoxide calls, 6 power line problems, 9 false alarms, 3 good intent calls, 44 motor vehicle accidents on I-89, 30 motor vehicle accidents not on I-89, 1 chimney fire, 2 calls for burnt food, 2 natural gas leaks, 1 furnace problem, 7 forest fires, 2 electrical fires and 1 unattended brush fire.

The members of the Richmond Fire Department are: Chief Dennis Gile, Asst. Chief Gerald Levesque, 2nd Asst. Chief Chris Siple. The Captains are: Michael Carter, Mark Klonicke, Mike Parent and Lieutenant Jake Kilpeck. The Treasurer is Sherry Gile. The Firefighters are: Brian Beane, Richard Dana, Christopher Fahner, Michael Hutson, Benjamin Kelly, James Kilpeck, Byran Moreau, Conner Morway, Luke O'Leary, Harry Schoppmann, Aiden Siple, Arielle Siple, Harland Stockwell, Aaron Toth, Barry Wood, Baden Yeates and Paul Zugaro.

This year we had three new members complete the Basic Firefighter course. They are: Benjamin Kelly, Christopher Fahner, and Aaron Toth.

The Fire Department continues to use Shelburne Dispatch as our emergency dispatcher. Thank you once again for an excellent job. Shelburne Dispatch has also agreed to issue burning permits for Richmond. They may be reached at 985-8051.

We received our new fire truck in February 2016. It replaces our old Engine 2. It is a Toyne Fire Apparatus with Local Representative of Shakerly Fire Sales in Clifton Park, NY. This truck has a 1250 GPM pump and an 1800-gallon water tank.

To date, the Richmond Fire Department has 5 trucks: a 2009 pickup brush truck, a 2005 rescue truck which has extrication tools for car accidents, exhaust fans, a generator, chain saws and whatever needed for house fires and car accidents. Our new 2015 Engine 2 truck has a 1250 GPM and an 1800-gallon water tank. Our 2011 Engine 1 is a pumper tanker which has a 1250 GPM pump and a 1000-gallon tank. The 2001 truck is our Engine 3 which is a pumper tanker. It has a 1250 GPM pump and a 1500-gallon tank.

We can't forget our 1932 MAXUM. A lot of work was put into the truck to get it running again thanks to Jake Kilpeck and Harland Stockwell. Here's a little history on this truck. A member of our fire department, Gerald Levesque's father, Mose Levesque helped unload this truck off the train car when it was delivered in Richmond in 1932.

We are always looking for volunteers for the fire department. There is a great need for daytime firefighters.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

7/1/2015-6/30/2016

Income:		
Interest Earned	$	2.03
Miscellaneous Business Income	$	5,007.50
Donations received	$	4,415.00
Total Income	$	9,424.53
Expenses:		
Banquet	$	1,312.00
Dues	$	358.00
Food Expenses	$	2,426.02
Equipment	$	50.00
Gifts	$	250.00
Miscellaneous Business Expense	$	1,373.63
Miscellaneous	$	201.40
USPS Box Rent	$	48.00
Total Expenses	$	6,019.05
Overall total	$	3,405.48
Balance Sheet as of 06/30/2016		
Assets:		
Cash & Bank Accounts:		
Balance TDBank Checking	$	1,067.27
Balance TDBank Savings	$	6,604.89
Total Assets	**$**	**7,672.16**
Liabilities	$	-
Equity	$	7,672.16
Total Liabilities & Equity	$	7,672.16

Submitted by Sherry Gile, RFD Treasurer

Please contact our business line at 434-2002 or any firefighter to receive an application. The requirements are: 18 years of age, in good physical condition and the desire to help your fellow citizens in an emergency. This is an excellent way to serve your community.

REMEMBER OUR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE BETTER WITH YOU IN IT!

Dennis Gile, Fire Chief

RICHMOND FREE LIBRARY

Five years ago many folks in town helped us craft a strategic plan for the years 2012 - 2017. As we near the end of the plan's lifespan we are encouraged by the number of goals that have been met. This plan represents our town's hopes for the library and serves as our guide and idea book. Most notably this past year, we continued to address ways in which to better use our space in order to facilitate simultaneous activity, some quiet and some "higher energy." This was in direct response to community input and has resulted in a new tech lab, new furniture in small group meeting areas, and increased use of the large community room. The Richmond Free Library aims to be one of the special places in our community that enriches our lives and brings us together; a home away from home for anyone who enters our doors.

People come together at the library for many things--they gather to knit, discuss a book, view a film, or attend a lecture, concert or workshop. It's a place where children and families can join together for play, story times, and music. It's also a safe place for kids to be after school to wait for parents or meet with a tutor. Anyone is welcome to find a quiet corner to work, sit and read the newspaper, view art and intriguing collections, or access our 24/7 WiFi signal.

Community use of the library is on the rise: last year the library's circulation increased by 12%! More than 50% of Richmond residents are registered patrons. We have over 20,000 books on our shelves as well as DVDs, audiobooks, playaways, and magazines. Even blood pressure monitors and a wattage meter are available. Our "virtual library" is open 24 hours a day for genealogy research, thousands of articles, full-text reference books, continuing education classes including foreign language instruction, thousands of ebook and audio downloads and more. If we don't have an item on hand, chances are a nearby library does. Richmond patrons can visit that library to borrow the item or can request it through our active interlibrary loan program.

The library provides weekly programming for young children and many varied programs for all ages each year. The library also actively collaborates with a variety of groups in the community, such as the Community Senior Center, Building Bright Futures, the Green Mountain Club and the Vermont Humanities Council to offer additional programs and concerts. This past year we offered over 100 adult programs reaching almost 1500 people. Ninety-eight programs were offered to youth with over 2,220 attending.

Summer is a very busy time for the library as we take over where school leaves off and see a significant increase in youth and teen check-outs. The Friends of the Richmond Free Library underwrites our summer programming, which we plan in accord with the year's theme as chosen by the Collaborative Summer Reading Program Consortium. The 2015 summer theme, Every Hero Has a Story, let every child be a hero with big turnouts for Superhero Training Day, Very Merry Theatre, Family Movie Nights, and other special programs.

This past year we did some shuffling and renovating, and in May 2016 launched our "tech room" featuring a workspace with 3 public computer stations, copying, scanning, faxing, and printing capabilities. In addition, we purchased new furniture for our third floor lounge and meeting space, making the library better than ever for those looking for quiet work space and a WiFi connection.

We sought some creative ways to add media material to our collection this past year. A grant from the Ashgate Publishing Company allowed us to acquire a selection of all-in-one audio playing devices called "Playaways," and the proceeds from our holiday book basket raffle enabled us to greatly expand our DVD collection.

Besides all the books, magazines and movies people carry home, a library card can also gain free or discounted entrance into many area museums and state parks. The passes we offer circulate constantly, thus expanding the reach of the library and increasing the value of a library card.

In addition to events open to all, the Community Space on the second floor is available for use (at a nominal fee) by private parties--student music recitals, dances, baby showers, birthday parties, business meetings and so on. Revenue raised by these rental fees is returned to the Town's General Fund to offset building maintenance expenses. The library collected over $9000 for the Town's General Fund in the last fiscal year.

Many programs, projects and acquisitions are possible via Friends of the Library funds that supplement the Library's budget. Their main fundraising vehicle is the annual book sale in February which is an event in itself complete with high-quality books, tasty bake sale items, musical entertainment and terrific raffle prizes.

If you want to stay informed on library activities, new materials and upcoming initiatives, provide us with your email address and we'll add you to our email newsletter service. You can also visit the library's website at www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org or like us on Facebook where you can see previews of our monthly art and collection displays and announcements of special events.

Our friendly staff, comprised of Rebecca Mueller, Director, Wendy de Forest, L.J. Kopf, Douglas Barnes, Jennifer Esser, and Joan Cleary are always willing to assist and are open to suggestions.

Feel free to speak with any member of the Trustees about the Library: Kristen Hayden-West, Chair, Laurie Dana, Cammy Richelli, Ellen Crary, and Keith Frantz.

Submitted by
Library Trustees

RICHMOND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Richmond Economic Development Committee (REDC) seeks to attract, retain and support new and existing businesses. A primary focus of the REDC is the village center with a top priority the redevelopment of the old creamery site. The REDC represents the Town and is committed to attracting new high quality jobs, attracting new and existing businesses to fill available commercial space, and creating a business friendly atmosphere in Richmond.

REDC members: Denise Barnard, Ellen Kane, Lauck Parke, Morgan Wolaver, Joy Reap and Paul Hauf

PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

The Richmond Planning & Zoning Office is responsible for undertaking long- and short-term planning projects, updating the town plan and zoning regulations and undertaking development review for zoning and subdivision approvals. The office is staffed by the town planner and the zoning administrative officer. The Planning & Zoning Office also provides staff support for the Planning Commission and the Development review Board.

This year the Town Planner has primarily been responsible for managing the Our Town, Our Future Planning process, including drafting the new chapters of the town plan. A draft new town plan is anticipated to be ready for review and adoption in 2017. The new town plan's visioning process was recognized by the Vermont State Department of Housing and Community Development and was included as an example in the new 2016 Vermont Planning Manual for municipalities. In 2016, The Town Planner was responsible for coordinating the replacement of 3 new street trees and the landscape renovation of the planting bed outside the Town Center Building. Grant funding was provided by the Vermont Community Forestry Program.

Also in 2016 the Planning & Zoning Department helped shepherd the adoption of the new Richmond Public Improvement Standards and Specifications which provide guidance on the construction of new public and private roads, water, sewer, and storm water utilities. The new Specifications can be viewed online or please contact the Town Planner.

The Town Planner also provided guidance to the Selectboard and the developers of the creamery property for the local development review process. In late 2016 the Selectboard approved the Phase I redevelopment as proposed by Buttermilk LLC and all hope to see construction start in mid 2017. Also in late 2016 the Planning and Zoning department purchased NEMRC permit tracking software. This will be a large improvement in tracking local development approvals into the future.

In additional to staffing the Planning Commission and assisting the Development Review Board when needed, the Town Planning also participates on the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commissions (CCRPC) Planning Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC is comprised of other professional planning staff from throughout Chittenden County.

In late 2016, the Planning and Zoning Department said goodbye to Neils Rhinehart, Zoning administrative officer. The Zoning Administrative Officer is responsible for the administrative review, implementation, and enforcement of Town regulations and ordinances related to land development and use. If you have any questions about whether a project or use is subject to regulation, please stop by or call the Planning and Zoning Office at the Town Center for more information and guidance.

Permits are required for such activities as new construction, deconstruction of buildings, site alterations, renovations and additions, fences, decks/porches, home occupations, signs, and changes of use. This list is not exhaustive, so it's best to look at the regulations or call the Planning and Zoning Office to confirm. Permits applications are available at the Town Center or online at the town website.

If a project is being planned, please note that certain time frames apply. Once a complete application is received, the Zoning Administrative Officer has 30 days to make a decision [VSA§4448(d)]. After a permit application is approved, there is an additional 15-day appeal period where an "interested person" may appeal the Zoning Administrative Officer's decision, and no work may commence until this period expires [VSA§4465(a)]. Please plan your work with these time frames in mind.

Additionally, as the Town E-911 Coordinator, the Zoning Administrative Officer is responsible assigning E-911 addresses for new development to maintain accurate mail, home delivery and emergency service information. Please remember to post your house number within view from the road to assist emergency personnel.

Respectful Submitted by Clare Rock, Town Planner

Zoning & Construction Permits By Type	# of Permits 2014	# of Permits 2015	# of Permits 2016
Highway Dept. Access Permit	7	6	11
Highway Dept. Use of Public Right-of-Way Permit	5	8	3
Accessory Dwelling	1	2	2
Accessory Structure	22	24	33
Addition and Renovation	21	20	25
Administratively Created Lot	1	4	5
Boundary Adjustment	2	9	5
Certificate of Occupancy	34	25	35
Change in Use	3	4	1
Deconstruction of Dwelling/Structure	0	4	1
Home Occupation	1	2	1
Mobile Home Replacement	2	6	2
New Construction Commercial	0	1	0
New Construction Residential Dwelling	7	15	18
Pool	0	0	1
Rebuild Residential Dwelling	1	0	0
Request for Permit Information	21	39	44
Sign	4	6	5
Site Alteration	9	9	0
Zoning Amendment or Minor Site Plan Amendment	2	0	1
TOTAL ZONING & CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (does not include Highway Access or ROW permits)	**143**	**172**	**193**

PLANNING COMMISSION

It's been a busy year as the Planning Commission continues to plug away at the new town plan. The foundation of the new town plan is based upon the following Vision Statement which was developed in late 2015, following a series of public input processes:

The Town of Richmond aims to be the most livable small town in Vermont. We value our unique combination of authentic rural character, diverse local services, and accessible location. We want Richmond to be an affordable and enriching place for people to live, work, play, shop and connect. We will take a forward-thinking approach to emerging opportunities and challenges while honoring and strengthening our close-knit community, healthy environment and agricultural economy.

Our vision, organized alphabetically by topic, is…

- To promote affordability and a reasonable cost of living, so that people from a mix of ages, backgrounds, and income levels can afford housing, food, goods and services in Richmond;
- To be a healthy and accessible community for all ages, where youth are nurtured and included; teens have opportunities and support; young adults can live and raise families; and seniors can comfortably live and actively contribute;
- To foster economic opportunity by supporting local businesses, developing good jobs, nurturing a diverse local economy, and promoting renewable energy;
- To enhance our history and traditions, celebrating our agricultural heritage, treasured community events, and unique historic sites and architecture;
- To support safe, sustainable and convenient mobility and transportation options, so that people can bike, walk, ride and drive in Richmond and beyond;
- To wisely steward our natural and working lands, ensuring the beauty and health of our landscapes, waterways, open spaces, wildlife and agricultural resources;
- To nurture a safe and resilient community with strong volunteerism, and public services, caring and self-reliant neighbors, and a proactive approach to preparing for challenges;
- To foster and enhance our small town character, including our quiet pace and rural way of life, friendly and involved community, and scenic beauty;
- To support a wide range of social, cultural and recreational offerings, including open space and recreation facilities, arts and cultural activities, and community gathering places
- To ensure transparent and inclusive decision-making, with a representative and open government, civil discourse, and an active and informed community;
- To have a vibrant and appealing downtown, with attractive streets and buildings, convenient services and diverse businesses, where people can connect and meet their daily need.

In early 2016, the Town Plan Steering Committee and the Planning Commission (PC) co-hosted a series of Rapid Fire Planning Nights. The Planning Nights touched upon all aspects of the Vision Statement and lists of potential action items for each topic were generated. These identified action items are being used to guide the development of new targets and actions for inclusion in the new town plan.

In May 2016, the Town Plan Steering Committee and the Planning Commission (PC) co-hosted another community engagement activity, the Map the Vision Workshop. Over 50 people participated and helped identified priority areas and actions for a handful of Town Plan topics. Outcomes of this workshop were used to developed 2 alternative draft future land use maps. In May we completed the activities funded by the Municipal Planning Grant and said goodbye to our consultant team, Community Workshop LLC, who were integral in designing a successful public engagement process. But work on the Our Town, Our Future planning project continues.

In July, we hosted another table at the Fourth of July festivities to share the alternative maps, gather feedback and provide the opportunity to talk to community members about the project. Throughout the summer and early fall people could continue to provide input on the draft maps. The input from this process will be used to help inform the final future land use map for inclusion in the new Town Plan.

In the fall the Planning Commission took on amending the Accessory Dwelling provision of the Zoning Regulations. The changes are designed to provide increased flexibility so all home owners, regardless of the size of their home, have the option to add an accessory dwelling. The PC held their public hearing for these changes in early January 2017 and will forward the proposed amendment to the Selectboard for final approval.

In September, the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission presented information about the new renewable energy planning and siting act (Act 174) to the Planning Commission. Regional Planning Commission are now required to identify areas in the region best suit for siting renewable energy projects (primarily solar and wind.) If Towns would like to have a stronger presence in the approval process for these types of projects, Towns are also required to undertake a more rigorous planning process to identify the local areas best suited for siting renewable energy project. The Planning Commission anticipates including this level of energy planning within the new town plan.

The year ended with a series of spirited discussions with conservationists on the Town Plan topic of Natural and Working Lands. Members of the Conservation Commission continue to aid the Planning Commission and we welcome their dedicated participation.

Lastly, the PC said goodbye to Planning Commission Chair Bruce LaBounty and welcomed new member Alex Brosam. The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Town Center meeting room. As always, Planning Commission meetings are open to the public, and we welcome your input and ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,
Planning Commission: Sean Foley – Chair, Joy Reap – Vice Chair, Mark Fausel, Marc Hughes, Lauck Parke, Brian Tellstone and Alex Brosam.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Town of Richmond Development Review Board (DRB) conducts public hearings for land development, including applications for conditional use, site plan reviews, land development, and development in floodplains. The DRB also considers appeals of decisions by the Zoning Administrative Officer and variance Requests.

During calendar year 2016, the DRB reviewed applications, appeals, conducted hearings, and made decisions on 14 applications and appeals. This year the DRB said goodbye to member Cara LaBounty and welcomed new member Gabe Firman. Also, in October the Town said goodbye to Administrative Officer Neils Rinehart. The Board looks forward to welcoming a new staff person in 2017. The Development Review Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Richmond Town Center Meeting Room and other times as needed.The Development Review Board welcomes and encourages the participation of the Richmond citizens at its hearings. Input from neighbors and interested parties assist the Development Review Board with its analysis of a project and decision-making. Hearings/meetings are advertised via newspaper, on Town Center meeting bulletin boards and on the town web site. Additional information for each meeting is available from the Administrative Officer (staff to the DRB) at the Planning & Zoning Office at 434-2430 or adminofficer@gmavt.net.

The DRB members are **David Sunshine, Chair; Roger Pedersen, Ian Bender, Matthew Dyer, Gabe Firman and Alison Anand (Alternate).**

Application Number	Parcel Code	Applicant Name	Application Type	Decision
15-101	JM0054	Andes	Appeal of the Denial of Zoning Application #15-101.	Denied Appeal
16-015	JM0054	Andes	Conditional Use Approval & Site Plan Review for an Extension to Existing Accessory Structure	Approved with Conditions
16-024	WF140	O'Neil	Site Plan Review to Enlarge Building Envelope	Approved with Conditions
16-025	HU0083	Bormann & Hamilton	Site Plan Review for a Restaurant and Outdoor Seating	Approved with Conditions
16-026	WF0060	Sipe	Site Plan Review	Approved with Conditions
16-027	EM3465	Emmons	Conditional Use Review for Outdoor Storage of Vehicles & Change of Use	Approved with Conditions
16-039	HU065	Hillview Design	Site Plan Review to Add Office Use & Personal Services Business	Approved with Conditions
16-043	SR1630	Harding & Martin	Appeal of Zoning Application #16-040 for the Construction of Single Family Dwelling	Denied
15-054	PA0343	Gilbert	Final Subdivision Review for a 4-lot Subdivision	Approved with Conditions
16-055	EM2900	LaBounty	Conditional Use & Site Plan Review for Accessory Dwelling	Approved with Conditions
16-088	WW1768	Kenney	Preliminary & Final Subdivision Review for a 3-lot subdivision	Approved with conditions
16-092	CO2666	Houle	Appeal of Notice of Violation	Denied
16-101	CH017	Fletcher	Conditional Use for Cottage Industry	Approved with Conditions

RICHMOND HEALTH OFFICER

The Town Health Officer handles issues of public health and safety. Situations often involve inspecting rental units for housing code compliance, investigating potentially hazardous spills or garbage dumps, and reviewing public buildings for health code compliance.

Another important role of the Town Health Officer is investigating animal bites to ensure the animal does not carry the rabies virus. In the short time since being appointed Town Health Officer I have documented two separate animal bites involving dogs that were not vaccinated against rabies. Rabies is 100% deadly, but 100% preventable! Please do your part for public health by ensuring your dog is vaccinated by a veterinarian and registered with the Town Clerk.

If you have public health concerns, or questions about your individual situation, please contact me at your convenience or speak with the Town Manager who will pass your information along.

Taylor Yeates, Town Health Officer
yeates.taylor@gmail.com
802-318-3013

RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2016 RHS Officers
Fran Thomas – President
Martha Turner – Vice President
Connie Carpenter – Secretary
Joyce White – Treasurer

Round Church

The 40 year deed to the Round Church from the Town of Richmond expired in November of 2016. The Town and the Historical Society negotiated a 40 year Lease, which was signed in November. Under this lease the Historical Society will continue to manage the Round Church and be responsible for maintenance and responsible use of the church. The Town will secure insurance on the Church building and the Historical Society will secure insurance on the contents and liability insurance for the Historical Society.

Thanks to Dan Noyes of Richmond Home Supply for the donation of carpeting for use at the entrance of the church.

In 2017 we are planning to paint some of the 16 sides of the church, redo the glazing on the windows and work with the Town to improve outside lighting near the front door.

RHS Highlights

February - Annual Meeting and Winter Program – "Restoring Vermont's Civil War Veterans' Gravestones" with guest presenters Deborah Hardy and Jim Woodman

March – slide show and presentation by Martha Turner on the Richmond Creamery – co-sponsored with the Chittenden County Historical Society

April - Free Press History Space article "Rise of the Richmond Creamery" by Martha Turner

May – Held a successful work day at the Round Church to clean the inside of the church, wash windows and spruce up the grounds around the church.

June– Participated in the Western Slopes Business Association 2nd Annual Craft Fair on the Round Church Green

July – Sponsored an organ concert featuring Dr. William Tortolano
-Burlington Free Press History Space article – "Richmond Loves a Good Parade" by Martha Turner

August – Concert in the Round Church by the choral group The Social Band.

September – annual Old Round Church Pilgrimage hosted by the Richmond Congregational Church.
- Gary Stroutsos, World Flute Master and Cultural Storyteller performed in the Round Church.
- Re-enactment of an old time church service in the Round Church with Phil Waldrep Ministries – guest appearances by William Rhodes and Jonathan Edwards.

November – Annual potluck dinner with a presentation by Duane Chase – "Potions and Perfumes at the Owl Drug Store" Burlington Free Press History Space article: "Glass negatives offer glimpse into Richmond's past" by Martha Turner

December – Held two Christmas Carol Sings in the Round Church led by Tom Walters and friends

Annual Round Church New Year's Eve Concert sponsored by the Richmond Market and Beverage for the benefit of the Round Church. The concert featured Patti Casey and Tom MacKenzie as well as Cricket Blue, Bill Ellis and the Insiders. Thanks to Mike Comeau for the sponsorship, the Congregational Church for use of their space and Tim Whiteford for securing such great musicians. This has become a great annual event.

Preservation Efforts

The Richmond Historical Society would like to thank the following for donating photos, historical documents, diaries, journals, ledgers, and newspapers, oral histories, and for volunteering time to Richmond's historical collection: Delwin and Margo Gilley, Duane Chase, the Tabor and Giroux family, Wright Preston, John Hamerslough, Harriet Riggs, Linda Parent, Joseph Buley, the Fairbanks Museum, Earl Hanlon, Sylvia Peet, Bill Parent, Pat Quinn, Bob Low, Tatro Construction, Don Kenney, Mo Humphrey, Peter Swain and LeZot's Camera in Williston.

We encourage Richmond families to consider donating to the Historical Society items that are pertinent to Richmond's history.

In June 2016 the RHS acquired more than 400 of Joseph Bishop's glass plate negatives from the estate sale of his great-nephew, the late Tom Levesque. The images range from studio portraits to community events to people at work or play. They offer fascinating glimpses of life in Richmond a hundred years ago. Karen Yaggy with the help of several community members has had a number of these plates digitized and continues to work on identifying the subjects in the photos.

Thanks to the Town we have been able to store some of our historical photos and documents in the Town vault. Having exhausted the storage space available for our use, we are in need of climate controlled space to house our growing collection. A long term goal of the Historical Society is to have access to suitable storage, work and display space.

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Richmond History Books – Over the past ten years we have sold over 1000 copies of our history book and our supply is about exhausted. We are researching options for reprinting the book in its current hardback form without resulting in a significant increase in price and inventory.

Round Church Volunteers - Weddings and tourists continue to be the main sources of the income needed to maintain the Round Church. Our volunteer guides from late May until mid-October welcomed visitors from 46 states, 6 Canadian provinces and 28 countries, as far away as New Zealand and as small as El Salvador. Volunteers also assisted at 15 weddings, Thanks to Martha Turner, guide coordinator, and Mary Ann Barnes and Maria Brown, wedding and church use coordinators, for their efforts.

Retiring Board Members – a heartfelt thanks to Joyce White for her excellent service as Historical Society treasurer for over 15 years and to Maria Brown who has assisted with weddings for the past couple of years.

The Historical Society is always in need of more involvement by members of the community. Any organization can become stagnant without new members and new ideas. We are particularly in need of someone with good technical skills to assist us in making better use of social media and in our efforts to preserve our collection and make it accessible on the internet. Please contact one of our members if you wish to be involved in preserving and sharing Richmond's history, guiding or helping with weddings at the Round Church, or in any aspect of the Historical Society. For more information, visit our website at www.oldroundchurch.com or write to us at rhs@oldroundchurch.com.

CVAA
EMPOWERS. GUIDES. PROVIDES.
Services and Support for Seniors

The Resource for seniors and their caregivers in the Champlain Valley

The Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, Inc. has been helping people age with independence and dignity for over 30 years. During this past year, CVAA provided services to 85 older residents of Richmond. CVAA is grateful to the citizens of Richmond for their ongoing support of services for area seniors.

The Services Available to Residents of Richmond Include:
Meals on Wheels ~ CVAA provides hot wholesome meals to seniors who are age 60 or over. Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound individuals who are ill, frail, or recuperating after a hospital stay and unable to prepare their own meal. Richmond volunteers have been delivering meals for twenty five years. This past year 12 Richmond seniors participated in the Meals on Wheels program.

Senior Community Meals ~ Richmond seniors attend CVAA community meals and participate in the CVAA restaurant ticket program. In addition to a nutritious meal, the community meal provides socialization and companionship for older people who may be isolated or live alone. Over 50 Richmond seniors participated in the community meals program.

Case Management ~ CVAA Case Managers make in-home visits and connect individuals with the services and resources they need in order to remain independent and in their own home. CVAA case managers have worked with 38 seniors in Richmond. Information can be received through the CVAA office at 865-0360

Senior HelpLine ~ CVAA operates a toll-free service that provides answers to any question or concern regarding services for older people. Seniors, or their family members, can reach the Senior HelpLine by calling 1-800-642-5119 (Voice/TTY) during business hours.

For More Information on the Agency,
Or to Inquire About Volunteer Opportunities,
Call 865-0360 or 1-800-642-5119 (Voice/TTY)
You May Also Visit Us At: www.cvaa.org

RICHMOND EMPLOYEE WAGE SCALE

20 Grades with 20 Steps between Minimum and Maximum
5% Between Grades; 2.5% Between Steps
Approved for July 1, 2009 - (FY 2010)

Grade	Position	Minimum	Maximum
1		$10.15	$16.23
2	Grounds Maintenance in Water Resources	$10.66	$17.04
	Equipment Operator & Grounds Maintenance in Highway		
	Library Assistant II		
3		$11.19	$17.89
4	Assistant to the Chief of Police	$11.75	$18.78
	Office Assistant & Assistant Town Clerk		
5	Heavy Equipment Operator in Highway	$12.34	$19.72
	Senior Library Assistant		
6		$12.95	$20.71
7	Lead Mechanical Operator in Water Resources	$13.60	$21.74
	Lead Process Operator in Water Resources		
8	Finance Director & Assistant Treasurer	$14.28	$22.83
	Police Officer		
	Assistant Foreman in Highway		
	Youth Services Librarian		
	Administrative Officer		
	Assistant to the Town Administrator		
9	Town Planner	$15.00	$23.97
	Town Clerk		
10		$15.75	$25.17
11		$16.53	$26.43
12		$17.36	$27.75
13	Library Director	$18.23	$29.14
14		$19.14	$30.60
15		$20.10	$32.13
16	Highway Foreman	$21.10	$33.73
17	Superintendent of Water Resources	$22.16	$35.42
18	Chief of Police	$23.26	$37.19
19		$24.43	$39.05
20	Town Manager	$25.65	$41.00

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. Annual support from over 140 cities and towns across the State helps VCIL assist Vermonters with disabilities achieve dignified and self-determined lives. VCIL works to serve individuals who can benefit from our direct services as well as to educate and inform members of the community about disability related issues and independent living. Direct services are available to residents of Richmond in a number of ways. Peer counselors work with residents in their homes; small grants for adaptive equipment; Meals on Wheels for people under the age of 60; Home Access modifications; individual and systems advocacy and programs for youth. Information, Referral and Assistance is available to all residents by calling VCIL's I-Line, at 1-800-639-1522 (Voice and TTY).

THE BOLTON, RICHMOND AND HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

The Community Senior Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to provide opportunities for seniors to connect with others, learn new things, pursue creative interests, be healthy and fit, and discover meaningful ways to contribute to the community.

This year has seen a significant increase in the number and variety of programs and activities for seniors. There were 28 programs and activities in 2016 with almost 400 participants. These included the following:

One time enrichment programs: "Growing Up in Belgium During WWII," "Nutrition and Aging," "Growing Up With Cows," Just Dancing Greenhouse tour, adult coloring, "History of the Orphan Trains," Kayaking on the Winooski with Bradley Materick, a naturalist, Stone Corral Brewery tour, Crimson Poppy Garden tour and tea, and "Walking El Camino."

Other activities had four or more sessions. Some will continue into 2017. These include Nordic walking, woodturning, "How to Get Started with Genealogy," croquet and bocce, knitting, golf, rug hooking, pickle ball, yoga, mémoire writing workshop, mah jongg, genealogy club, German language group, hiking (easy, medium and challenging trails), and cross - country skiing.

Some programs were the result of collaborations. The Community Senior Center collaborated with the Richmond Free Library to present three evenings of programming related to the Vermont Reads 2016 book, The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition by Caroline Alexander. There was a documentary movie, a Reader's Theater with 12 community members as readers, and a talk and slides by Marc and Peggy Faucher who had traveled to Antarctica. Another partnership was between the Community Senior Center and the Hospice Foundation of America to present the film and discussion on Being Mortal by Dr. Atul Gawande. Additionally, the Community Senior Center Board collaborated with Richmond's Friday Food Affair to prepare a community dinner in November. There was also the annual piano recital by Elaine Greenfield's students which was held as a fundraiser.

Thank you to all the people who volunteered their time and expertise to teach and lead these activities. They have made it possible for the Community Senior Center to offer a variety of activities. Thank you to those local organizations which have allowed the Community Senior Center to use their space. The Richmond Library and the Richmond Elementary School have been especially generous in sharing their space.

The ideas for these programs have come from the community. Someone said, "Why don't you have croquet?" or "You really need to offer hiking," or "I'd like to teach German," and soon a leader emerged and people gathered together to have fun and to learn.

You can learn more about the Community Senior Center at CSCVT.org or on our Facebook page at Richmond, Huntington and Bolton Community Senior Center.

front porch forum™

HELPING NEIGHBORS CONNECT

Local Talk on Front Porch Forum

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

As one of our FPF members posted to her neighbors: "Town Meeting is coming. Attend selectboard meetings. Be informed. Participate."

We couldn't agree more, and we're here to help!

Michael Wood-Lewis, co-founder
FrontPorchForum.com
802-540-0069

Helping neighbors connect and build community.

PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

The July 4th celebration went off without a hitch this year. There was a great parade, which was broadcast live on MMCTV.

The Grand Marshalls of the parade this year were the Blue Star Mothers of Vermont. This group supports the families of deployed military persons. They also joined the fun at the park providing the food concession for hamburgers, hot dogs and all other things tasty!

A major change for the parade committee was that The Blue Star Mothers took over the cooking, leaving the committee to focus on the French fries and fried dough. New fry-o-laters were purchased to replace the old unreliable ones that were over 40 years old. Change can be good!

After the parade, the celebration continued at Volunteer's Green, with fun, food and music for all. Car show enthusiasts and auction participants had plenty to keep them busy. The Richmond Community Band performed an outstanding concert at the band shell. The Fireworks display was spectacular.

Thanks are extended to our major sponsors Richmond Home Supply, Jamieson Insurance, Richmond Market & Beverage, Greensea Systems, P&P Septic and Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom.

We look forward to the 2017 parade & festivities. Please consider volunteering some time…a good time is had by all. We can always use more help with the coin drop 2 weeks before the 4th…you can be an active part in Richmond's biggest party.

JULY 4, 2016 ~ PARADE & HORSE AWARDS

Parade Awards ~ *Sponsored by Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom*

1st Place ~ Country Kids –Meghan Andrews
2nd Place ~ Keep Calm – Linda Parent & Matt Felis
3rd Place ~ Cochran's Ski Club

Walking Float ~ Pet Parade – Jericho Community Center

Judges Medals ~ CHMS Prosper –Cirque da School
~ Antique Tractor – Arnold Blair
~ Box of Popcorn – Denver Webb
~ Alison's Aquatic School

Honorable Mention Ribbons ~ 49 MG- Rebecca Golden
~ Camel Clown
~ North Star Lodge #12 F&AM
~ Lowell's Moving Van

Horse Awards ~ *Sponsored by Yogi Wortheim,*

Draft Trophy ~ Buck & Dick - Kilpeck Family

Riding Horse Trophy~ Peter – ridden by Jen Grenier
~Paloo –ridden by S Rosen
~Tobias -ridden by Lotta Rosen
~Rita -ridden by Izzy

Pony Trophy ~Silver-ridden by Lily

Judges Medals ~ Annie- ridden by Zoie
~Michael-ridden by Brita

Honorary Mention Ribbon ~ Lily-ridden by Katelyn

CHITTENDEN UNIT FOR SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

CUSI is a multi-agency task force dedicated to providing criminal response to reports of sexual assaults, serious child abuse and child fatalities. For over 20 years, the primary focus has been to protect and support all children, adults and families. CUSI defined what is now known as a true multi-disciplinary team (MDT) method to investigating crimes of this nature. The multidisciplinary team is the heart of CUSI and is composed of eight police detectives, a unit director, and victim advocate, in-house investigator with the Department for Children and Families (DCF) and a dedicated prosecutor from the Chittenden County State's Attorney's Office. We work jointly with mental health providers, medical providers and Department of Corrections. In addition CUSI houses and supports the Chittenden County Children's Advocacy Center (CAC).

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), working in tandem with CUSI is a 501c3 nonprofit entity offering a range of services to children and families affected by these crimes. The primary goal of The Children's Advocacy Center is to ensure that children are not further traumatized by the interventions system designed to protect them. This program has many benefits, with an approach that allows for faster follow-up to child abuse reports, more efficient medical and mental health referrals, fewer child interviews, more successful prosecutions, and consistent support for child victims and their families.

CUSI and the CAC investigate these crimes in Chittenden County which consists of a population of approximately 158,000. On the average CUSI investigates 250 cases a year, nearly 65% of those cases involve child victims. In recent years we have noticed an increase in the complexity of cases given the large increase in computer usage and other devices.

The types of cases include: sexual assaults, lewd and lascivious conduct, serious child abuse, child deaths, sex offender registry violations and child pornography

CUSI works closely with the statewide Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), Hopeworks, and the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program at the medical center, including the Childsafe Clinic. We continue to work with other collaborative partners throughout the county and our state as well.

In addition, CUSI provides trainings and other resources to area departments. Ongoing efforts include prevention education and outreach to citizens of Chittenden County.

RICHMOND STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Representative Anne O'Brien

Here are some highlights of our work in the legislature last year. It has been an honor to serve as Richmond State Representative for the past 8 years. Thank you for participating in the process!

STATE BUDGET

The 2017 fiscal year state budget includes investments to stabilize existing programs that provide critical services to Vermonters throughout the state. Budget highlights include increasing funding by 2% to local agencies that provide services to elderly Vermonters and Vermonters with mental illnesses; provides $700,000 in need-based aid to Vermont State College students; increases child care assistance payments by $1 million; increases funding to Parent Child Centers by $190,000; increases Medicaid reimbursements to primary care providers; grants $800,000 to the Working Lands initiative; provides funding for the Child Protection Initiative focusing on Vermont children at risk of being harmed, as well as important funding to support Vermont's education system and transportation needs.

Additionally the budget fully funds stabilization reserves at statutory levels; reserves $1.6 million for anticipated needs in 2017; includes $6.8 million in the Rainy Day Fund; uses available 'one-time' resources for 'one-time' expenses.

INVESTMENTS IN CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Annually, the legislature reviews the condition of the state's infrastructure to ensure it aligns with fiscal, policy and safety goals. Major components of the Capital Bill include increasing security in state buildings, supporting clean water, strengthening higher education, increasing internet connectivity and financing building community grants.

Security in State Buildings: A total of $1,885,000 was approved to improve security in state buildings including state office buildings, courthouses and the Statehouse.

Clean Water: Through the Drinking Water Revolving Fund and Municipal Pollution Control Grants, the State will be investing a total of $5,014,494 in grants and loans to local municipalities to improve drinking water and pollution control facilities.

Higher Education: Vermont State Colleges received $3,050,000 which includes funds for major maintenance, an engineering technology lab at VTC, a STEM lab at Castleton and roofing enhancements to accommodate solar and equipment for wind sound monitoring at Lyndon. At UVM, $1,900,000 was invested for major maintenance and a capital contribution towards the new STEM lab. UVM, VTC, Lyndon and Castleton all have matching grant requirements in order to receive portions of their funding.

Internet connectivity: High-speed internet availability continues to be an issue for approximately 30,000 Vermonters – including some schools. To address this, $300,000 was appropriated for continued expansion.

Building Communities Grants: To assist with local needs in Vermont communities, $1,600,000 was appropriated in the form of economic development funds and historic preservation grants to preserve historic barns, renovate recreational and cultural facilities and to make improvements to human services facilities and educational facilities. Added for a 2 year period is a new E911 grant program which provides funding to local schools to connect emergency services to specific locations within school buildings.

AGRICULTURE

Protecting Pollinators: House Agriculture moved important legislation forward that will help to protect our pollinators. First, we established a task force to investigate the causes of pollinator decline and to propose recommendations to the legislature in the form of a pollinator protection plan. Next, we empowered our pesticide regulators to act when the Pesticide Advisory Council determines that items treated with the pesticide most commonly implicated in pollinator decline is shown to have harmful effects on the environment.

Required Agricultural Practices - Act 64: Last spring, Vermont began a long process of improving the quality of our state's waterways. Water is one of them most important issues for our state. Rethinking and revising our forestry and farming practices are an important part of this work. In October, the Agency of Agriculture released a draft of the new Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs), sparking thoughtful conversations about how best to improve the health and productivity of our soil and water. Small farmers, in particular, are engaged and working to ensure that the new rules recognize that regenerative agricultural practices are the most sustainable approach to striking this balance. Farmers will have access to technical and financial assistance, incentives, and other types of support as they come into compliance with water quality standards. Farmers already employing the best practices called for in the RAPs will also enjoy some regulatory flexibility.

CREATIVE ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT

Bolstering our Creative Economy: Vermont's thriving arts sector enhances our economic vitality and contributes significantly to our public and private assets. This year, the legislature appropriated $30,000 to the Vermont Arts Council to establish the Vermont Creative Network, in collaboration with other partners. The network will function as a communications, advocacy, and capacity building entity to bolster Vermont's creative sector and enhance our quality of life. Vermont's highly successful Farm-to-Plate Program will be the model for the network. Since its establishment, the program has increased sales of Vermont's farm products by 32% and increased employment in that sector by 11%.

PAY ACT

A Pay Act for Vermont State employees occurs every two years following a negotiations agreement between the Administration and the bargaining units representing classified State employees. While negotiations generally include wages, benefits, and working conditions, it is only pay increases which are reflected in the Pay Act. This year, the Administration and the Vermont State Employees' Association (VSEA) could not reach agreement in negotiations, even after media-

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tion and fact-finding. As a result, both entities were required to present a 'last-best-offer' to the Vermont Labor Relations Board. The Board heard oral arguments presented by both parties and to adhere to state law the Board is required to select either the proposal of the VSEA or the Administration, without amendment. This year's Pay Act (H.888) represents the decision made by the Labor Relations Board to accept the VSEA last best final offer. The offer includes a 2% increase in wages for fiscal year 2017 and a 2.25% increase for 2018 as well as step increases for eligible employees.

The House Appropriations Committee included a provision in the Pay Act that will target programs to generate savings in state government. The language passed by the committee calls for the Administration to report on state programs where both efficiencies can be made to create savings and better outcomes are achieved. Additionally, a $300,000 reduction must be made in the use of overtime through better management practices, as well as an analysis to determine if the use of permanent employees is more cost effective than the use of temporary employees.

UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS

Farm-to-School grant funding enables Vermont schools to participate in the local food system by incorporating local food and farm education into their cafeterias, classrooms and communities. Farm-to-School advances agricultural literacy, promotes healthy food choices, and creates economic development opportunities for farmers.

This year the Farm-to-School Program was expanded and strengthened by establishing a universal meals pilot program to provide meals at no cost to Vermont students in underserved areas around the state.

EDUCATION

Act 46 Update - Last spring, the legislature passed Act 46, a law that was designed to promote equity in quality and variety of educational opportunities to Vermont students and to create an affordable and transparent education system for Vermont taxpayers. Over the past year, 81 of Vermont's school districts have voted or are scheduled to vote to unify into 15 larger districts. Act 46 has proven to be successful in some areas, but unifying has proven to be very challenging for many of our smaller communities. Vermont's Agency of Education, the Vermont School Boards Association, and the Vermont Superintendents Association are working collaboratively with local officials and committees to develop and tailor local proposals to meet each community's unique needs.

Last year, the legislature passed a temporary constraint on the growth of education spending in each district. Early in the 2016 session the Legislature passed a revised cost containment mechanism for fiscal year 2017 and repealed the provision for 2018. This year statewide budget growth is 1.5% compared to 3-5% in previous years.

2016 REVENUE

To support expenditures of the state, legislation was passed to increase revenue in the miscellaneous tax bill, the executive branch fee bill and the transportation fee bill. Highlights include an adjustment to initial and annual fees paid by mostly out of state large mutual fund companies raising $20.8 million. The revenue package also increases from $60 to $90 the registration fee charged to broker dealer agents. To support Vermont's weatherization of homes initiative, the gross fuel receipts tax on energy sources was increased with no increase to electricity. An agreed upon ambulance provider tax was established to raise $1.2 million with the revenue dedicated to increasing reimbursement rates for Medicaid patients using ambulance services. Additionally, entities like AirBnB will now be subject to Vermont rooms and meals taxes like other similar businesses operating

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Our local health district office is in Burlington 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 2016 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Worked with the schools in your community to support the school wellness policies, nutrition, physical activity and substance abuse prevention initiatives.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five 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 2016 we responded to ~340 cases of infectious disease in Chittenden County. In 2016, $13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: In July of 2016 staff at the Burlington District Office with support from Medical Reserve Corps participated in a large-scale exercise, Vigilant Guard, in Essex. The exercise was a practice of our procedures for distributing medicine to the public in case of a public health emergency.

For 2016/17, $10,000 will fund training for Chittenden County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers. The Chittenden County MRC is a group of health care and public health volunteers who are trained to provide support to the hospital, the Health Department, and communities. If you are interested in becoming an MRC volunteer, you can register at http://www.oncallforvt.org/

In addition, $58,560.00 will support emergency preparedness capabilities at UVM MC by supporting them to build capacity, provide training to staff and to prepare for public health emergencies.

LAKE IROQUOIS ASSOCIATION

In recent years we have gathered data on nutrient levels in tributaries, written grants to remediate streams to reduce storm runoff, run a greeter program, and numerous other initiatives. These efforts continue and are aiding in improving water quality of the lake. However reducing the infestation of Eurasian Water Milfoil continues to be a difficult problem.

There is no magic bullet to get rid of the milfoil. It will not go away, but it can be reduced and managed. It takes consistent effort and funding over many years to reduce and control milfoil. This year, we created a working group, led by board member Jamie Carroll, to research options and develop a management plan. This group has spent many hours studying and talking with people from other lakes who have done battle with milfoil. We have also had guest speakers, including one from Lake Dunmore which has very well developed milfoil management efforts. We sent a team to visit Lake Dunmore to observe milfoil harvesting. We continue to work with state agencies to explore different methods of management and we met with stakeholders to explain the problem that we face and the various methods we are studying.

Throughout this process, one thing has become clear: any method of abatement will be very expensive. However, we know that milfoil will not simply go away and so we are optimistic that we will come up with the best solution for our lake. We have studied suction harvesting, use of chemicals, hand pulling, and the use of barriers secured to the lake bottom. All methods have benefits, and all have liabilities. We are meeting with the various stakeholders, including the surrounding town select boards to discuss these options in detail, and look at methods of fundraising. We are in it for the long haul!

Other activities involved attending statewide meetings (our vice president, Roger Crouse is on the board of directors of the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds), rewriting the homeowners manual of best lake front management practices, distributing an updated directory of homeowners, and working with the Lake Iroquois Boaters Association on safety issues. A number of buoys were placed at spots 200 feet from shore to remind boaters that State law requires boats travel at 5 MPH or less within this zone.

The greeter program was active on weekends during the summer to inspect boats for plant life both entering and leaving the lake. Close to 1000 boats were "greeted" and nearly 100 boats were found to be carrying invasive species. We have written a grant to fund a high powered, hot water wash station for boats entering and leaving the fishing access.

The LIA has also worked with the Lake Champlain Committee to sponsor blue-green algae training and identification. Chip and Jo Wright began monitoring the south end of the lake as part of the LCC monitoring program. In other partnerships, the LIA worked with the State Fish and Wildlife Department to help with the upgrade of the fishing access, and worked with the Lake Iroquois Recreation District to improve the drainage at the beach. All of these cooperative efforts will serve to reduce the amount of nutrients entering the lake and improve water quality in the lake. It has been a really busy year for LIA, and next year looks like more of the same. Our thanks for town support now and in the future.

LAKE IROQUOIS RECREATION DISTRICT (LIRD)

The Lake Iroquois Recreation District beach area, along with its 150 acres of open land, continues to serve the district towns (Williston, Richmond, Hinesburg and St. George) as well as all non-residents. The district lands provide access to swimming, picnicking, playground equipment, and walking trails. The beach area also continues to host birthday parties and other individual and group functions. Costs for septic maintenance and summer staff continue to represent the bulk of our annual expenses. Water quality sampling continues on a weekly basis and results are within State limits for beach facilities.

The LIRD had been awarded an Ecosystem Restoration Grant to implement an ecological landscape design. We are happy to report that this project has been completed and should help with Beach Erosion and Shoreline Erosion as well.

The beach continues to be a beautiful and affordable local recreation area. We will open for the 2017 summer season on Memorial Day weekend and close on Labor Day weekend. Please come and enjoy this wonderful facility.

Steve May – Richmond
Jeff Davis, Treasurer – Hinesburg
Dana Bingham, Vice Chair – St. George
Hans Dyhrman, Secetary - Williston

WESTERN SLOPES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (WSBA)

Businesses, individuals and organizations from Bolton, Huntington, Richmond, Jericho and Underhill are invited to join this association that nurtures the dynamic, diverse business and professional communities of our region. WSBA offers networking/educational opportunities and sponsors events aimed at generating business for our area such as the Richmond Holiday Market (December). Each year WSBA offers two Entrepreneur Scholarships to college-bound graduates of Mt. Mansfield Union High School.

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CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is a political subdivision of the State created by the municipalities of Chittenden County in 1966 for the development of policies, plans and programs that address regional issues and opportunities in Chittenden County. Its vision is to be a pre-eminent, integrated regional organization that plans for healthy, vibrant communities, economic development, and efficient transportation of people and goods while improving the region's livability. The CCRPC serves as the region's federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and is responsible to all citizens of the region to ensure the implementation of the best regional and transportation plan for Chittenden County. The CCRPC also provides technical and planning assistance to its member municipalities and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans).

The CCRPC is governed by a 29-member board consisting of one representative from each of the County's 19 municipalities; transportation representatives from VTrans, Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Burlington International Airport (BIA), and a rail industry representative; and, at-large members representing the interests of agriculture; environmental conservation; business; and housing/socio-economic. The legislative body of each Chittenden County municipality selects its own representative and alternate. The full Commission selects the at-large representatives.

The CCRPC celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016 and appreciates the continued opportunity to work with its municipal members to plan appropriately for the region's future to protect and improve the special quality of life that is shared throughout Chittenden County. In FY16, the CCRPC invested more than $4.7 million in regional land use, transportation, emergency management, energy, natural resources, public engagement, training, and technical assistance. The program leverages nearly $4.3 million in Federal and State investment with $245,000 in municipal dues and another $200,000 in local match for specific projects—a 9:1 return on investment.

Town of Richmond representatives to the CCRPC Board and other committees in FY16 were:

- CCRPC representative – Bard Hill
- CCRPC alternate – Ellen Kane
- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – Geoffrey Urbanik
- Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) – Clare Rock

Specific activities the CCRPC is engaged in with the Town of Richmond, as well as some of CCRPC's regional activities, are discussed in the following sections.

In FY2016, the CCRPC provided assistance to Richmond on the following projects and initiatives:

- Richmond Town Plan – CCRPC staff worked with Town staff on the flood resiliency element, public engagement workshops and developed maps and other visuals to support the Town Plan update.
- Richmond Transportation Plan – Developed the draft transportation element for the Municipal Plan update.
- Municipal Roads Program – Started the Municipal Roads General Permit road erosion inventory.
- Transportation Safety – Reviewed crash data, conducted field visits and studied location selection criteria with VTrans for the Systemic Local Roads Safety (SLRS) program in Richmond.
- Hazard Mitigation – Collaborated with FEMA to develop post-storm damage assessments and assisted with hazard mitigation grant applications for several Richmond properties.
- Municipal Infrastructure Inventories – CCRPC interns conducted a culvert inventory and a sidewalk inventory.

The TIP (http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/our-plans/transportation-improvement-program/) is a prioritized, multi-year list of transportation projects in Chittenden County. To receive federal funds, each transportation project, program or operation must be authorized through the TIP. Burlington projects included in the TIP are listed below. These projects are also identified in the FY2016 Vermont Agency of Transportation Capital Program for design or construction.

- VT 117 Paving, Jericho-Richmond – $6.1 million to pave from Essex-Jericho Town Line to US 2. Paving to be done in 2017.
- Richmond BR 32 on US 2 South of Snipe Ireland Road – $1.3 million for bridge replacement. Construction scheduled for 2017.
- 50th anniversary – The CCRPC celebrated its 50th anniversary throughout 2016, and hosted an event as part of its annual meeting in June, during which over 80 representatives of municipal, regional, and state government gathered to celebrate – including guest speaker Governor Peter Shumlin. CCRPC staff also developed a timeline that highlights some significant milestones, events, and other happenings throughout Chittenden County and beyond over the last 50 years. (http://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/news/ccrpc-timeline/)
- Legislative Forum – Hosted the 2nd annual Legislative Breakfast in December as a forum for a short, focused conversation with local legislators and municipal representatives on key issues and high interest topics important to area municipalities for the 2015-2016 legislative session, including: smart growth, water quality, and municipal shared services. (http://www.ccrpcvt.org/event/chittenden-county-municipal-legislative-breakfast/)
- ECOS Plan Annual Report – The 2015 Annual Report is a summary that highlights a number of regional accomplishments, trends, and high priority actions. The ECOS Plan is the combined Regional Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Chittenden County. The ECOS Scorecard is our online platform that hosts the ECOS Partners' shared measurement system that monitors how Chittenden County is doing with regard to achieving our shared ECOS goals. (https://app.resultsscorecard.com/Scorecard/Embed/8502) The ECOS Plan was updated to better address a few state requirements on May 18, 2016. (http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/our-plans/ecos-regional-plan/)
- Supporting the STEM Industry Cluster and Young Professionals – CCRPC examined these issues and produced a white paper in June 2016. This white paper explains the important role that the STEM cluster and young professionals play in the County's economy; examines the current conditions of the STEM cluster and young professionals in Chittenden County; explores the building blocks necessary for growing the STEM cluster economy; and offers suggestions for future work that can be undertaken by the CCRPC to help support the STEM economy. (http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/economic-development/)
- Emergency Management – CCRPC, with Local Emergency Planning Committee 1 (LEPC 1 http://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/committees/local-emergency-planning-committee/), served as a key conduit between the City and the State in sharing damage assessment information after disasters, helped with emergency preparedness for hazardous materials incidents, hosted workshops on a wide array of emergency preparedness topics, and facilitated Incident Command System training.
- All-Hazards Mitigation Plan – CCRPC staff, in consultation with municipal staff, have been working to develop the 2016-2021 Chittenden County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan along with individual Hazard Mitigation Plans for each municipality. These plans outline key municipal actions to address and mitigate against common hazards such as severe rainstorms

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and flooding. In addition to providing individual assistance to each of the member municipalities, the CCRPC helped to facilitate the Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee to develop comprehensive countywide mitigation strategies. (http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/emergency-management/hazard-mitigation-plan/)

- Transportation Demand Management – The CCRPC, along with regional and state partners, continued hosting Go! Chittenden County, a one-stop-shop for information and advice about our region's transportation resources (www.gochittendencounty.org). The CCRPC continues promoting the annual Way to Go! Challenge (www.waytogovt.org) to encourage sustainable transportation (non-single occupant vehicle travel) and demonstrate the environmental and financial benefits. The CCRPC also launched the Travel Smarter platform and campaign, a trip planner that provides a side-by-side comparison of the time, costs, distance, and calories associated with driving, biking, walking, and taking the bus. (www.TravelSmarterVT.org)
- The Intelligent Transportation System Plan was adopted in January 2016 and describes how to best use telecommunications and technology to boost the efficiency of the transportation system and provide timely information on travel options. (http://www.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/ITS-Plan-Update-Architecture-Final.pdf)
- Regional Active Transportation Plan – The CCRPC is updating the Regional Pedestrian-Bicycle Plan to identify and make recommendations for a comprehensive, connected, accessible and safe regional network for walking and biking. (http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/our-plans/regional-bikeped-plan/)
- Diversity & Equity – The CCRPC continues to use the 2014 Public Participation Plan (PPP) to guide our focus on diversity and equity in all projects. (http://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/our-plans/public-participation-plan/)
- Regional Technical Assistance – Includes transportation technical assistance, GIS mapping, model municipal plans, bylaw and ordinance revisions, Act 250 application reviews, grant administration, build-out analyses, orthoimagery acquisition, and improving the VT Online Bridge and Culvert Inventory Tool (http://www.vtculverts.org/).
- Education & Training – The CCRPC held the Planning Commissioners' Summit, Green Infrastructure trainings, and hosted a Regional Highway Safety Forum with VTrans. We continued hosting meetings and online webinars open to municipalities and regional partners covering topics such as: Equity Issues in Transportation Planning; Achieving Multimodal Networks: Applying Design Flexibility and Reducing Conflicts; Complete Streets policies; VOBCIT/VTCulverts (http://www.vtculverts.org/); and the entire 12-webinar series from the Associate of Pedestrian and Bicycling Professionals.
- Byway - Developed the Lake Champlain Byway Story map - http://map.ccrpcvt.org/lcbyway/
- Neighbor Rides – Since Spring 2013, CCRPC has been investing in Neighbor Rides to integrate volunteer drivers into human services transportation in order to increase access to transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities by offering a lower-cost mode of transport. (http://www.unitedwaynwvt.org/Neighbor-Rides)
- Opioid Alliance – The CCRPC was asked to serve as the backbone for the Chittenden County Opioid Alliance and hired a Program Director. The Opioid Alliance is a unique commitment from state, local government, and non-profit leaders to put forth a comprehensive mutually reinforcing approach to reducing opioid abuse and the ancillary burdens they bring to our community. (http://www.ecosproject.com/chittenden-county-opioid-alliance)
- Building Homes Together – The CCRPC, Champlain Housing Trust and Housing Vermont are leading a coordinated campaign to strengthen Chittenden County communities by building 3,500 homes by 2021 for people of all incomes, including 700 affordable homes. This campaign began in spring 2016. (http://www.ecosproject.com/building-homes-together)
- Clean Water Advisory Committee – The CCRPC formed the Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) to oversee CCRPC activities and policy development regarding but not limited to, the Vermont Lake Champlain TMDL Plan and its related plans and programs.

For further information about the CCRPC please visit http://www.ccrpcvt.org/ or contact **CCRPC Executive Director, Charlie Baker,cbaker@ccrpcvt.org, 802-846-4490 x23.**

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Riverview Cemetery was organized in 1856. It is located on eight acres on Route 2, west of the village. The Highway Department has done an excellent job of mowing and trimming at the cemetery. There are many grave sites available in the newer part of the cemetery. To inquire about the Cemetery or to purchase a burial site, please contact Linda Parent, Town Clerk. We try to enforce the rules of the Cemetery when it comes to decorating the cemetery plots. There is a written book with all Cemetery information in it, which is available at the Town Clerks office. Planting of flowers is permitted, but shall be contained within the 14" in front of the base of the monument. Artificial flowers are prohibited and will be removed by a cemetery designee. Trees and shrubs may not be planted in the Cemetery. Dogs are not allowed to roam the cemetery at any time. Signage has been posted to stress that the Riverview Cemetery is closed from dusk to dawn. There is no legitimate reason for anyone to be in the cemetery after dark.

Many of the older stones have been worn and damaged over time. It is important to remember that cemeteries should not be used as playgrounds. Through the years many tombstones have been damaged by children climbing on them. We also ask that winter recreation not take place in the cemetery. Skiing, snowshoeing and especially snow machines are prohibited.

We would like to especially thank Mr. Scott Brown, a former Richmond resident, who has invested many dollars to have stones cleaned and repaired. Time and weather take their toll on the grave markers. The work that Mr. Brown has donated improves the beauty of the cemetery tremendously. Mr. Brown has also had stones cleaned and repaired at the Village Cemetery and the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Cemetery. We gratefully thank him. The work on the restoration of the stones is being done by James Woodman and Deborah Hardy. Thank you.

There is a lot of history and information to be found in our local cemeteries. There are several cemeteries in the Town of Richmond. Holy Rosary Cemetery is located at the end of Tilden Avenue. More information on burials there may be obtained at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church office. There are three cemeteries that no longer accept burials. They are St. Mary's Cemetery located on Cochran Road, the Village Cemetery located on Bridge Street and the Hill Cemetery located on Cemetery Road.

People doing genealogy research are welcome to stop by the Town Clerk's Office. We will help you find where your relatives are buried. If anyone has any questions regarding the cemeteries, please contact a Cemetery Commissioner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cemetery Commissioners: M. Eileen Buxton, Dennis Gile, George Gifford, Curran "Spike" Robinson and Linda M. Parent

RICHMOND TRAILS COMMITTEE

The mission of the Trails Committee is to establish and maintain paths for non-motorized transportation and recreation in Richmond, to link with other towns when feasible, and to promote safe citizen use of these paths. We meet on the third Tuesday each month at 7 PM at the Town Center. Stop by and get involved! Minutes of our meetings are posted on the Town web site. Maps of Richmond Trails are available at the Town offices and in map boxes on trails; also at the Town's web site, and the Western Slopes web site.

As usual, this has been a busy and productive year, with a full membership complement of the Committee and the help of many volunteers.

The Johnnie Brook Trail got a major upgrade and rebuild of the bridge superstructure primarily by Greg Western of the Cross Vermont Trails Association with major effort by students of the Big Picture program of the South Burlington High School. An informal 'opening' of the rebuilt bridge and trail provided an opportunity to recognize John Hamerslough for his many years of service to Richmond trails.

The Preston Preserve now has a brochure that includes a map, and two new trails called "Lung Ta Path" and "Visceral". A grant was awarded by the Outdoor Gear Exchange for construction of a boardwalk and a bridge on wet or eroded sections of the upper Preston Loop.

On the Rivershore Trail a group of MMU students spent their work day bringing gravel down to repair an eroded section.

Other activities included:

- Exploration of possibilities for new trails including on proposed Town Forest (Andrews Farm) and possible trails with connectivity to Williston
- Investigating possible locations for a pump track.
- Revision and reprinting of Richmond Trails map.
- Efforts to help limit over-harvesting and commercial harvesting of ostrich fern fiddleheads on the Rivershore trail along with the Richmond Land Trust, the Conservation Commission and Bolton's Conservation Commission.
- Input to rewriting of town plan – making the Town bike and pedestrian friendly with better access to the Park and Ride.
- Mapping and agreements relating to trails were archived at the Town Offices.

Expenditures of our allocated $1000 this year enabled upgrade and bridge work on the Johnnie Brook Road Trail and Preston Preserve, as well as various other materials and supplies for trails maintenance and repair.

Numerous Richmond residents have responded to calls for volunteers to work on the trails. Thanks, as always, to landowners and to guardians of conserved lands who facilitate public access to designated trails. Also, special thanks to support from Highway Foreman Pete Gosselin, work crews from the Congregational Church, Karen Yaggy for map boxes and trail signs, and Lars Whitman, Chuck Farr, and Jimmy Cochran.

We have enjoyed excellent collaborations with the Richmond Land Trust, the Western Slopes Business Association, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, the Cross Vermont Trails Association, Vermont Dept. of Forest, Parks and Recreation and Local Motion.

Trails Committee members during 2016: Callie Ewald (Co-Chairperson), Jean Bressor (Co-Chairperson), Véronique Beittel, Steve Bower, Sam Graulty, Willie Lee, Martha Marciel, Tyler Merritt, Jim Monahan, Ian Stokes. Lincoln Bressor served as Selectboard Liaison.

Let us know if you'd like to get involved or help out – watch for notices of work parties on Front Porch Forum. Contact the Committee with any questions or suggestions at trails@gmavt.net.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The recreation committee has been growing! We now have 5 members, but could always use more. Our goals have shifted to low cost improvements for Volunteers' Green, as well as other spaces in Richmond. We have presented our ideas to the Select Board, requesting funds for a part-time recreation director, and re-organization of the areas around the Richmond band shell. We would like to add recreational opportunities for older children and adults, such as volleyball nets, tetherball, and cookout grills. A recreation director could easily earn his or her salary in helping us to apply for recreation grants through state and private sources. A volunteer coordinator is also an option, if anyone is willing!

Robin Rabideau, Steve May, Harland Stockwell, Molly Dugan, Judy Bush

COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY SHELTER

The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) is grateful for the allocation we received in 2016 from the Town of Richmond. COTS utilized this funding to help offset the cost of sheltering homeless individuals and families, and to break the fall for the many more people who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Support from the Town of Richmond helped COTS achieve the following between October 1, 2015 –September 30, 2016:

- COTS provided a safe, warm place to stay for 58 families (including 87 children) at our emergency family shelters;
- We served 570 individuals at our Daystation, a daytime shelter offering a free daily meal and access to additional support services;
- Our case management team provided outreach and support for 140 individuals and 160 families in shelter and transitional housing;
- Our Housing Resource Center helped 427 low-income households (988 individuals; 413 of whom were children) experiencing financial crisis avert homelessness and stay in their housing or to become rapidly rehoused;
- COTS provided overnight emergency shelter and a refuge from the streets for 223 individuals ranging in age from 18 to 75+ (30% of whom were single women).

We provided emergency shelter and homelessness prevention services to 21 residents (including seven children) of the Town of Richmond.

Financial support received from the Town of Richmond made the following outcomes possible:

- "Ben" had a great job as a medical technician working for the local hospital. "Emma" was working full time for a large corporate employer. They were looking forward to the birth of their fourth child in a few months, not expecting the challenges that lie ahead. After the birth of their baby, they learned that "Emma" had not been working for her employer long enough to qualify for paid maternity leave. The new baby had been born with a heart defect, making it impossible for "Emma" to return to work early. With medical bills piling up and the loss of a full-time income, the family started to fall behind on their rent and other expenses. "Ben" began working as much overtime as he could possibly manage to start paying down their debts. He was making progress, but they were too far behind on their rent, and their landlord began eviction proceedings. "Ben" came to COTS' Housing Resource Center (HRC) looking for help, feeling exhausted and defeated. To prevent this family from falling into homelessness, the Opportunity Fund helped pay a large portion of their back rent and stabilized their housing. Their HRC housing specialist also provided key referrals to area resources to help the family access specialized affordable child care that enabled "Emma" to return to work part time. This additional income, coupled with a revised household budget, has kept this family safely in their home and renewed their sense of hope for the future.
- "Maggie" was working as a nurse at a large private medical practice when her hours were cut. Shortly after that, office branches began to close, and it was not long before the entire practice she had worked at for three years closed for good. As a military veteran and single mother of three young girls, "Maggie" began feverishly applying for other nursing positions as well as accessing local resources for veterans. She was given small amounts of assistance here and there to keep her afloat until her unemployment insurance began, but she soon found her unemployment benefits were not enough to cover the monthly expenses for herself and her three girls. A HRC housing specialist met with "Maggie" to assess her situation and determined that she was eligible for assistance from the Opportunity Fund. COTS would subsidize half of "Maggie's" rent for the next three months while she secured new employment and developed a plan to get back on her feet. "Maggie" came in to meet with a HRC housing specialist on a monthly basis to help her set goals and improve her budgeting skills. "Maggie" applied for dozens of jobs every week, but initially found it challenging to secure a new nursing position. By the end of the three months, "Maggie" had achieved all of her goals including enrolling in a training program to fulfill a lifelong ambition to become a paralegal. Toward the very end of her subsidy period, "Maggie" found employment as a nurse. She is also on her way to becoming a paralegal. She and her three children continue to live comfortably in their home.
- "Barry" came to COTS after a painful back injury left him unable to work for some time. With no income coming into the household, he was behind on his rent. "Barry's" landlord felt he was a good tenant and did not want to evict him, but needed to receive the back rent or he and his family would have to vacate the unit. Due to a slow recovery, "Barry's" doctor ordered him to not work for the next two months, which meant that he would fall further behind on his rent and other financial obligations. With money from the Opportunity Fund, we provided "Barry" with a three-month rental subsidy so he would be able to recover from his injury and keep his home. Over the next few months while recovering, "Barry" attended credit and budgeting classes through the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity's Financial Futures program. Each month "Barry" would meet with his housing specialist to discuss the challenges he was facing during his recovery and how best to overcome those obstacles. During that time, the housing specialist also discussed with "Barry" how his injury might impact his professional future and how he could improve his long-term financial stability by considering a different career path. At the end of the three months, he was still struggling with his medical issues, but was able to return to work and begin envisioning a new future.

These are just a few examples of how COTS works to end homelessness – not just through temporary emergency shelter but also through innovative prevention strategies. Our work is made possible in part by contributions like yours. We very much appreciate the support of the Town of Richmond and its taxpayers.

Thank you so very much!

CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

CSWD is a municipality governed by a Board of Commissioners appointed by the 18 towns and cities of Chittenden County. Our mission is to reduce and manage the solid waste generated by our members.

ADMINISTRATION:

CSWD owns and oversees 10 solid waste or recycling facilities in Chittenden County for its 18 member municipalities. A Board of Commissioners, who sets policy and oversees financial matters, governs CSWD. One Commissioner is appointed by each member community.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OFFICERS include: Chair Paul Stabler of South Burlington; Vice Chair Michelle DaVia of Westford, and Secretary/Treasurer Alan Nye of Essex. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS include Paul Stabler, of South Burlington, Michelle DaVia of Westford, Alan Nye of Essex, Craig Abrahams of Williston, and Chapin Spencer of Burlington. General Manager Tom Moreau retired in August of 2016 after twenty-one years of service. Sarah Reeves is the new CSWD General Manager.

FINANCES:

The unaudited FY16 General Fund expenditures were $9.3 million and the revenues were $10.4 million. This represents a $720,000 increase in expenditures (8.4%) and a $481,000 (4.8%) increase in revenues compared with the FY 15 General Fund operating results. Of the $720,000 increase in expenditures for the year, approximately $223,000 was associated with wages and benefits, as the District made small increases in staffing levels in various programs; $253,000 was related to higher costs of sorting and handling recyclables, organics, and disposal of trash due to higher quantities of incoming materials; $90,000 related to higher costs for materials used in compost production in conjunction with higher volumes of materials produced in FY16. The $481,000 revenue increase for FY16 over the prior year is largely attributable to the tipping fee rates for recyclables dropped off at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Effective 7/1/15, the per-ton rates increased from $6 for In-District materials and $11 for Out-Of-District materials to $21 per ton for all incoming materials. This rate increase, along with an approximate 6% increase in quantity of incoming material, generated about $616,000 more tip fee revenue for MRF operations in FY16; this was partially offset by a reduction of about $158,000 in material sales revenue due to stagnant world-wide markets for recyclables. Also, product sales revenues at the Green Mountain Compost facility increased by about $341,000 (81%) in FY16 over FY15, due to greater production volume and increased focus on marketing efforts.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES/EVENTS:

In FY16 CSWD's major initiatives were: 1) a waste composition study that found that 60% of what our residents throw in the trash could be diverted from disposal through existing recycling, composting, and hazardous waste programs 2) revisions to the CSWD Solid Waste Management Ordinance, including trash disposal bans on asphalt shingles and unpainted/unstained plywood and oriented strand board 3) a new 5-year strategic plan; and 4) a nationwide search for a new General Manager. General Manager Tom Moreau retired after twenty-one years of service. Sarah Reeves was hired in August 2016.

ONGOING OPERATIONS:

DROP-OFF CENTERS located in Burlington, Essex, South Burlington, Milton, Williston, Richmond, and Hinesburg are available to District members who prefer to self-haul their trash and recyclables. Drop-Off Centers collected 3,117 tons of recyclables, an increase of 0.70% from FY15, and, 6,593 tons of household trash during FY16, a 3.79% increase from FY15.

The MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY in Williston is owned by CSWD and privately operated by Casella Waste Management. In FY16, 43,206 tons of recyclables were collected, sorted, baled, and shipped to markets. This represents an 8.2% increase from the previous year. The weighted average sale price for materials was $77.18 per ton, which is a 17.6% decrease over last year's average.

The ENVIRONMENTAL DEPOT and the ROVER are CSWD's hazardous waste collection facilities for residents and businesses. In FY16, 10,135 households and 715 businesses brought in 651,723 pounds of waste that were collected and processed at these facilities. This included 83,640 pounds (8,364 gallons) of latex paint re-blended and sold as "Local Color", and 98,450 pounds (9,845 gallons) of latex paint processed for recycling in Canada.

FY16 was a good year for CSWD's COMPOST facility. Sales and tipping fees were both strong, with total revenues outperforming budgeted goals for the first time in several years. Green Mountain Compost added many new customers in FY16 and made the shift to a full time Sales and Marketing hired position. These moves coupled with some large, one-time construction related projects led to the higher than expected sales. Premium Raised Bed Mix was added to the mix mid-fiscal year and has been met with praise from current and new customers. The quantity of diverted food residuals being composted continues to climb steadily with FY16 totals coming in 20% higher than the previous year. A total of 13,118 tons of material was accepted for composting in FY16 which included 4,679 tons of diverted food residuals, 4,501 of which was traditional food scraps.

BIOSOLIDS - CSWD is in the third year of a 5-year contract with Casella Organics for sewage sludge disposal. CSWD member community sludge that is not eligible for land application is processed at the Grasslands Alkaline Stabilization Facility in Chateaugay, NY, to be treated for Beneficial Reuse as a Class A soil amendment. CSWD brokered 14,586 wet tons of sewage sludge for our member communities in FY16, which is 1.9% more material than last year. The City of South Burlington's thermo-meso anaerobic digestion, 2PAD system, generated class "A" product which was distributed to local farms for land application, beneficial reuse, through FY16. CSWD staff is analyzing options for local treatment of District member sewage sludge with a focus on removing nutrient phosphorus from member waste-water treatment plants and providing a long-term economic benefit for sewage sludge disposal as compared to current options.

MARKETING –The 2016-18 Chuck It Guide was sent out at the end of June, 2016, chock-full of information about the new waste reduction laws. Press releases, TV, radio, and print ads, and social media were used to help residents and businesses understand how to reduce waste and to inform about recycling, composting, and landfill ban changes resulting from Act 148, Act 175, and CSWD's Ordinance. We ran Customer Appreciation Days at each of our seven Drop-Off Centers in the summer of 2015, allowing us to meet residents and businesspeople and discuss what does and doesn't work, and how we can improve our services to all the towns of Chittenden County. Dealer.com sponsored our Art of Recycling project, enabling us to hire artists to turn six of CSWD's recycling roll-off containers into murals, creating a more engaging recycling experience. Two of the containers were featured in the 2016 Mardi Gras parade in Burlington, and continue to be seen on the road and at DOCs. We collaborated with neighboring solid waste entities to create a website, 802recycles.com, where anyone anywhere in the state can find the solid waste entity that serves them.

A variety of EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS and tools were available to assist residents, schools, municipalities, organizations, businesses, and event planners to reduce and properly manage their wastes. The CSWD Hotline (872-8111); website: (www.cswd.net), e-newsletter, presentations, technical assistance, displays, workshops, facility tours, informational brochures, recycling bins and compost collectors (over 8,200 distributed), signage, discount compost bins, special event container loans, and grants ($25,684 awarded) are part of this positive community outreach. Tens of thousands of employees, residents, students, and others were impacted by CSWD's business, school and youth, and community outreach programs.

Educational programs were complemented by the ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM with generator, hauler, and facility compliance checks and follow-ups. New procedures and policies were developed in response to CSWD Ordinance amendments and Act 148 requirements. In addition, 69 haulers, processors, scales, and transfer stations were licensed.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT efforts, which have dual goals of reducing the amount of waste generated and landfilled along with making programs more convenient and cost-effective, focused on recycling and composting incentives and collection, residential waste composition, construction and demolition debris, and markets for recyclables.

CSWD provides funding and staff time to support GREEN UP DAY efforts in Chittenden County. In May, 22.5 tons of litter, 2,599 tires, and 4 cubic yards of scrap metal were collected. CSWD covered the $5,332 cost for recycling the tires and waived its fee on disposed litter. CSWD also contributed $4,050 to Green Up Vermont on behalf of its member municipalities for bags, posters, and promotion.

The COMMUNITY CLEAN UP FUND helps members keep their communities clean and litter-free throughout the year. $15,720 were used by CSWD's member municipalities.

HALE AND HEARTY SENIOR CLUB

The Hale and Hearty Senior Club of Richmond is open for membership to all Richmond residents who are 60 years old or older. The spouse of a member is eligible for membership regardless of age. The Club provides a chance for seniors in our community to meet and socialize and to share concerns in areas of mutual and community interest. The programs that are offered at our meetings vary in content from topics concerning healthy living, or community concerns, to entertaining and fun filled evenings.

Programs last year included a slide show by Bill Kneen of our fall trip to the Marble Museum, Wilson Castle, and Hildene (the family home of Robert Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's son), a slide show about sheep farming in Vermont by Betsy Emerson and Jane Van Landingham, presentations on signs of stroke and importance of immediate treatment by Lee Jones and Sharon Kenney (Head of Research on Stroke at UVM Medical Center), Community Cares Camp goals by Marie Thomas, the Vermont Senior Games outlined by Peggy Curtis, informational presentation on genealogy and how to start researching our ancestry by Don Kenney, Beekeeping in Vermont by Doug St. Amour.

Each year we try to arrange at least one trip that members will enjoy. This past year we enjoyed the play "Sabrina" presented by the Essex Community Players and visited the Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Historical Park and Home and the Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock.

We also enjoyed our annual picnic and barbecue in June and Christmas holiday dinner in December provided by the Knights of Columbus.

The Hale and Hearty Senior Club of Richmond meets the second Wednesday of each month from September through June in the Holy Rosary Church Hall at 6 p.m. for a pot luck supper, business meeting and program.
We currently have a membership of 72.

Current officers are:
Raymond Desilets, President
Mike Storrs, Vice President
Velma Plouffe, Secretary
Mary O'Neil, Treasurer

OUR COMMUNITY CARES CAMP, INC.

Our Community Cares Camp (OCCC) completed a successful camp season on July 29, 2016. In total, OCCC served 7,164 meals to 317 kids at four sites within the Chittenden East Supervisory Union. OCCC reached more than 50 percent of the CESU children who normally receive free or reduced meals during the school year. OCCC had a total of 108 campers enrolled in OCCC or in the Leadership Adventure Camp (LAC for students in 7th and 8th grades). OCCC hosted 23 teen interns serving as junior counselors or as kitchen staff. These students received coaching to help them develop good work habits and the skills they need to become leaders and positive role models for the campers. OCCC employed 36 people, including 20 current or former MMU students.

Our LAC campers prepared a meal and served it to local seniors, providing entertainment along with delicious foods. This was part of their community service week, where they also completed projects at the school, and harvested vegetables at the Farm at VYCC for Health Care Shares.

For 2017, the camp day will be increased from 4 hours to 6, to correspond to the longer school day offered by the CESU summer academic program.

Many of our campers have been attending OCCC for several years, and we can see the fruits of our labors. So many of our older campers have a great love of the camp and anxiously await July when camp will return. They have developed an understanding of community, and the great strength they can derive from a supportive community. Several former campers returned as interns, and four former campers were hired as counselors.

To learn more about Our Community Cares Camp or to see our 2016 annual report, please visit our website at www.ourcommunitycarescacamp.org or our Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/OCCCVT/

Our Community Cares Camp is only successful because our community cares. You can make a tax-deductible donation to OCCC at our website or Facebook Page, or send a check to OCCC, P.O. Box 503, Richmond, VT 05477. Thank you for your support. Marie Thomas, Executive Director, Linda Parent, Mark Carbone, Mary O'Neil, Michael Dooling, Karen Clark, Connie van Eeghan OCCC Board of Directors

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape, waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment. This year marked the 44th anniversary of Green Up Day which brings thousands of volunteers throughout the state to remove litter & trash from our roadways, waterways & public places. The success of Green Up for Vermont in Richmond depends upon two essential ingredients. The combined efforts of individuals, civic groups and the Richmond Highway Department who volunteer their time and the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont make it all possible.

This year the cleanup event was organized by the Conservation Commission. We appreciate all the volunteers that work with the Richmond Highway Department for Green Up. Through their efforts 1.09 TONS of trash and 2.29 TONS of discarded tires were removed from the roadside.

Mark your calendars May 6, 2017, the first Saturday in May. Put on your gloves, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us to make Richmond even more beautiful!

VERMONT YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

In 2016, operations from the West Monitor Barn connected nearly 300 young people with meaningful outdoor experiences, completed conservation projects at more than 30 distinct sites across Vermont, and provided a season's worth of produce to 475 food-insecure families who otherwise would not have access to an organic CSA.

VYCC employed 140 youth through "community crews" – non-residential positions in which youth work in their own communities. Youth from Barre, Brattleboro, Dorset, Richmond, Rutland, Saint Albans, South Burlington, and Winooski spent their summer getting to know and improving public resources.

Members of community crews in Richmond – 1 in spring, 3 in summer, and 1 in fall – took on increased personal responsibility, gained skills, and fought food-insecurity. One high-school aged Member reflects, "VYCC helped me learn more about being a leader, not someone who sits on a couch." In addition to enjoying working with the chickens, cows, and rabbits, she gained confidence. She says, "It's helped me to believe that I can do my future job to become a vet." We know these youth now have the tools and confidence to follow their ambitions post VYCC.

The Richmond community has played an integral part in supporting these individuals and teams through volunteer hours, contributions, and partnerships. Thank you to the following Richmond businesses and organizations for working with us in 2016:

Blackfork Emergency Service
Bridge Street Hair
Chittenden East Supervisory Union
Cleary's
Conant's Riverside Farms
Cowles Excavating
DG Morin Construction
Farr Family Farm
Friday Food Affair
Green Mountain Earthworks
Hillview Design
Jamieson Insurance
Jericho Settlers Farm
Mann and Machine
Maple Wind Farm
NOFA
Our Community Cares Camp
P&P Septic
Patterson Fuels
Perfection Motorsports
Richmond Family Medicine
Richmond Home Supply
Richmond Land Trust
Richmond Market and Beverage
Richmond Post Office
Ski Express
Sweet Simone's
Western Slopes Business Association

We are excited to serve more young people in 2017. To learn more about our programs, please visit our new and improved website at www.vycc.org.
Thank you!

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION
OF CHITTENDEN AND GRAND ISLE COUNTIES

VNA Services in your Community

The Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties (VNA) is a 111-year-old nonprofit home health agency caring for whole families with services that span a lifetime – from critically ill children to vulnerable young families to adults who need rehabilitation, long-term care, adult day services or end-of-life care.

In the past, many towns hired Town Nurses, who were responsible for providing care to residents. With support from the towns we serve, the VNA took on that role. The VNA cares for children, adults, seniors, and families, helping keep people where they most want to be – at home. The VNA provides medically necessary home and community-based care to individuals and families *regardless of their ability to pay*.

Our founders established a directive, "to serve all who turn to the VNA in their time of need," which still guides our work today. In just the past year, **the VNA provided $1.54 million in charitable care to our neighbors in need**; charitable care is health care provided for free or at reduced prices.

The VNA offers the following programs and services:

- Family and Children's Services, helping families learn to thrive through pregnancy and early childhood years in homes
- In-home nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy to help people regain independence after illness
- Private Care Services, offering support for everyday tasks to make living at home safe and comfortable
- Long-term in-home care, helping people live their best lives in the setting they prefer
- Adult Day Programs, helping older adults keep connected in a safe, stimulating, home-like environment
- Palliative care, Hospice and McClure Miller VNA Respite House, caring for people with serious illness and their families

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Contact the VNA: 802.658.1900 www.vnacares.org info@vnacares.org

ELDERLY and DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM and NEIGHBOR RIDES

The Elderly & Disabled Persons (E&D) Transportation Program provides various types of door-to-door transportation trips including travel for Non-Medicaid / Non-Medicare medical appointments, senior meal programs, and adult day services for the elderly (age 60+ years) and people with disabilities. This program is funded by the Vermont Agency of Human Services, with municipal partners including the Town of Richmond. The E&D grant program covers 80% of the transportation cost and Richmond covers 20% of the cost for each ride. Each rider is asked to make a donation for the ride. For Richmond residents, SSTA provides the transportation services for this program. For more information, please contact SSTA at 878-1527.

Neighbor Rides is a strategic initiative of the United Way of Chittenden County supported by a group of community partners in an effort to help meet the needs of the elderly and disabled. Neighbor Rides uses volunteer drivers to stretch transportation dollars by lowering the costs per ride. For more information, please contact the United Way of Chittenden County at 861-7833.

RICHMOND LAND TRUST

This is my fourth year as chair of the Richmond Land Trust, and I have been fortunate to witness what happens when people like you step up to protect their community's most treasured natural, agricultural, historic and recreational places.

Blueberry Farm Conserved

Jon Downer

For example, one of RLT's milestones in 2016 was the conservation of Owl's Head Blueberry Farm, thanks to the generosity of former RLT board member Larry Copp, and his partners Pat Weaver, and Jon and Pat Downer. That team worked for decades to restore the land and make it the thriving, iconic local agricultural business that it is, and an employer of many area kids. Both current and future generations can now continue to enjoy the 26-acre property just off Williams Hill Road for berry picking, live music, picnicking and other activities and events.

Protecting wildlife

Also in 2016, we worked with Jamie Valyou to protect a pristine, 18-acre woodland he owns high on a hill overlooking the Winooski valley. Once proposed as a cell tower site, its solitude and abundance of oak make it prime refuge and feeding habitat for bear, deer and other wildlife. Preserving it adds to the critical Chittenden County Uplands Conservation Project, which for years has been making gains to safeguard a prime, 10,000-acre ecosystem, much of which is within Richmond's borders.

Gillett Pond dam project moves to next phase

In 2016 we continued moving other critical projects forward. They include the effort to save Gillett Pond by replacing its dam with a safer, stronger structure.

Private donors from throughout the Richmond and Huntington communities drove the success of the all-important first phase of the project – purchasing the pond and hiring engineers to design a new dam. Now we're building not the dam itself but a multi-talented community organization to work in many ways to find the funds needed to actually construct the dam. We held several public meetings in the latter part of 2016 to explain the project and recruit volunteers. We invite you to watch for news of the next one, so you can bring your own creativity and skills to a project that will save the pond as a local treasure for decades to come.

Willis Hill update

Meanwhile, as this was being written in early January, we were all watching the skies for enough snow to turn Willis Hill into the first-class sledding area that it's destined to become. In 2016 we launched a fund-raising campaign to cover the costs of a small parking area for the hill just off Rt. 2. Until that's built, parking is at Camels Hump Middle School, from which the top of the hill is an easy walk on the west side of the athletic field.

Willis Hill isn't just for sledding, of course. Students from the adjacent Richmond Elementary School and Camels Hump Middle School have been using it for everything from hands-on nature study (above) to athletic training.

Our heartfelt thanks

None of what we accomplished in 2015 or earlier in our 28-year history would have been possible without the support of Richmond residents, whether they like to hike, hunt, ski, fish, swim, skate, canoe, kayak or simply love letting nature be nature. We're also grateful to everyone who pitched in on the Fourth of July to sell lemonade and raffle tickets at Volunteers Green after the parade.

As always, we extend special appreciation to the Richmond Trails Committee. It seems that before a falling tree or limb even hits the ground a Trails Committee member is there, chainsaw in hand, to clear the path. We are extremely grateful for all the initiative and energy this group continues to provide.

Finding your own involvement

All of us who volunteer for RLT find it exceptionally satisfying to work on projects that will mean so much not only for current people in our community but also genera-tions to come.

Whether we're figuring out how to save a beautiful pond, create a landmark recreational area, helping private landowners protect wildlife habitat or fertile farmland, ridding a forest of invasive plants, or simply ensuring long-term public access to our town's most special places, the work we do is immensely satisfying. And lastingly significant as well.

If you'd like to explore how you could help with local land conservation, let me know at fpmartin@mac.com. And if you'd like more information on our work, or want to contribute to our projects or ongoing land management expenses, please visit richmondlandtrust.org.

Respectfully submitted, Fritz Martin, Chair

RICHMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION (RCC)

The Commission addressed a variety of projects and issues in 2016 with the assistance of a number of townspeople and others from beyond Richmond. Much time was spent participating in the visioning of the new Town Plan, addressing issues around our rivers, evaluating plans to develop renewable energy facilities in Richmond, considering use of Conservation Reserve Funds for a new town forest, and working on other conservation projects.

Longtime member Alison Anand moved on to the Development Review Board. Our loss; their gain – Alison was instrumental in the creation of the Conservation Reserve Fund. Thank you for your many years of service, Alison. And in July, Andy Solomon could no longer maintain his commitment to the RCC, this made room for two new energetic members, Mary Houle and Kristin Nelson. Meantime, our webmeister, Frederick ("Rick") Bartlett was re-appointed to the RCC.

Riverside issues continued with pursuing fair play for fiddlehead ferns, working with the Trails Committee to draft a letter to riverside land and store owners about responsible harvesting and purchasing practices. A barberry removal project was spearheaded by Richmond resident Jon Kart, assisted by new member Mary Houle, and 40 or so 7th and 8th graders. Thanks to so many for efforts to control the invasive plants that threaten our native flora and fauna. In addition, RCC is working with Friends of the Winooski River (FOWR), the Town, and Jeff Forward to develop a storm water project at our local schools (CES/CHMS) to study the impact of its water runoff/erosion issues. Letters of support for this project were sent by the RCC and by Geoff Urbanik (thanks Geoff!), for use by Ann Smith of FOWR to pursue grant applications, including the Clean Water Initiative Fund. Problems on the Winooski riverbanks, including erosion, continue to be an issue, especially along the Volunteers Green. Studies of E. coli contamination in the Huntington River continue. An in-depth look at the Huntington River Watershed, organized by Karen Bates of the Department of Environmental Conservation, brought State and Community organizations together to develop a Tactical Basin Plan for the River with which RCC will be involved.

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) presented draft plans to develop wind and solar power energy facilities/sites throughout the County, including Richmond. RCC and town planner Clare Rock met with the CCRPC to clarify the rules and expectations around these potential sites. (Maps can be found at the Town web site under RCC.) Ideally, language in the new Town Plan will identify areas both suitable and not suitable for commercial alternative energy installations in terms of the locations of highest priority natural resources.

RCC continues active engagement in the vision and planning process of the New Town Plan, spearheaded by Town Planner Clare Rock, focusing on the Natural Resource section. RCC members diligently attend Planning Commission meetings to iron out the wording that assures the integrity of high priority natural resources.

A collaboration between Friends of the Winooski River and RCC created an information card about the Conservation Reserve Fund (CRF). RCC heard from Richmond Land Trust (RLT) of the possible application for funds to cover some of the cost of replacing the Gillett Pond dam. At risk is the continued availability of the Pond as a recognized highly valuable natural and recreational resource. Archeological review provided a new, in-depth historical look at the lumber mill that once operated near the present dam. Representatives of the RLT, the Vermont Land Trust (VLT), the RCC and other interested groups and members of the public walked the Andrews Farm Forest land and discussed how beneficial it would be to the Town to acquire this extraordinary natural and recreational resource. Subsequently, the VLT presented an application for CRF funds to support acquisition. New Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper has offered to help develop a plan for the Forest. RCC unanimously recommended CRF funding to the Select Board for part of the acquisition cost. The Select Board unanimously approved placing acquisition on the Town Meeting ballot for the required vote.

Another terrific cleanup took place on Green-Up Day, with the usual invaluable help from the Richmond Town Road Crew (thanks Pete and co.!) the Town Offices (thanks Linda and Carol!) and the people of Richmond. This year saw the introduction of an interactive map, thanks to Richmond resident Nick Floersh, which enabled online sign-up for road coverage.

We encourage you to visit the Richmond Town website Boards and Minutes section for more information.

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Mt.Mansfield Modified Union School District

January 13, 2017

Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District Annual Report

The Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District (MMMUSD) Annual Report will be available February 10, 2017. The report will include a proposed 2017-18 school district budget, tax rate information, Chittenden East Supervisory Union expenses and a review of accomplishments and assessment results for Mount Mansfield Modified Union's eight schools:

- *Smilie Memorial School (PK-4)*
- *Jericho Elementary School (K-4)*
- *Richmond Elementary School (PK-4)*
- *Underhill ID Elementary School (PK-4)*
- *Underhill Central School (K-4)*
- *Browns River Middle School (5-8)*
- *Camels Hump Middle School (5-8)*
- *Mt. Mansfield Union High School (9-12)*

The MMMUSD/CESU Annual Report can be found at your local town office, public school, Chittenden East Central Office or online at www.cesuvt.org. Upon request, a printed copy will be mailed to you by calling 434-2128.

If you have questions, please contact the MMMUSD/CESU Central Office at 434-2128 or by email at cesu.office@cesuvt.org.

FY16 School District Audits

To view the following audits go to: http://go.cesuvt.org/auditsfy16

6/30/16 Chittenden East SU Audit Report & Financial Statements

6/30/16 Mt. Mansfield Modified Union SD Audit Report & Financial Statements

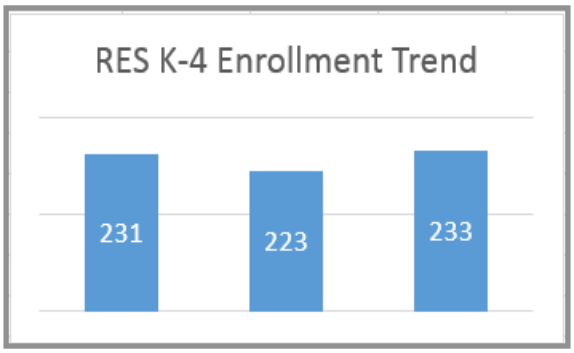
Richmond Elementary School

The 2016-2017 school year welcomed a new addition to RES, The Maker Space! A Maker Space is a place that encourages hands-on exploration through creating, making, playing and tinkering. Students have opportunities to enrich their curricular lessons by engaging in Maker Space activities that support what they are learning in their classrooms. At the end of our 2015-16 school year, the third and fourth grade students spent time helping to design our new learning space. They used ideas from other schools, as well as a tour of the physical space of RES to create their plans and bring their ideas to fruition. By the year's end we had a document that included ideas from one hundred students!

Over the summer our Enrichment Teacher, Mrs. Darcie Rankin, worked to break these ideas into major groups and implement as many ideas as possible. Also during the summer, families and members of our Richmond community donated items and shared ideas that helped us to create the Maker Space our RES students envisioned. Some of the exploration areas in the Maker Space include an epic Lego wall with a platform for collaborative building; a computer space to utilize technology for creation; tables with dry erase board paint for sketching, planning and drawing; and a green screen is available for video projects. The word CREATE is displayed on the wall and hangs over the area where students can showcase their work. This reminds students of their purpose in the Maker Space. Each letter in the word CREATE was contributed by a different family in the community, emphasizing the community and collaborative spirit of the space. Our Maker Space will evolve and change as students' interests develop and we are excited about all the possibilities to come.

Respect continues at RES with PBIS (Vermont Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), now in its 6th year. This statewide effort is designed to help school teams form a proactive, school-wide, systems approach to improving social and academic success for all of our students. Students have many opportunities to practice and learn respect for themselves, each other, and our school environment. Students work together to make RES a great learning community for all of its scholars. As students are recognized for showing expected behaviors, they earn links which are collected as a classroom community. Once the jars are filled, we light our light board and students earn school-wide celebrations in honor of their accomplishments. So far this year, we have had an ice cream sundae party with ice cream donated from Ben and Jerry's, popcorn and a movie, pajama day, a dance party, extra recess, and stuffed animal day. Because we have implemented PBIS with fidelity, we were once again recognized by the state of Vermont as an Exemplary School. RES achieved an increase in staff collaboration as well as improved school morale and our students achieved greater academic success. Congratulations to the staff and scholars of RES for another successful year!

Grades: PreK–4
Total Faculty FTE: 12
ESP Staff: 26
Students PreK-4: 282
PreK Partnerships: 19
K-4 Classroom Teacher Ratio: 18.6
Student Assessment Results Link:
http://go.cesuvt.org/resassessments

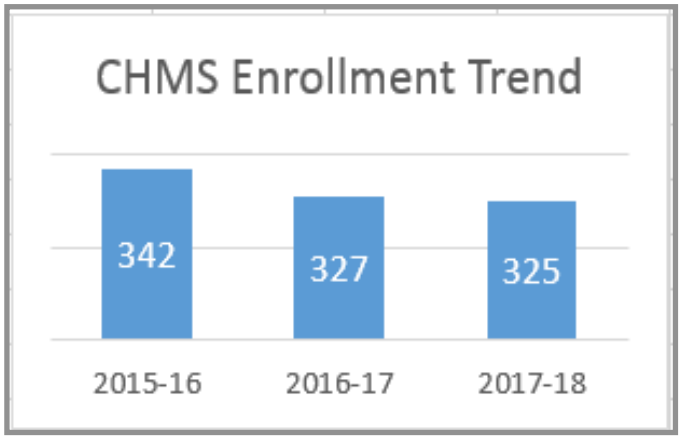


Camels Hump Middle School

During 2015-2016, Camels Hump Middle School Language Arts teachers continued their work implementing and refining the instructional pedagogy associated with Writer's Workshop and the new writing standards. CHMS math teachers worked with the district's math professional developer furthering their instructional practices. CHMS science teachers are in the process of aligning our current curriculum with the Next Generation Science Standards. Camels Hump students' academic performance on the NECAP science assessment once again placed CHMS as one of the top schools in the state of Vermont. Our Exploratory Arts team welcomed two new instructors. Together, they continue to develop new and engaging programming options for students.

We are continuing our work in addressing the achievement gap for students identified as socially/economically disadvantaged and students with disabilities. Using the delayed opening mornings for professional development, we are working on improving student outcomes through instructional practice and assessment. Our mathematics teachers, working with the district's mathematics coordinator, worked on formative assessment and multiplicative and proportional reasoning strategies. During the academic year, CHMS mathematics teachers participated in a "multiplicative and proportional reasoning" course. Our language arts instructors continued their development of Writer's Workshop focusing on their mini-lessons and specific teaching points. Additionally, we are refining and implementing a number of community partnerships, as part of our science and social studies curriculums: Vermont Amphibians/Reptile Atlas, Vernal Pool Association, Monitor Barn, Willis Land Trust, and the Richmond Conservation Commission.

Student interest and participation is growing across all of our co-curricular activities. In the past year, we introduced a new cooking club, fitness and health club and redesigned engineering club. All have been well received. Many other after-school program options continue to be popular with students. Our interscholastic sports program is also growing with students participating on seven sports teams. Over sixty percent of our student population participates in our instrumental music program (chorus and/or band).



Grades: 5-8
Total Faculty FTE: 18
ESP Staff: 25
Students: 327
Student/Classroom Teacher Ratio: 18.2
Student Assessment Results Link:
http://go.cesuvt.org/chmsassessments

Mt. Mansfield Union High School

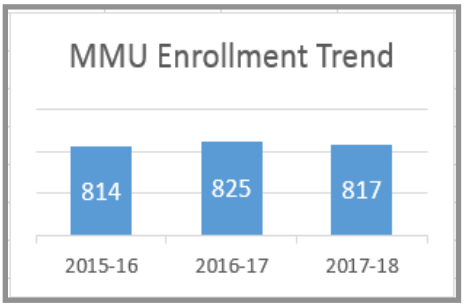
This year at Mt. Mansfield Union High School, to steal an overused phrase, we have been working on the plane while it is flying. The Class of 2019 is the first class to be required to have a Personal Learning Plan. We believe this plan will help the members of the Class of 2019 and future graduates be more prepared for life after high school. Also, the staff have been focused on designing and implementing Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2020 and those to follow. These initiatives are exciting and they allow us to look at education from a different perspective, however they require us to change/study our practice and look to see if what we are doing or proposing to do is in line with these initiatives. These additions should help us create a learning environment that produces a motivated learner who is prepared for career and college upon graduation. This goal lines up with MMUHS's mission to produce graduates who are prepared with the skills and knowledge to be effective engaged citizens.

The 2015-2016 school year was also a year of student success for Mt. Mansfield Union High School. During the past year one hundred and sixty-nine students graduated; of these, eighty percent went on to pursue higher education. We had six National Merit Scholarship winners and eighty-four percent of our students who took AP Exams scored a 3 or higher. We also have over forty clubs and activities, thirty interscholastic athletic teams, and an active theatre department (4 separate shows last year). During the 2015-16 school year, MMUHS won 3 state championships (Dance, Boys Nordic Skiing and Girls Hockey) and eleven individual championships. MMUHS students excel in the classroom, on the stage and in athletic environments. They also excel in the community, be it as part of the school wide Day of Service or as one of the 40+ members of the Environmental Club. The Environmental Club is an organization that focused on advocating for practices that help sustain the environment at MMU, our local communities and beyond.

If you have any questions or feedback for our school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Grades: 9 - 12
Total Faculty FTE: 67
Classroom Teacher FTE: 44.6
ESP Staff: 61
Students: 825
Student/Teacher Ratio: 18.5

Student Assessment Results Link:
http://go.cesuvt.org/MMUAssessments



OFFICIAL WARNING
MOUNT MANSFIELD MODIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 23, 2017 & March 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District comprising the voters of the town school districts of Huntington (Grades 5-12), and Bolton, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill, (all Grades PK-12) are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Mansfield Union High School on **Thursday, February 23, 2017**, at **6:30 p.m.** to transact any of the following business not involving Australian Ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named for each of the above-referenced town school districts on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017** at 7:00 a.m. (Huntington at 6:30 am) at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

Article 1: To elect the following officers:
a Moderator for one year,
a Clerk for one year,
a Treasurer for one year.

Article 2: To hear and act upon the written reports of the District Officers.

Article 3: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?

Article 4: This time serves as a public information hearing for public review of the 2017-18 proposed budget--for discussion purposes only.

Article 5: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

March 7, 2017 -- Australian Ballot Question

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District approve the School Board to expend $44,224,649, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the 2017-18 fiscal year?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of $15,352 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.51% higher than spending for the current year.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill under the supervision of the Clerk of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District.

The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond on February 16, 2017 commencing at 6:30 pm, Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho on February 23, 2017 commencing at 6:30 pm, and Browns River Middle School in the Town of Jericho on March 2, 2017 commencing at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of explaining the 2017-18 proposed budget.

Polling Places

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Bolton	*	Smilie Memorial School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Huntington	*	Brewster-Pierce Memorial School	*	6:30 am -7 pm
Jericho	*	Mt. Mansfield Union High School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Richmond	*	Camels Hump Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Underhill	*	Browns River Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm

Dated this 9th day of January, 2017.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Kevin Campbell	Diane Kirson-Glitman	Kurt Muller
Dave Clark	Breck Knauft	John Noonan
Peter Geiss	Susan Lillich	Andrew Pond
Edye Graning	Michael Marks	Lucinda Preston
Leslie Kanat	Jon Milazzo	Beth Racine

Received for record this 11TH day of January 2017, A.D.

Clerk, Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District

OFFICIAL WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017
RICHMOND, VERMONT

The legal voters of the Town of Richmond, Vermont and the Town School District of Richmond, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Camels Hump Middle School, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 9:00 AM to transact business on the following articles.

The voters are further warned to meet at Camels Hump Middle School, in said Town, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 to vote the following by Australian ballot:

MMMUSD School Directors and Town Officers
Article 3. Authorization of Conservation Reserve Fund Monies

Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Article 1. To elect school and town officers for terms posted on ballot.
(To be voted by Australian ballot)

Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Richmond approve a budget of $3,533,883.89 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Richmond?

Article 3. Shall the voters of Richmond authorize the use of Conservation Reserve Fund monies to acquire a 428-acre parcel of undeveloped land located at 1149 East Main Street, known as the Andrews Forestland, for conservation and recreation purposes, in an amount not to exceed $125,000, as the Town's contribution toward the full purchase?
(To be voted by Australian ballot)

Article 4. To transact any other Town business that may come legally before this meeting.

Richmond Selectboard

Ellen Kane, Chair

Bard Hill, Vice Chair

David Sander

Steve May

Lincoln Bressor

Received for record this 23 day of January, 2017

Linda M Parent

Linda M. Parent, CVC, Town Clerk

SPECIAL NOTES

Requests for **early voter absentee ballots** will be accepted in the Town Clerk's Office until **5:00 PM** on **March 6, 2017.**

Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District: The legal voters of the Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District are warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at the following venues at 6:30 PM for the purpose of explaining the 2017-2018 proposed budget:
Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond on **Thursday, February 16, 2017**
Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho on **Thursday, February 23, 2017**
Browns River Middle School in the Town of Jericho on **Thursday, March 2, 2017**

Richmond Selectboard: The legal voters of the Town of Richmond are warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond on **Monday, March 6, 2017** commencing at **6:00 PM**, for the purpose of explaining the 2017-2018 proposed budget and Australian ballot items.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
RICHMOND, VERMONT
MARCH 7, 2017

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the c[illegible] name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

MODERATOR

One Year Term — vote for not more than one

- CLINT BUXTON ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Five Year Term — vote for not more than one

- LINDA M. PARENT ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

FIRST C[illegible]TABLE

[illegible] Term — [illegible] for not [illegible]an one

- A[illegible]QUIRES ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

SELECTBOARD

Three Year Term — vote for not more than one

- DAVID A. SANDER ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

LIBRARY TRU[illegible]E

Five Year Term — vote [illegible] more than [illegible]

- JEN[illegible]ISSET
- (Write-in)

MOU[illegible]T MANSFIELD MODIFIED SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Three Year Term — vote for not more than one

- MICHAEL MARKS ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

SELECTBOARD

Two Year Term — vote for not more than one

- STEPHEN G. ACKERMAN ○
- ○
- (Write-in)

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ARTICLE

AR[illegible] Shall [illegible] voters of Richmond authorize the use of Conservation Reserve Fund [illegible] acquire a 428-acre parcel of undeveloped land located at 1149 East [illegible] known as the Andrews Forestland, for conservation and recreation purp[illegible] an amount not to exceed $125,000, as the Town's contribution toward the full purchase?

YES ○
NO ○

SAMPLE

VOID

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Assistant Town Clerk ..... Martha Laing 434-2221
Delinquent Tax Collector ..... Laurie Brisbin 434-2221
Financial Assistant ..... Connie Bona 434-2221
Fire Chief ..... Dennis Gile
434-2002 (non-emergency)
Highway Road Foreman ..... Peter Gosselin 434-2631
Library Director ..... Rebecca Mueller 434-3036
Police Chief ..... Alan Buck
434-2156 (non-emergency)
Richmond Town Historian ..... Harriet W. Riggs 434-2556
Town Manager ..... Geoffrey Urbanik 434-5170
Town Planner ..... Clare Rock 434-2430
Water Resources Superintendent ..... Kendall Chamberlin
434-2178
Zoning Administrative Officer ..... vacant
434-2430

APPOINTED VOLUNTEERS

Animal Control Agent ..... Vacant
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission
Bard Hill 434-5672
Ellen Kane 434-4356
Chittenden Solid Waste District .. Adam Sherman 338-7415
Civil Defense Director ..... Steve May 865-3450x468
Energy Coordinator ..... Jeffrey Forward 434-2344
Emergency Management Coordinator ..... Geoffrey Urbanik
434-5170
Fire Warden ..... Harland Stockwell 316-1979
To obtain a Burn Permit, call Shelburne Dispatch 985-8051
Weigher of Coal ..... Jay Furr 434-4601
Lake Iroquois Committee ..... Steve May 865-3450x468
Town Fence Viewers ..... Jared Katz 434-4995
Carole Furr 434-4601
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood..... Brian Carpenter
Town Health Officer ..... Taylor Yeates 318-3013
Town Service Officer ..... Martha Laing 434-5689
Tree Warden ..... Matthew Leonetti 760-7577
Richmond Rescue Representative..... Veronique Beittel
881-4814

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Superintendent CESU ..... .John Alberghini 434-2128
Principal, MMUHS ..... Michael Weston 899-4690
Principal, CHMS ..... Mark Carbone 434-2188
Principal, RES ..... Theresa Layton 434-2461

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1 Church St Floor 3 Burlington 05401

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Michael Sirotkin (D) 999-4360

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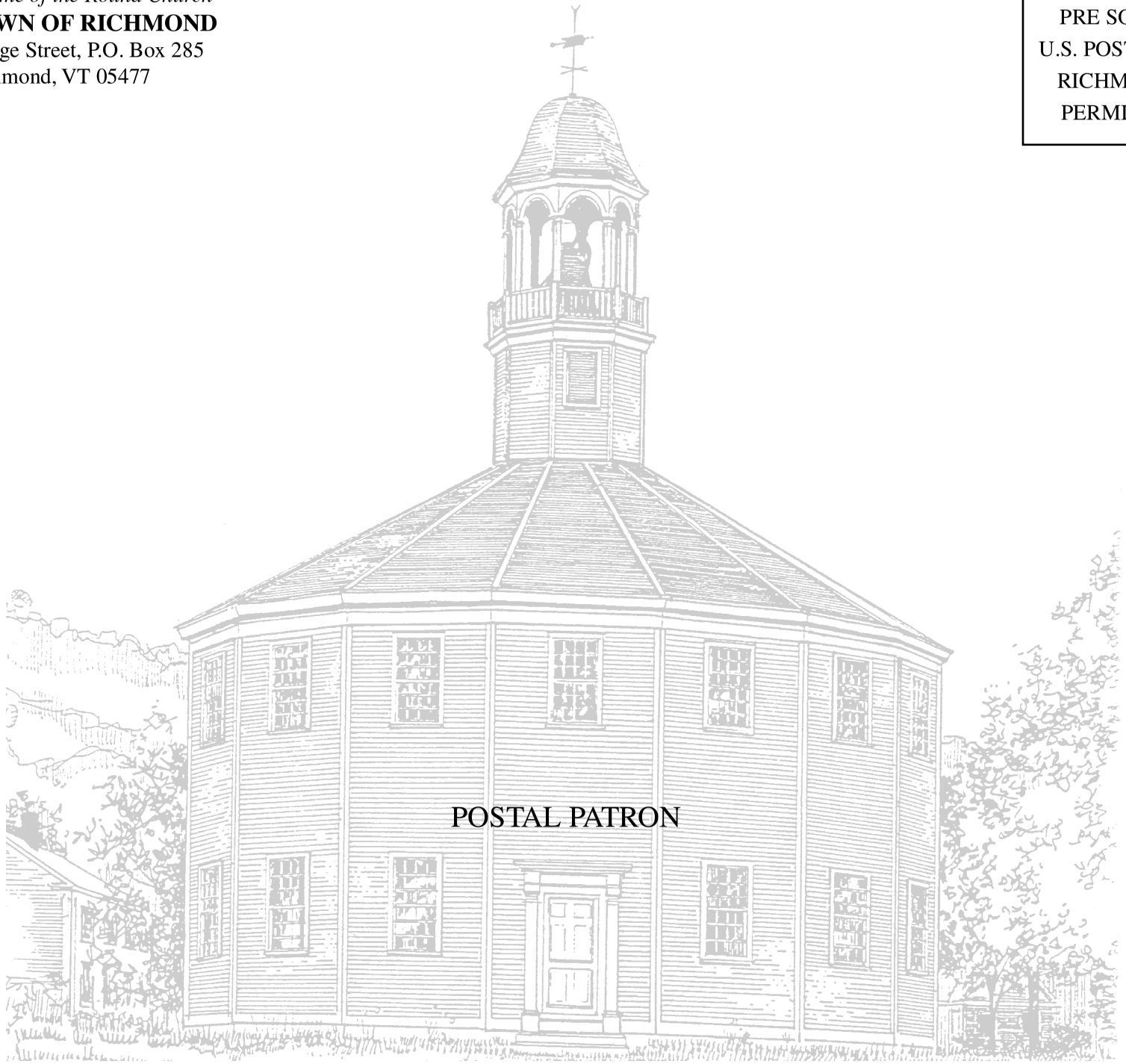

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