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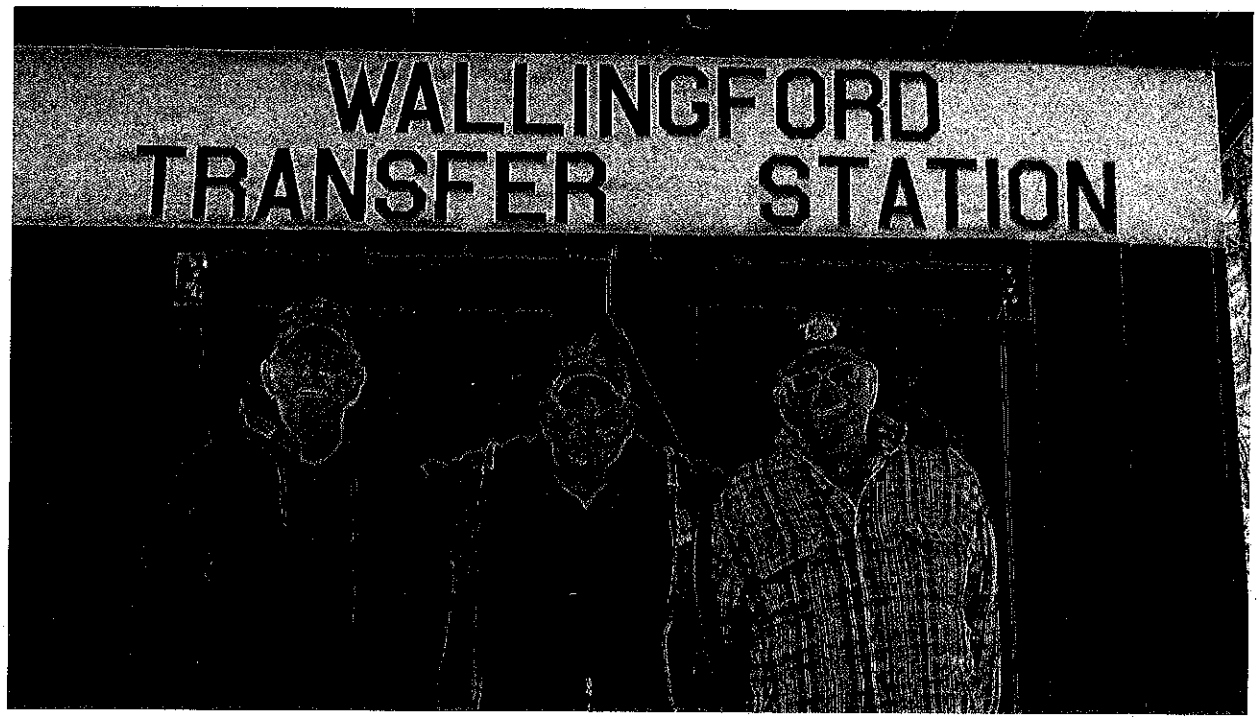

OUR 158th TOWN REPORT

FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

TOWN MEETING: MARCH 5, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.
at Wallingford Elementary School

POLLS OPEN: MARCH 6, 2018 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
at Wallingford Town Hall

Town Meetings

Conservation Commission	4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Development Review Board	On Call by Chairperson
Energy Committee	1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
Planning Commission	2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall
Prudential Committee	2nd & 4th Monday, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall
Recreation Committee	On Call by Chairperson
Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall
Wallingford Historical Society	On Call by Chairperson
Mill River Unified Union School District Board	1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at Mill River, 3rd Wednesday at different schools

Town Hours

Gilbert Hart Library	Monday, Thursday, Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Assessor	Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Town Administrator	Monday – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Town Clerk & Treasurer	Monday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday - 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Transfer Station	Monday & Wednesday - Noon - 5:00 p.m. Saturday - 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Zoning Administrator	Friday - 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Phone & E-Mail

Burn Permits-Dave Gilman	446-3100	
Burn Permits-Art Seward	259-2277	
Gilbert Hart Library	446-2685	ghlib@comcast.net
Listers	446-2974	walllisters@wallingfordvt.com
Mill River Union High School	775-1925	
Selectboard	446-2872	selectboard@wallingfordvt.com
Town Clerk	446-2336	townclerk@wallingfordvt.com
Town Clerk fax	446-3174	
Town Administrator	446-2872	townadmin@wallingfordvt.com
Town Garage	446-2472	roads@wallingfordvt.com
Wallingford Elementary School	446-2141	
Wallingford Fire District #1	446-2964	wallfired1@vermontel.net
Zoning Administrator	446-2974	zoning@wallingfordvt.com

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Dedication

Wallingford transfer station employees are on duty three days a week, 52 weeks a year regardless of rain, snow, or stormy weather. While they are not delivering mail, they are delivering a valuable service to the community.

Stearns Stewart, Jim Regula and Art Nemeth offer friendly, courteous and efficient service to all residents and property owners visiting the Wallingford transfer station on Waldo Lane. Gone are the days when folks just brought their trash to the dump. Nowadays, the transfer station team assists with solid waste, ewaste, food scraps, yard waste, hazardous waste and recycling needs.

Stearns, Jim and Art have worked hard over the past several years to keep up with increased and ever changing federal and state requirements in order to operate a facility that not only meets but exceeds regulatory demands. When the state mandated facilities accept food scraps and yard waste, transfer station employees met with municipal officers to create a plan in order to provide those services while maintaining a safe and efficient flow of traffic.

While transfer stations are not required to accept ewaste, Stearns, Jim and Art agreed to go the extra mile and take in electronics with all the added paperwork as a service to the community.

A state inspector paid a surprise visit to the facility last November and later commended the employees on an extremely well-run operation.

During the course of each work day, these employees engage in friendly banter with visitors while offering assistance unloading solid waste, scrap metal, recyclables and more from car trunks and back seats, pickup truck beds and trailers. And they even manage to maintain the facility's clean and tidy appearance, which is no easy feat.

Town transfer stations are often a hub of activity and conversation. Stearns, Jim and Art engage with visitors to the facility while ensuring a safe and efficiently run operation. They even maintain a bulletin board so residents are up-to-date on the latest goings on around town. These three employees strive to treat all residents with fairness and respect and are wonderful representatives of the town of Wallingford.

For kind, courteous, efficient and friendly service, the residents of Wallingford happily dedicate this Town Report as a small token of appreciation to Stearns Stewart, Jim Regula and Art Nemeth.

Elected Town Officers

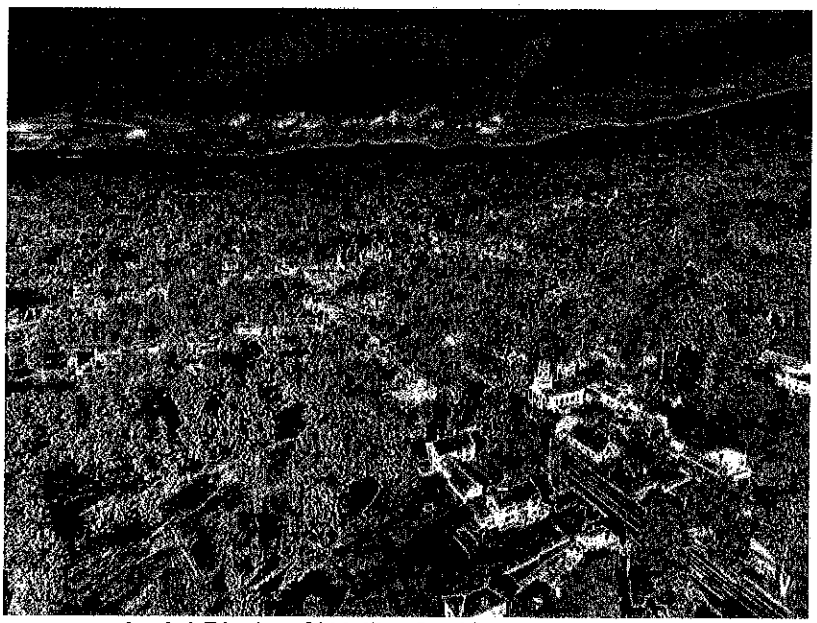
Officers Elected at Town Meeting (1-year term)

Moderator.....A. Jay Kenlan
School Moderator.....A. Jay Kenlan
Town Agent.....Julie Sharon
First Constable.....Jerry Tift
Grand Juror.....Jerry Tift

Selectboard	**Term/Date Expires**
Gary Fredette	Three Year/2018
Rose Regula	Two Year/2018
Mark Tessier	Three Year/2019
Bill Brooks III	Two Year/2019
Nelson Tift	Three Year/2020
Auditors	
Patricia Pranger	Three Year/2018
Gene Gilman (resigned)	Three Year/2019
Jane Duda	Three Year/2020
Delinquent Tax Collector	
Lee Perry	Three Year/2019
Town Clerk & Treasurer	
Julie Sharon	Three Year/2020
Trustee of Public Funds	
David Ballou	Three Year/2018
Paula Baker	Three Year/2019
Melissa Whitmore	Three Year/2020
Mill River Unified Union School District Directors	
Tammy Heffernan	Two Year/2018
Ken Fredette	Two Year/2018
Paul Rondinone	Three Year/2019
Bjorn Behrendt	Three Year/2020

Town Officers

Assessor.....Lisa Wright
Assistant Town Clerks & Treasurers .....Jill Stone Teer & Sandi Switzer
Deputy Fire Warden .....Art Seward
Dog Warden.....Jerry Tift
E911 Coordinators.....Eric and Dale Davenport
Emergency Management Coordinator.....Gary Wells
Energy Coordinators.....Ken Welch and Jay White
Fire Protection Budget.....Richard Kendall, Mark Tessier, Nelson Tift
Fire Warden ..... David Gilman
Health Officer.....Trisha Nash
Road Commissioner..... Philip Baker
Town Administrator .....Sandi Switzer
Town Service Officer.....Julie Sharon
Tree Warden .....Steven Pytlik
Zoning Administrator ..... Jeffrey Biasuzzi



Aerial Photo of Wallingford by Anthony Cirelli

Planning Commission (3-Year Terms)	Term Expires
Erika Berner	2018
Kevin Mullin	2018
Jill Burkett	2019
Justin Jankus	2019
Daniel Alcorn	2020
Jeff Biasuzzi - Alternate	

Development Review Board (3-Year Terms)	Term Expires
Bill Brooks III	2018
Lucy Thayer	2018
Erika Berner	2019
Dave Ballou	2020
Jill Burkett	2020
Beth Sheehe - Alternate	

Conservation Commission (4-Year Terms)	Term Expires
Vacant	2018
Vacant	2018
Carol Macleod	2019
Trisha Nash	2019
Vacant	2019
Marc Pramuk	2020
Jill Burkett	2021
Ralph Nimtz	2021
Deborah Scranton	2021

Energy Committee (3-Year Terms)	Term Expires
John Armstrong	2018
Ken Welch	2018
Vacant	2018
Doug Blodgett	2019
Jay White	2019
Vacant	2019
Nick Benjamin	2020
Milton Moore	2020
Ralph Nimtz	2020

Rep. to Rutland Co. Solid Waste District	Mark Tessier
Alt. to Rutland Co. Solid Waste District	Stearns Stewart
Rep. to Rutland Reg'l Planning Commission	Erika Berner
Alt. to Rutland Regional Planning Commission	Kenneth Fredette
Rep. to Rutland Reg'l Transportation Council	Erika Berner
Alt. to Rutland Reg'l Transportation Council	Gary Fredette

Recreation Committee (1-Year Appointments)
Bastian Auer, Diane Baker, Michelle Kenny,
Lisa Marchinkoski, Trisha Nash, Susan Taggart, and Eileen Tessier

Justices of the Peace (Elected, Terms Expire 2019)
Ruth Anne Barker, Ron Boucher, Ann Buffum, Sandra Eddy, Judy Edmunds,
Lynn Edmunds, Charlie Gauthier, Wendy Savery, Sue Thayer and Tom Truex

Vermont State Police Citizen's Advisory Committee
Trisha Nash

front porch forum™
HELPING NEIGHBORS CONNECT

Many local residents and public officials participate in our local Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. To read more about missing pets, wildlife sightings, break-ins, road conditions, local events, recommendations, helping neighbors in need and more, sign up (free of charge) at FrontPorchForum.com.

ANNUAL MEETING WALLINGFORD TOWN MINUTES
March 6, 2017

Town Moderator A. Jay Kenlan opened the annual town meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Kenlan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectboard Chair Bill Brooks introduced Selectboard members Nelson Tift, Rose Regula, Gary Fredette, Mark Tessier, and Town Clerk Julie Sharon

Mr. Kenlan reviewed the rules of the meeting and read the warning as follows: The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Wallingford Elementary School on Monday evening, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Wallingford Town Hall for the purpose of voting Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE I. To elect the following Town Officers by Australian Ballot: a Town Moderator, Grand Juror, Town Agent and First Constable, each for one-year terms; two Selectboard members, one for two years and one for three years; an Auditor for three years; a Lister for three years; a Town Clerk and Town Treasurer for three years; a Trustee of Public Funds for three years; and a School Director for Mill River Union Unified School District for three years.

ARTICLE II. Shall the Town vote to have scholarships provided under Title 16 V.S.A., Section 2535, the same to be applied for on or before April 28, 2017 at the Mill River Unified Union School District Office? Bob Soule moved for the adoption of Article II; Ruth Anne Barker seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE III. Shall the Town vote to have one-half (1/2) of the fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 16, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. and the remaining one-half of the fiscal year 2018 property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before April 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.? Payments are physically due in the Town Office; post-marked dates will not be accepted. Rob Carey moved for the adoption of Article III; Don Emery seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE IV. Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed $1,077,548 for the General Operation of the town, with an amount not to exceed $728,492 to be raised in Property Taxes for fiscal year 2018?

Chair Bill Brooks noted that the overall budget is down $4,500 with the amount to be raised in taxes also down $22,000. The Administration budget is down $12,000 because of reduced lister salaries and the elimination of funding the reappraisal. The Insurance budget is up $12,000 due to increased insurance premiums. The Town Government budget is up $6,000 as legal fees were increased by $3,000 to cover property value disputes; an increase was made for transfer station hauling fees and the implementation of accepting food scraps July 1st; and for the purchase of a new computer for the Clerk's office. The Highway budget is up

$29,000 due to the following: 1) increasing the gravel budget by $10,000; 2) budgeting $2,500 for a flashing radar speed sign near WES (the school is matching $2,500 and a citizen is donating $1,000); 3) $2,500 budgeted for state-mandated annual catch basin cleaning; and 4) $10,000 budgeted for the purchase of a small pick-up truck to reduce the workload on the Ford 550. The Capital budget is down $23,000 as the town made its last payment on the Stone Meadow reclamation loan. The Recreation budget is down $20,000 because the tennis courts were rehabilitated last year.

Mr. Brooks announced that stickers will be required on vehicles entering the transfer station starting September 1st. One sticker will be included in each tax bill mailed out in August. Additional stickers can be purchased at Town Hall for $3 each after July 1st. This is an effort to ensure only Wallingford residents are using the transfer station.

Rob Carey moved for the adoption of Article IV; Don Emery seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Nan Dubin asked if there were any funds in the budget for cemetery stone repairs. Mr. Brooks replied that the budget covers for mowing some of the cemeteries three times a year. He reported that the Selectboard was recently asked to consider increased funding for maintenance of the "closed" cemeteries in town; however, it was too late to include in the FY18 budget. Elaine Warzocha stated that the Wallingford Historical Society has been paying for brush removal and mowing in some cemeteries for many years; however, their finances are dwindling. Mr. Brooks said that they will look into developing a budget for the next fiscal year once a maintenance plan can be put in place.

Rob Carey asked if the decreased lister salary budget is adequate to pay for a professional assessor if the lister positions are eliminated. Bill Brooks replied that assessor's expense is charged to the "lister salaries" line.

Jill Burkett made a motion to increase Cemeteries Expense #5153 from $1,000 to $3,000; Nan Dubin seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kenlan read amended Article IV: shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed $1,079,548 for the General Operation of the town, with an amount not to exceed $730,492 to be raised in Property Taxes for fiscal year 2018? Cindy Daubenspeck moved for the adoption of Article IV as amended; Ruth Anne Barker seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE V. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money from time to time as may be required? Sue Thayer moved for the adoption of Article V; Bob Soule seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE VI. Shall the Town approve the Reports of the Town Officer as submitted? Nan Dubin moved for the adoption of Article VI; Don Spruit seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE VII. Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the Selectboard who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for listers or the board of listers under the provision of Title 32?

Head Lister David Ballou stated that he is not running for re-election. Listers today have to be trained in order to adapt to the duties of the job. All three listers recommend putting this article before the voters. David Ballou moved for the adoption of Article VII; Erika Berner seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mike McMahon asked if the hired assessor is certified. Mr. Brooks responded that the assessor is state certified and fully licensed and has worked for the town for nearly two years. Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi added that the Town's assessor works for two other towns, where he is also the Zoning Administrator, and that many towns are in the same situation and are switching to "hired" assessors.

ARTICLE VIII. Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford approve raising a sum of $10,000 in property taxes in support of Green Hill Cemetery maintenance?

Green Hill Cemetery Vice President Bob Soule spoke on the history of Green Hill Cemetery. He reported that the cemetery operations are funded by the sale of lots, donations, burials and grants. Revenue has decreased steadily over the last few years, mainly due to a decrease in lot sales and the increasing popularity of cremations, while labor, insurance and equipment expenses continue to rise. Lynn Edmunds was hired last summer to assist with cemetery maintenance, and he recently prepared an evaluation of the operations with recommendations to cut costs. Mr. Soule and the cemetery Board hope to continue operating independently in order to avoid turning the operations over to the town.

Nan Dubin asked if this was a one-time or an annual request. Mr. Soule replied that he hopes that with the operation changes implemented and financial advice on the cemetery's current investment makeup, that it will be a one-time request. Jeff Biasuzzi asked if the cemetery has adapted to smaller lots with cremations on the rise. Mr. Soule described the different size lots available, which accommodate a single casket or cremation, in order to stay competitive. Cindy Frederick asked if the mowing would be put out to bid. Mr. Edmunds is considering that as well; however, a quick survey is revealing that contract mowing is more expensive. Don Emery moved for the adoption of Article IV; Tom Wheeler seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE IX. The School Directors from Mill River Unified Union School District will present information related to the 2017 Mill River Unified Union School District Annual Meeting and the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 education budget for the Mill River Unified Union School District. This is an information article only – the Union School District Articles will be discussed at the Mill River Unified Union School District Annual Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February

23, 2017 at the Mill River Union High School Auditorium. Articles will be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7.

School District Director Ken Fredette reported that the Mill River Unified Union School District annual meeting held February 23rd was well attended. Handouts were given that showed a pie chart of MRUUSD's FY18 budget percentages by category, along with the FY18 Dynamics/Overview of the annual meeting. Mr. Fredette introduced School Directors Tammy Heffernan and Bjorn Behrendt, and Superintendent of Schools David Younce and Stan Pawlaczyk, Business Manager. Highlights noted: expenses are down 3.17%; voters are being asked to approve creating a $50,000 Building Sinking Fund; Wallingford's education tax rate is projected to be down 4.58%; 11 teachers accepted early retirement along with 5 support staff, which will be replaced by 5 teachers and 2.5 FTE support staff. Long-time employees Gary Fredette and Kevin Stanley will be retiring from WES. Ken also mentioned that the MRUHS bond payment has been paid in full.

ARTICLE X. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Recreation Co-Director Jenn Rocque-Tifft spoke on the town's summer recreation program. Children in grades 1-6 from any town are welcome to participate in this five-week program. The program offers field trips, activities indoor as well as at the recreation field along with afternoons spent at Elfin Lake. This year's program details will be posted on the town's website and on Front Porch Forum.

Tom Wheeler asked for the status on revising the industrial zone in South Wallingford. Planning Commission Chair Erika Berner reported that they are in the throes of updating the town plan, which is state-mandated, and that the zoning regulations will be updated afterwards. Volunteers were encouraged to help write the town plan, and an open forum is planned for June 12th at the Rotary. More details to follow.

Nan Dubin asked if there was any update from the Vermont Council on Rural Development concerning the Community Visit Program. The Town has not received any word back.

State Representative David Potter stated that with the new administration in Montpelier, there is a lot of uncertainty. He spoke briefly on the Lake Champlain clean up; the Governor's plan to move funds from the general fund to the education fund, which will impact property taxes; and the process for balancing the budget in May and January of each year. Mr. Potter thanked the Wallingford residents for their support and said it is a privilege to serve in Montpelier.

With no other business to come before the body, at 8:06 p.m. Mr. Kenlan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Emery moved to adjourn the meeting; Nan Dubin seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Julie Sharon, *Clerk*

Warning
March 5, 2018

The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL on Monday evening, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following articles. The Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL for the purpose of voting Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE I. To elect the following Town Officers by Australian Ballot: a **Town Moderator, Grand Juror, Town Agent and First Constable,** each for one-year terms; **two Selectboard members**, one for two years and one for three years; **two Auditors** one for three years and one to fill the remaining one-year of a three-year term; a **Trustee of Public Funds** for three years: and **two School Directors** for Mill River Union Unified School District for three years.

ARTICLE II. Shall the Town vote to have scholarships provided under Title 16 VSA, Section 2535, the same to be applied for on or before April 28, 2018 at the Mill River Unified Union School District Office?

ARTICLE III. Shall the Town vote to have one-half (1/2) of the fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019) property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 15, 2018 at 4:30 P.M. and the remaining one-half of the fiscal year 2019 property taxes and fire protection taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before April 15, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.? Payments are physically due in the Town Office; post-marked dates WILL NOT be accepted.

ARTICLE IV. Shall the voters of the Town of Wallingford vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed $1,151,188 for the General Operation of the town, with an amount not to exceed $797,122 to be raised in Property Taxes for fiscal year 2019?

ARTICLE V. Shall the Town approve the Reports of the Town Officers as submitted?

ARTICLE VI. Shall the Town stabilize the real estate taxes of the Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge #96, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. §3840, at $150 annually for five years commencing as of July 1, 2018?

ARTICLE VII. Shall the Town stabilize the real estate taxes of the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. §3840, at $150 annually for five years commencing as of July 1, 2018?

ARTICLE VIII. Shall the Town stabilize the real estate taxes of the Maple Valley Grange property, pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. §3840, at $150 annually for five years commencing as of July 1, 2018?

ARTICLE IX. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $2,079 to the Rutland Marketing Initiative, a collaboration of the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Rutland Economic Development Corporation along with area municipalities and businesses with the goal of growing the economy of the region?

ARTICLE X. Shall the Town vote, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1061 (b), to authorize the Selectboard to sell the former Witham property on Route 103 (tax parcel i.d. 1031631) that was purchased by the Town of Wallingford at tax sale upon such terms as may be satisfactory to the Selectboard?

ARTICLE XI. The School Directors from Mill River Unified Union School District will present information related to the 2018 Mill River Unified Union School District Annual Meeting and the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 education budget for the Mill River Unified Union School District. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ARTICLE ONLY – THE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd AT THE MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. ARTICLES WILL BE VOTED BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6.

ARTICLE XII. To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of Wallingford, Vermont are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting shall be as provided in Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

WALLINGFORD SELECTBOARD

Bill Brooks _____

Gary Fredette _____

Rose Regula _____

Mark Tessier _____

Nelson Tift _____

Dated at Wallingford this 15th day of January, 2018

Statement of Revenues

Revenues	Actual Jul 16 - Jun 17	Budget Jul 17 - Jun 18	Estimated Jul 17 - Jun 18	Budget Jul 18 - Jun 19
4501 · Green Mtn National Forest PILT	25,025.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
4502 · Highway State Aid	80,050.35	80,050.00	80,050.00	80,050.00
4503 · Ordinance Fines	27,447.24	12,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
4504 · Town Share RR Taxes	338.35	350.00	350.00	350.00
4505 · Office Rent	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
4506 · Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals	222.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
4507 · School's Share of Town Report	707.43	700.00	700.00	700.00
4510 · Dog Licenses	5,313.00	5,300.00	5,300.00	5,300.00
4511 · Liquor Licenses	510.00	510.00	440.00	440.00
4512 · Civil Marriage Licenses	770.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
4513 · Zoning Permits	5,895.92	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
4514 · Transfer Station Fees	15,188.00	20,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
4515 · Scrap Metal/Recycling	1,641.84	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
4516 · Hunting/Fishing Licenses	89.25	75.00	75.00	52.50
4517 · Recording Fees	13,718.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
4518 · Restoration Fees	1,521.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
4519 · Copy Fees	3,847.70	3,775.00	4,000.00	3,500.00
4520 · 8% Penalty Delinquent Taxes	13,902.10	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
4521 · 1% Interest on Past Due Taxes	21,651.96	12,000.00	12,000.00	14,000.00
4522 · Interest Earned on Bank Accounts	141.25	100.00	100.00	100.00
4523 · Current Property Taxes	549,851.70	740,491.51	759,186.99	797,121.84
4524 · Previous Yr's Carry Forward Balance	23,936.18	6,044.52	-18,695.48	626.44
4526 · Delinquent Property Taxes	179,365.14	80,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00
4527 · Fernfield Farms Income	5,567.50	5,713.97	5,713.97	5,634.22
4528 · Ralph Stafford Scholarship	3,708.20	3,805.76	3,805.76	3,752.64
4530 · Overweight Permits	285.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
4533 · Green Mountain Passports	96.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
4534 · Grants Awarded	20,735.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
4540 · Miscellaneous	550.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
4543 · Land Use Reimbursement	25,696.00	25,500.00	27,699.00	27,700.00
4545 · Summer Recreation Program	6,270.00	5,500.00	5,710.00	5,500.00
4546 · Cell Antenna Lease Payments	20,182.11	20,132.00	20,132.00	17,460.00
4547 · Elfin Lake Gate Income	5,913.90	5,500.00	5,660.50	5,500.00
4548 · Elfin Lake Concession Income	3,066.25	3,000.00	2,026.35	2,000.00
4549 · Rec Field Advertising	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Total REVENUES	**1,067,603.43**	**1,089,547.76**	**1,096,254.09**	**1,151,187.64**

Statement of Expenses

Administration	Actual Jul 16 - Jun 17	Budget Jul 17 - Jun 18	Estimated Jul 17 - Jun 18	Budget Jul 18 - Jun 19
5000 · Auditor Stipends	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
5001 · Selectboard Stipends	5,100.00	5,100.00	5,100.00	5,100.00
5002 · Listers				
5002-A · Lister Salaries	13,359.84	18,000.00	15,000.00	19,350.00
5002-B · Lister Expenses	3,093.61	4,700.00	4,700.00	3,000.00
5002-C · Property Tax Maps	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,600.00
5002-D · Reappraisal Fund	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 5002 · Listers	28,028.45	24,275.00	21,275.00	23,950.00
5003 Town Administrator Salary	22,110.69	22,850.00	22,850.00	24,000.00
5004 · Zoning				
5004 · Zoning Administrator Salary	4,341.20	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00
5004-A · Zoning Expenses	241.66	400.00	400.00	400.00
Total 5004 ·Zoning	4,582.86	5,350.00	5,350.00	5,350.00
5005 · Town Clerk & Treasurer Salary	46,975.24	47,925.00	47,925.00	49,400.00
5006 · Road Crew Salaries	88,944.92	102,600.00	101,600.00	123,900.00
5007 · Overtime Salaries (Road Crew)	11,654.55	10,200.00	10,200.00	12,400.00
5008 · Transfer Station Salaries	24,772.82	24,500.00	24,500.00	22,000.00
5009 · Assistant Town Clerks Salaries (part-time)	21,156.12	24,000.00	23,000.00	24,000.00
5010 · Road Commissioner Stipend	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5012 · Delinquent Tax Collector Salary	13,902.10	10,000.00	12,000.00	10,000.00
5023 · FICA Employer Taxes 6.2%	20,764.26	19,000.00	22,000.00	25,000.00
5024 · Employee's Retirement Fund 5.5%	9,411.75	9,200.00	10,000.00	12,500.00
5026 · Fire Warden Stipends	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
5027 · Grant Expenses	20,121.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	**319,375.65**	**306,850.00**	**307,650.00**	**339,450.00**

Insurance	Actual Jul 16 - Jun 17	Budget Jul 17 - Jun 18	Estimated Jul 17 - Jun 18	Budget Jul 18 - Jun 19
5025 · Unemployment, PACIF, Health, Etc.	107,511.89	112,600.00	112,600.00	129,500.00
Total INSURANCE	**107,511.89**	**112,600.00**	**112,600.00**	**129,500.00**

Town Government Operations	Actual Jul 16 - Jun 17	Budget Jul 17 - Jun 18	Estimated Jul 17 - Jun 18	Budget Jul 18 - Jun 19
5112 · Election & Town Meeting	678.30	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,300.00
5113 · Town Report	1,432.40	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
5114 · Office Expenses	9,823.70	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
5114-A · Del. Collector Office Expenses	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
5115 · Legal Expenses	4,359.79	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
5116 · Planning & Zoning Notices	280.41	500.00	500.00	500.00
5117 · Ads & Warnings	526.43	300.00	300.00	500.00
5118 · Seminars/Meetings & Mileage	748.71	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5122 · Records Restoration	1,296.81	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
5123 · Memorial Day Expenses	391.45	250.00	250.00	250.00
5125 · VLCT Dues	3,350.00	3,350.00	3,350.00	3,425.00
5126 · Rutland Regional Commission Dues	925.00	925.00	925.00	975.00
5130 · Workplace Safety Expenses	846.11	750.00	750.00	500.00
5133 · Dog License Fees to State of VT	2,015.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
5134 · Civil Marriage License Fees to State of VT	550.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5150 · Transfer Station Operating Expenses	83,962.75	91,000.00	91,000.00	91,000.00
5151 · Town Hall Operating Expenses	14,357.60	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,500.00
5153 · Cemeteries	710.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
5155 · Rutland County Tax	17,184.36	17,800.00	16,525.00	17,200.00
5157 · Conservation Commission	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
5158 · Energy Committee	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total TOWN GOVERNMENT OPS	**145,438.82**	**158,925.00**	**157,150.00**	**160,200.00**

Appropriations	Actual Jul 16 - Jun 17	Budget Jul 17 - Jun 18	Estimated Jul 17 - Jun 18	Budget Jul 18 - Jun 19
5202 · Ralph Stafford Scholarship	3,708.20	3,805.76	3,805.76	3,752.64
5203 · Rutland Visiting Nurse & Hospice	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5204 · So. Western Vt. Council on Aging	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5205 · Gilbert Hart Library	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
5206 · Rutland County Humane Society	100.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
5207 · Rutland Mental Health Services	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5208 · BROC	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5209 · RSVP & The Volunteer Center	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5210 · Wallingford Rescue Squad	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
5211 · Mt. Holly Rescue Squad	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5212 · Regional Ambulance Service	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5213 · Rutland Co. Women's Network	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5214 · VT Center for Independent Living	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5215 · Vermont Adult Learning	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5216 · VT Association for the Blind	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
5218 · Green Up Vermont	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
5219 · Rutland Nat'l Resources Conservation	180.00	180.00	180.00	250.00
5220 · Rutland Co. Parent/Child Center	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5221 · Wallingford Flag Expenses	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
5222 · Irving Smith Scholarship	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5226 · NeighborWorks of Western VT	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5227 · Advocacy Resources Community	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5228 · Preservation Trust of Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
5229 · Wallingford Little League	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5231 · American Red Cross	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00
5232 · VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
5233 · Child First Advocacy	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
5234 · Green Hill Cemetery	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
5235 · Vermont Family Network	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Total APPROPRIATIONS	**61,178.20**	**71,375.76**	**71,375.76**	**61,342.64**

Highway Department	Actual Jul 16 - Jun 17	Budget Jul 17 - Jun 18	Estimated Jul 17 - Jun 18	Budget Jul 18 - Jun 19
5301 · Town Garage Operating Expense	6,293.08	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
5302 · Equipment-Misc.	3,065.94	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5303 · 1998 Kawasaki Loader	510.58	500.00	500.00	500.00
5307 · 2000 Galion Road Grader	-3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
5308 · 2011 Caterpillar Backhoe	2,604.10	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
5309 · Pagers	275.40	300.00	50.00	0.00
5310 · Sanders/Plows	694.76	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5314 · Hired Equipment	5,450.00	7,000.00	8,500.00	7,000.00
5315 · Diesel Fuel	17,885.04	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
5316 · Gasoline	23.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5317 · Tree Service/Landscaping	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5318 · Winter Sand	26,533.66	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
5319 · Winter Salt	29,846.72	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
5320 · Chloride	900.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
5321 · Culverts	720.15	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
5322 · Oil and Grease	2,806.14	1,750.00	1,750.00	2,500.00
5323 · Gravel	69,286.06	60,000.00	75,000.00	65,000.00
5324 · Blades, Chains & Shoes	2,987.94	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5325 · Paving	40,762.77	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
5327 · Traffic Control Devices	475.86	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
5328 · Uniforms	2,301.44	2,200.00	2,200.00	3,300.00
5332 · Special Projects	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
5333 · 1955 Ford Tractor	110.97	300.00	300.00	0.00
5334 · 2008 Ford 550 Truck	5,934.20	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
5336 · 2014 Kenworth Truck	4,651.58	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
5337 · 2016 Kenworth Truck (3 of 3) + maintenance	43,714.10	43,000.00	43,000.00	43,000.00
5338 · New Truck (SUV)	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
5339 · Municipal Roads General Permit	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,650.00
5340 · New Truck (One Ton)	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Total HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	**264,833.49**	**292,800.00**	**309,050.00**	**308,700.00**

Public Safety	Actual Jul 16 - Jun 17	Budget Jul 17 - Jun 18	Estimated Jul 17 - Jun 18	Budget Jul 18 - Jun 19
5402 · First Constable	2,399.88	3,240.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5406 · Special Officers	50,288.43	50,400.00	46,800.00	56,160.00
5408 · Dog Warden Stipend	1,200.00	1,200.00	700.00	1,200.00
Total PUBLIC SAFETY	**53,888.31**	**54,840.00**	**49,000.00**	**58,860.00**

Capital Expenses	Actual Jul 16 - Jun 17	Budget Jul 17 - Jun 18	Estimated Jul 17 - Jun 18	Budget Jul 18 - Jun 19
5710 · Rt 140W Bridge Phase II (6 of 10)	10,713.11	10,625.00	10,715.00	10,525.00
5712 · Creek Road Bridge Sinking Fund	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
5713 · Building Fund	19,550.00	20,132.00	20,132.00	17,460.00
5714 · Stone Meadow Reclamation	23,085.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total CAPITAL	**83,348.40**	**60,757.00**	**60,847.00**	**57,985.00**

Recreation Expenses	Actual Jul 16 - Jun 17	Budget Jul 17 - Jun 18	Estimated Jul 17 - Jun 18	Budget Jul 18 - Jun 19
5801 ·Elfin Lake Salaries	6,701.10	7,450.00	8,111.50	7,450.00
5901 ·Summer Recreation Salaries	9,504.90	10,500.00	6,180.02	12,000.00
5803 · Telephone	228.27	250.00	250.00	250.00
5804 · Electric	380.06	450.00	400.00	400.00
5805 · Maintenance	752.91	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5806 · Portable Restroom	880.00	750.00	750.00	900.00
5807 · Field Trips	1,477.03	1,500.00	1,779.09	2,000.00
5808 · Lake Supplies	302.23	400.00	400.00	400.00
5809 · Recreation Supplies	605.55	600.00	600.00	650.00
5810 · Lake Concessions	1,002.10	1,000.00	984.28	1,000.00
5811 · Capital	25,300.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
5812 · Mowing	2,590.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,600.00
5813 · Recreation Field Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total RECREATION	**50,724.15**	**31,400.00**	**27,954.89**	**35,150.00**

Total EXPENSES	**1,086,298.91**	**1,089,547.76**	**1,095,627.65**	**1,151,187.64**

10-Year Tax Comparison

	Town			School				
Year	Grand List	Tax Rate	Tax $	Res. Tax Rate	Res. Tax $	Non Res. Tax Rate	Non Res. Tax $	Total Tax $
2009	$2,344,137	$0.2228	$522,226	$1.2516	$1,329,622	$1.3042	$1,136,165	$2,465,787
2010	$2,347,484	$0.2086	$489,802	$1.3505	$1,488,493	$1.3177	$1,143,859	$2,632,352
2011	$2,357,532	$0.2386	$560,101	$1.3363	$1,530,500	$1.3009	$1,096,122	$2,626,622
2012	$2,369,647	$0.2616	$619,888	$1.3278	$1,550,955	$1.2897	$1,083,051	$2,634,006
2013	$2,365,853	$0.2921	$691,061	$1.3824	$1,437,139	$1.3683	$1,356,837	$2,793,976
2014	$2,385,094	$0.2944	$702,120	$1.4773	$1,654,037	$1.4390	$1,322,462	$2,976,499
2015	$2,403,397	$0.2948	$708,581	$1.4290	$1,516,173	$1.3932	$1,358,410	$2,874,583
2016	$2,397,052	$0.3032	$726,884	$1.3675	$1,421,962	$1.3724	$1,321,359	$2,743,321
2017	$2,400,766	$0.3162	$759,187	$1.2930	$1,299,147	$1.3100	$1,308,394	$2,607,541
***2018**	**$2,400,766**	**$0.3320**	**$797,122**	**$1.3973**	**$1,388,798**	**$1.4370**	**$1,435,249**	**$2,824,047**

**Estimate*

Fund Balances 2017

(as of December 31, 2017)

Fund Name	Balance	APR	Type	2017 Interest Earned
Building Fund	$40,695.85	0.25%	Interest Checking	$68.66
Cemetery Fund	$3,032.38	0.01%	Interest Checking	$0.54
Creek Rd Bridge Fund	$120,053.83	0.01%	Interest Checking	$17.36
Energy Co. Fund	$853.92	0.25%	Interest Checking	$2.53
Reappraisal Fund	$116,455.41	0.25%	Money Market	$238.76
Recreation Fund	$6,611.88	0.25%	Money Market	$19.39

Auditor's Report - 2017

We, the undersigned auditors for the Town of Wallingford, have examined the accounts and records for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. This audit included a review of bank accounts, statements, selected accounts payable, financial statements and payroll records.

We are of the opinion, after having conducted this audit, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the reports accurately represent the financial status of the Town of Wallingford for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Jane Duda and Patricia Pranger, *Auditors*

Town Clerk & Treasurer Report 2017

The Town Clerk is responsible for providing services to the public including receiving, recording, and indexing all land record documents and meeting minutes of various Town boards, vital records, and voter registrations; preparing and officiating all elections and Town Meetings; certifying copies of birth, death and marriage certificates as well as issuing civil marriage licenses, dog licenses and land postings. We also sell Transfer Station punch cards and stickers, hunting and fishing licenses, and Green Mountain passports; we publish the monthly town newsletter, process DMV registration renewals, and provide free Notary service. The Town Clerk is also the clerk of the Board of Civil Authority in matters related to appeals of Lister Grievances and the Board of Abatement in matters related to tax abatement requests.

The Treasurer is in charge of printing and mailing annual tax bills and processing tax payments, paying bills, collecting revenue, processing payroll and budgets, etc. I'm happy to announce that property taxes, certified copies, dog licenses, and other fees may now be paid by credit or debit card either in person at our office, over the phone or through our credit card portal. There is no cost to the Town for this service. Electronic payments are accepted at Town Hall or via telephone, mobile app, or through the PayGov.us portal (PLC #37307).

All dogs, age six months and older, must be registered annually by April 1st. A valid rabies certificate must be submitted or on file. We are happy to issue licenses through the mail. Fees are $10 fixed; $14 not fixed. $1 from each license is sent to the State for the rabies program and $4 for the spay/neuter program. We host a dog/cat rabies clinic in March.

Due to the recent passage of Act 46, new rules for Vital Records intend to bring Vermont in line with best practices to enhance the safety and security of vital records and provide greater protection against identity theft. Effective July 1, 2018, certified copies of birth and death certificates can only be issued to family members, legal guardians and certain court-related parties and legal representatives. Applicants must complete an application and show acceptable identification. Applicants who are not eligible to receive a certified certificate (e.g. people who are not family or who provide unacceptable identification) will be referred to the Vital Records Office.

I want to remind residents once again that you must file your Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 if you are a Vermont resident whose property meets the definition of a homestead. A Vermont homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling owned and occupied as a person's domicile as of April 1st. The deadline for filing is April 15th, *regardless of filing extensions*; otherwise, a late filing penalty will be assessed. In order to receive a Property Tax Adjustment, Household Income Schedule HI-144 must be filed too.

If you would like to register to vote, you can now register online at "https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us". Existing voters can access their voter-specific web page at "https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us" to request an absentee ballot, update voter information, view a sample ballot, and much more. It is my pleasure to be your Town Clerk and Treasurer. My excellent part-time staff, Jill Stone-Teer, Sandi Switzer, and I look forward to serving you this year. Feel free to contact us at 802-446-2336 should you ever have any questions or concerns.

Julie Sharon, *Town Clerk and Treasurer*

Selectboard Report

Road improvements topped Selectboard Agendas throughout 2017 with a focus on repairing and restoring town highways damaged by the extensive July 1 storm, which resulted in a federal disaster declaration. The town worked with FEMA and state highway officials to assess damage and obtain required permits to begin the lengthy process of road repairs. Dugway Road, West Hill Road, Tifft Road and Van Wyck Bridge were among the heaviest hit. A dozen other streets were impacted by the storm. FEMA is expected to reimburse the town for 75% of the damages, the state pays 12.5% and the town is responsible for 12.5%. While repairing storm damaged roads, the road crew kept busy with routine infrastructure maintenance as well as preparing highways for annual paving. Last summer, portions of Creek Road, Hull Avenue, Meadow Street, Homer Stone Road and Nash Drive were paved. A $66,000 state Class II paving grant offset 80% of the cost to pave Creek Road.

The town received $12,000 through Grants in Aid to improve drainage on Haven Hill Road and $7,284 from a Better Roads grant for ditch work on Bear Mountain Road. Both of those projects will be completed this summer. The volume of work required of the two person road crew has made it evident a third fulltime employee is needed in that department. The fiscal year 2019 budget includes funds for a 3rd road crew member.

The town received a $1,000 donation toward the installation of a radar speed sign on School Street. Constable Jerry Tift and Special Police Officer Nelson Tift conducted the required traffic study and the road crew installed the sign. The town and Mill River Unified Union School District paid the balance of the project in order to improve traffic safety in the school zone.

In other grant news, Rutland Natural Resource Conservation District partnered with the town on an Ecosystem Restoration Grant application to draft a Stormwater Master Plan as required by the state. The application was approved and RNRCD and the town awarded the $17,488 project to Watershed Consulting Associates based in Burlington with the town only responsible

for an in-kind match. The municipality also received a $1080 Vermont League of Cities and Towns Safety Equipment Grant to purchase items for the town garage, transfer station and Town Hall to create safer work environments for municipal employees. The town submitted a grant application for a Road Erosion Inventory as required by the state and will know in the spring if the application is approved.

Last summer, the town offered a well-attended four-week summer recreation program for children who completed Kindergarten through sixth grade led by returning co-directors Lisa Cotrupi and Jenn Rocque Tifft. The program will be offered again next summer and may be expanded to five weeks. In other recreation news, Little League, softball and flag football were brought under the municipal Recreation umbrella with parent volunteers overseeing the programs.

The town purchased a Route 103 property at tax sale in January of 2017. The property was not redeemed, and the town became the new owner in January 2018. It is the town's intention to sell the property in order to begin collecting taxes on it.

In other news, electrical updates were completed at Town Hall with expenses paid through the Building Fund. Income from the cell tower lease goes into the Building Fund for Town Hall and Town Garage renovations and upgrades.

Several town employees and officers were trained on the emergency VT Alert system in order to notify residents of weather, news and other alerts. Townspeople are encouraged to register with VT Alert to receive notices. Visit www.vtalert.gov to learn more information or register for alerts.

Reminder, the town's website has a great deal of information regarding municipal meeting agendas and minutes, a community calendar of events, Gilbert Hart Library happenings, and Town Clerk and Treasurer information. Visit the town's website at www.wallingfordvt.com. In addition, please consider joining Front Porch Forum (FPF). You will find links to FPF on the municipal website.

Finally, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all municipal employees and the many volunteers who serve on boards, committees and commissions. Our wonderful community is a reflection of your hard work and dedication and your efforts do not go unnoticed. Please remember, the Selectboard is here to serve you. Do not hesitate to drop by our twice monthly meetings or contact any one of us with questions or concerns.

Bill Brooks (Chair), Nelson Tift (Vice Chair), Gary Fredette, Rose Regula and Mark Tessier, *Wallingford Selectboard*

Transfer Station

The Wallingford Transfer Station provides valuable services to property owners, including Zero Sort recycling, the collection of electronic waste, yard waste, and solid waste. Collection of hazardous waste will occur on June 9 and September 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Property owners are required to display municipal stickers on their motor vehicles in order to access the transfer station. Stickers are available for purchase at Town Hall at a cost of $3 each. Residents will receive a free 50-punch card with their property tax bills in August. For those interested in composting, Rutland County Solid Waste District is selling residential compost bins. For more information, call RCSWD at (802) 775-7209. As always, residents are encouraged to recycle, reduce and reuse. Transfer Station hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Assessor

In March of 2017, Wallingford voters approved an article which replaced the Board of Listers with a contract assessor. For the seven years prior, Wallingford had a contract assessor on staff in addition to the Board of Listers. Lisa Wright has been the contract assessor since 2015, so this was a seamless transition. The contract assessor is charged with the same role as the former Board of Listers, which includes determining the assessed value of properties in Wallingford and setting the Grand List. The Selectboard uses the total value of the Grand List to set the tax rate based on voter approved budgets. Please keep in mind the State of Vermont determines what the final rate property owners will pay for the educational portion of your tax bill.

Here are some statistics from our Grand List. In 2017, we had 669 homesteads; compared to 687 in 2016 and 679 in 2015. The number of homesteads has remained fairly constant over the past five years. Out of 1155 total taxable parcels, this equates to 58 percent of our parcels occupied by full-time residents of the town. Last June, the assessor heard 30 grievances. Four parcels went on to appeal before the Board of Civil Authority. Beyond BCA, one taxpayer appealed to PVR. We are still waiting for the results from that appeal.

Over the last couple of years, the State Sales Study conducted every year by Property Valuation & Review (PVR) has shown the Town's Common Level of Assessment (CLA) to be above 100%. In 2014, the CLA was 110.18% and in 2015 the CLA was 111.85%. In 2016, the CLA was 117.18%, and for 2017 it was determined to be 113.36%. This means, according to the State, the Town's assessments are on average now roughly 13% over what properties are being sold for in true arm's length transactions. Presently, there is no upper CLA limit that triggers the State to require a town to conduct a town wide reappraisal. The lower limit is 80%, which means a town has properties undervalued by approximately 20%. Further, a CLA over 100% results in a decrease in the tax rate. This is designed to make the statewide base rates more equitable by applying a decrease in the tax rate to towns assessing over 100% and applying an increase in the tax rate to towns assessing under 100%. The Town's Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) for 2014 was 14.71%, for 2015 it was 15.85%, for 2016 it was 13.01%, and for 2017 it was 16.04%. The COD is a measure of the dispersion of the range of sales ratios for valid sales in the study and is intended to measure uniformity or equity of assessments. The higher the COD, the less uniform assessments become. When a town reaches 20%, the State requires a town wide reappraisal.

The CLA is one of several "drivers" in determining the tax rate for a given town. The numbers

cited above for the CLA were applied as follows: the 2016 CLA of 117.18 was one of the calculations in the tax rate that appears on your 2017-2018 tax bill or FY'18. In a reappraisal year, like FY'19, the CLA will be calculated based on the reappraisal Grand List values. The goal, and typical outcome, is to have a CLA within 5% or less of 100% in a reappraisal year.

The town has contracted with Wright Appraisal Company for a reappraisal to be effective for the 2018 Grand List year. Wright Appraisal Company is the company of our contract assessor Lisa Wright. Ms. Wright will complete up to 60% of the inspections personally and the town has also contracted with Jacob Dorman to complete data collection. Mr. Dorman's work is supervised and reviewed by Ms. Wright, who will set the assessed values for 2018. Taxpayers will receive change of assessment notices in the mail in June of 2018. These notices will show previous and current assessed values, including homestead and house site values. Notices will also indicate the dates of Listers Grievances to be held and the process for submitting a grievance if the taxpayer chooses to do so. We are hoping to complete all property inspections by May of 2018. If you have not met with the assessor or data collector for this inspection, and would like us to have full information and an interior inspection upon which to base the new assessment, please contact the Assessor's office at 446-2974 or e-mail walllisters@wallingfordvt.com.

Be sure to file your Homestead Declaration by April 15 and complete the Property Tax Adjustment Form at the same time. This avoids having to pay late fees.

Lisa Wright, *Assessor*

A bench was dedicated to David Klock in appreciation for his commitment to the Wallingford Conservation Commission since its inception 14 years ago.

Conservation Commission

Since its founding in 2004, the mission of the Wallingford Conservation Commission (WCC) has been to identify, protect and help preserve and enhance those features that contribute to the uniqueness of our Town.

Central to this has been the restoration of Stone Meadow (long known as "The Pit") into a diverse wildlife habitat and scenic recreational area for hikers, dog walkers, bird watchers and other outdoor enthusiasts. The WCC maintains more than two miles of trails around Stone Meadow and Elfin Lake. This past year, several new benches were added to bring the total to nine located at picturesque points along the trails.

To help educate Town residents to the unique variety of wildlife in Stone Meadow, we have been placing a nature camera at various points along the trails and then posting the photos to the WCC Facebook page. A small sample of what we have seen in the Meadow includes: American Marten, American Mink, Eastern Bobcat, Eastern Cottontail, Grey Fox, Red Fox, Raccoon, Ruffed Grouse, Striped Skunk, Wild Turkey, and White-tailed Deer.

A significant new initiative this past year was the installation of honey bee colonies in the Meadow to aid in the pollination of the wildflowers growing throughout the area and to provide a supplemental funding source through the sale of honey. Many people stopped by the hive yard on their way to or from Elfin Lake while we were doing hive inspections and got impromptu lessons in beekeeping. As we have several bee suits, on a number of occasions entire families were suited up and given the chance to look right inside the hive! We were pleased to produce a case of honey our first year out, and amazed that we sold out all jars in less than a week. We're expecting increased production in 2018.

Community Events remain an important aspect of our WCC efforts. We again held a Winter Fun Day at Stone Meadow featuring sledding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, free hot dogs and hot chocolate, and a fire for toasting marshmallows. Weather permitting, we're looking forward to another event in February 2018. Another celebration held in the Meadow was the dedication of a bench to David Klock in appreciation for his hard work and commitment to WCC since its founding. A picnic was held with BBQ hot dogs, apple cider and dessert treats. At the event, we also unveiled a plaque on a tree in appreciation of Mark Skakel's contributions to the Town and to WCC.

Green Up Day is a community event that receives a lot of support each year from WCC. In 2017, we were impacted by a major storm and countywide power outages that hindered turnout. We're hoping for more favorable weather this year. Green Up Day is a great way for families to get out together to help keep our beautiful town clean while involving young members in learning about the negative impact of litter. Green Up Day this year is Saturday May 5, 2018.

The WCC is currently comprised of six individuals, and we have three vacancies. If you are interested in joining us, we meet the fourth Monday of most every month at Town Hall. If you do not wish to participate as a Board member but still would like to help, volunteers are always needed.

Marc Pramuk, Jill Burkett, Carol Macleod, Ralph Nimtz, Debbie Scranton, and Trisha Nash, *Conservation Commission*

Stone Meadow Nature Camera

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee has been very busy this year. It was wonderful to see the community's use of the tennis court. The addition of Pickleball has also provided more opportunities for fun and exercise.

The summer camp program was well attended and great plans for fun and field trips are being made for this summer.

We had very successful Baseball/Softball and Flag Football seasons. These programs were offered through a collaboration with the Recreation Committee and we commend Bastian Auer and Art Peterson for their hard work and dedication.

Work was initiated on the softball field with much more to do on that field and other recreation areas. Four out of six of the baseball dugouts received coats of paint between the many days of rain. There are plans to do minor repairs and some more painting in the spring. Strong July storms resulted in flooding at Elfin Lake beach. The road crew hauled sand to the beach that was used to fill in gaps and make the area more enjoyable.

We are making plans for the upcoming year and welcome any new ideas from our wonderful community members.

This year we welcomed some new committee members; Bastian Auer, Michelle Kenny and Eileen Tessier. We also have said goodbye and thank you for all your help to Joan Lattuca. If anyone is interested in joining our Recreation Committee please contact the Town Administrator.

Bastian Auer, Diane Baker, Michelle Kenny, Lisa Marchinkoski, Trish Nash, Susan Taggart and Eileen Tessier, *Recreation Committee*

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission has been working on updating, reviewing and re-writing the Town Plan. The Planning Commission's public hearing was held on February 12th with the final version sent to the Select Board for an additional public hearing.

The PC conducted a survey in order to ascertain what types of small businesses, recreational facilities and other items the residents of Wallingford would like to see come into the Villages. Survey questionnaires were distributed at Town Meeting last year, Gilbert Hart Library and Town Hall. Approximately 300 questionnaires were returned.

Last June, the PC hosted a Community Forum at the Rotary Memorial building. Postcards were sent out to residents and a banner in front of the Building announced the forum. Approximately 65 people attended. Their comments were added to the collected surveys and, where appropriate, incorporated into the Town Plan.

The present commission includes Erika Berner (Chair), Jill Burkett, Kevin Mullin, Justin Jankus, Daniel Alcorn and Jeff Biasuzzi (alternate & meeting recorder).

Regular meetings are held at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. the second Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted and warned). Public participation is welcome!

Erika Berner, *Planning Commission Chair*

Zoning

Fiscal Year 2016-2017 saw a 10% increase in Permit requests. Four new single family residential homes were approved. Commercial applications were also up. The Development Review Board met to decide on two subdivisions, two new businesses, one flood plain project, and one illuminated sign permit.

The analysis of these Permits includes:

New Single Family Homes (including site built, modular, or mobile homes)	4
Renovations, Additions, attached Decks/Porches (to existing structures)	9
New (detached) accessory structures: Garages, Sheds, Fences, Pools	7
Subdivisions or Lot Line Adjustments	3
Business, Temporary and Vender's licenses, Signs	6
New Driveway access permits	3
Miscellaneous or No Permit Required determination	0
Agricultural Structures (to qualified farmers)	0
Total Permits	32
Total Permits Denied	1

Following the adoption of an updated Town Plan in the spring, the Planning Commission will be focusing on revising the current Zoning Regulations. The objectives of this revision include corrections to the Industrial Zoning District boundaries and typo errors or omissions; as well as improved Definitions and clarifying language. Please watch for the meeting agendas posted on the Town website, Town Hall, and at the Post Offices. Your Input will be appreciated.

There is one page of Exemptions to Obtaining a Town Permit (in Article V) in the current Zoning Rules. If your project is not clearly an exemption, a Zoning Permit is likely required.

The $2000 construction cost exemption no longer applies. There is an additional fee for starting a project before obtaining a permit, so please check with your Zoning Administrator early in your design phase! I am here to assist with the application process in order to avoid zoning violation issues. Please note that VT has both an Energy Code and an Asbestos Certification requirement, including renovations and demolitions. For information on any State permits that may be required, contact VT's Permit Assistance Specialist Rick.Oberkirch@vermont.gov or 282-6488.

***Jeffrey Biasuzzi**, Zoning Administrator*

Trustees of Public Funds

The Trustees of Public Funds have the responsibility to receive, hold, manage, invest and reinvest the assets of the Trust. The Trustees shall collect and distribute the income in accordance with the underlying bequests or Trust Agreements. The funds have been invested in well-diversified moderate allocation mutual funds. The status is as follows:

	Shares 12/31/17	Market Value 12/31/17
The Revenue of Augmentation Trust Fernfield Farms	8,876.500	$207,443.81
Ralph E. Stafford Memorial Fund	5,912.151	$138,166.97

The funds returned 13.37% in 2017. Year after year, the investment has consistently matched or outperformed funds in the same allocation category. Quarterly dividend distributions have continue to sustain the investments.

By January 31 of each year, the 1993 Revenue Augmentation Trust shall distribute net income up to a maximum of 5% of Trust assets to the Town as "Other Income" or for such other category designated by the Selectmen. The Revenue Augmentation Trust shall terminate December 7, 2023 at which time the principal and any accumulated income shall be conveyed to the Town's General Fund or for such other purpose as the voters of the Town of Wallingford shall determine at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

The Ralph E. Stafford Memorial Fund, created by bequest, shall distribute net income "to grant scholarships to worthy and needy students who are residents of the Town of Wallingford, and, who wish to attend schools of higher learning beyond the high school level."

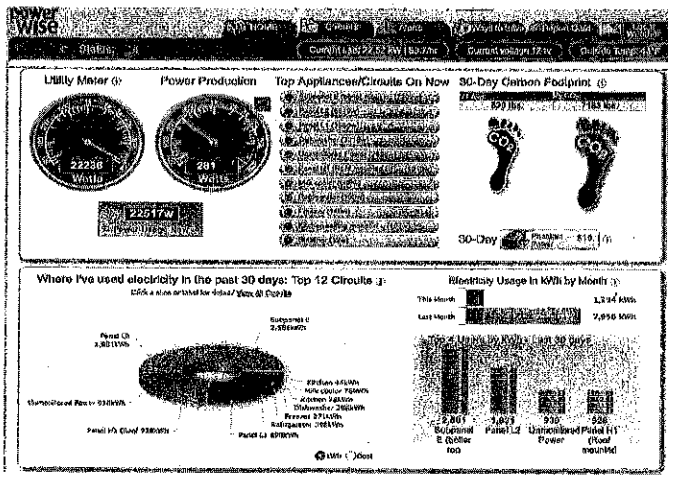
The 2017 recipients were: Chloe Burkett and Ethan Welch.

***Paula Baker, Dave Ballou and Melissa Whitmore,** Trustees of Public Funds*

Energy Committee

In 2017, the Wallingford Energy Committee installed an electrical dashboard for the school funded by a grant from Efficiency Vermont, distributed free energy audits, expanded its membership and worked on developing an enhanced energy plan for the town.

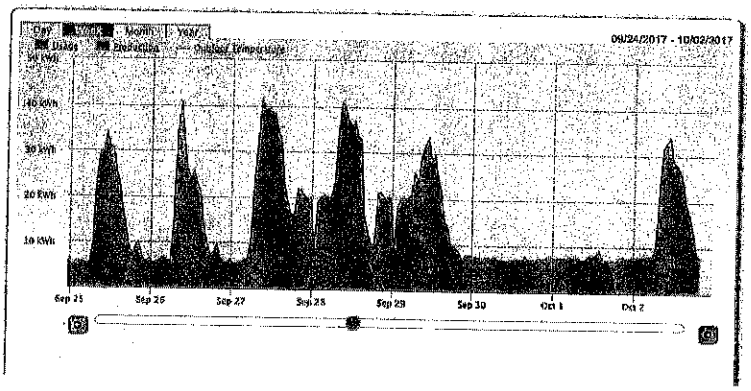
WES Electrical Generation Use. Visitors to the school will notice a large monitor in the hallway near the school lobby. It displays real time readings of the building's total electrical use, electricity generated by the school's solar panels, and an analysis of the power consumption of selected circuits. We hope that this monitor will stimulate student curiosity about electricity and energy use in general.



The committee assisted Oscar Daubenspeck, a Wallingford master electrician, in installing the monitor. Oscar placed sensors (which are current transformers of CTs) on the main electrical entrance bus and on the feeds from the main panel to various subpanels. Subpanel K (for Kitchen) was instrumented in detail so the system could monitor individual kitchen appliances. The CTs were wired to a device that digitizes the signal and then uploads the information to a server run by the vendor; PowerWise Systems. The server creates a continuously updated web page to display electrical use and production over time. Residents can log on to the monitor by going to sitesage.net and entering the password energycommittee and password powerwise1.

Here are some early findings:

1) WES consumes substantial amounts of power, typically 5,000 to 10,000 watts, even when the building is unoccupied at night, on weekends and over the summer.
2) Not surprisingly power use is higher when school is in session and when low outdoor temperatures produce a greater load from the heating and ventilation system.
3) Photovoltaic panels only occasionally produce more electricity (higher peaks in second figure) than the building consumes (lower peaks in second figure) and these only occur on weekends. Additional panels would be needed to achieve Zero Energy Building status. The town should consider working with a solar developer who would supply the capital investment in return for a contract to buy power at below market rates.
4) While some of the kitchen appliances (third figure) have high peak loads, the VHAC system (shown as subpanels E and H1 in the doughnut chart in the first figure) draws substantial loads. Further analysis is needed to be sure which systems at the school trigger peak load fees.



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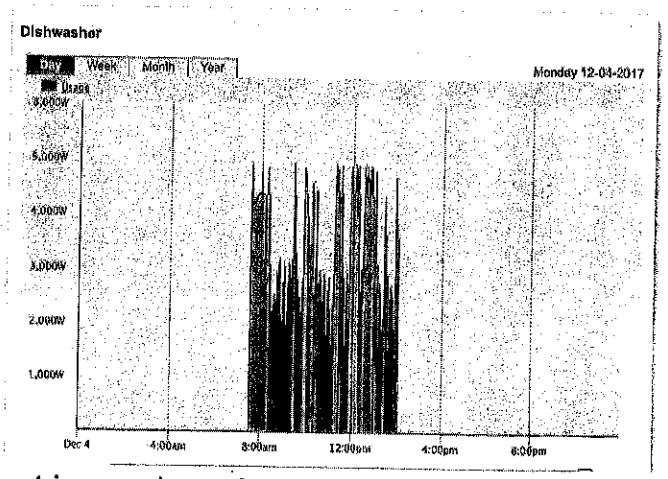


Energy Audits. WEC offered participants at last year's Button Up Day presentation free thermal energy audits. Several residents have completed energy upgrades recommended by the audits and have made their homes more comfortable both in summer and winter, improved indoor air quality, reduced the town's dependence on fossil fuels and significantly reduced heating and cooling costs. Energy auditing is a sensible investment in your home!

WEC Membership. The committee welcomed a new member this fall, Nick Benjamin. He and his family moved here from California. Nick works in the solar industry and we look forward to his help in developing the town's energy plan. The other members of the committee are John Armstrong, Doug Blodgett, Milt Moore, and Ralph Nimtz.

Enhanced Energy Plan. Legislation passed in 2016 offers Vermont municipalities a path toward greater standing before the Public Utility Commission on issues of renewable energy siting. The committee is developing a stand-alone enhanced energy plan.

***Ken Welch and Jay White**, Energy Committee Co-Chairs*

Wallingford Fire Chief's Report

The Wallingford Fire Department had a very successful 2017. We provided assistance nearly 100 times for emergency and non-emergency situations. Examples of our responses were: structure fires, auto accidents, carbon monoxide, alarms, wildland fires, Wallingford Rescue assist with entry to locked areas, lift assist with Wallingford Rescue, car fires, mutual aid to area towns, elevator rescues, burned food on the stove, and yes, even a cat in a tree.

The department was able to achieve its goal of firefighter training at the same level as a full time professional fire department; 24 hours per month or 288 hours per firefighter each year. This training takes place at the fire station on Tuesday evenings throughout the year. We also utilize additional resources for training, with area departments, Wallingford Rescue for CPR, the State Fire Academy, etc.

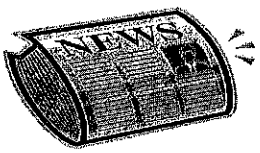
We have made progress with our "Lights on for Safety" program. In the event of an emergency at your home, this program asks you to please turn on as many lights as you can if it is safe for you to do so. This will make your home more visible and easier for the fire and rescue departments to find you. But again, only if it is safe to do so.

We currently have a good roster of men and women volunteers, but we are always looking for additional people to join our department with or without experience. We will train and help you grow with us. We also have a Junior Firefighter program for ages 13 through 17. If you have an interest or would just like to stop in and see us on a Tuesday evening at the fire station, we would love to meet you.

My last request is that you review the location of your house number and assure that it is visible from your street, so we can find you quickly.

Please have a safe 2018, and thank you for your support.

***Michael Hughes**, Fire Chief*



Monthly Newsletter available at Town Hall, on the municipal website and around Town

FIRE PROTECTION BUDGET

	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
	July 16- June 17	July 17-Dec 17	July 17 - June 18	July 18 - June 19
4400 · FIRE PROTECTION INCOME				
44XX-Prior year Carry Over (Loss)	$1,629.40			
4401 · Interest - Checking	21.93	2.43	8.00	
4402 · Contract Payment from Town/Tax	133,065.60	59,399.89	134,292.00	$136,700.00
4403 · Miscellaneous Income				
Total 4400 · FIRE PROTECTION INCOME	**$ 134,716.93**	**$ 59,402.32**	**134,300.00**	**$136,700.00**
5400 · FIRE PROTECTION FUND				
5401 · Administrative Expense	6,200.00	6,200.00	$ 6,200.00	$ 6,200.00
5402 · Advertising/Warnings Expense	-		-	
5403 · Donations	-		200.00	
5404 · Emergency Phone	341.10	174.84	350.00	350.00
5405 · State Dispatching Annual Fee	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
5406 · Office Equipment Expense	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
5407 · Utlities	6,045.31	5,475.53	8,500.00	10,000.00
5408 · Chief's Stipend & FICA	1,099.50	1,076.50	1,100.00	1,100.00
5411 · Attorney Fees	-	-	500.00	500.00
5412 · Insurance Expense	14,209.00	9,228.00	15,000.00	14,000.00
5413 · Miscellaneous Expense	1,398.06	580.43	1,500.00	1,500.00
5416 · Education/Training Expense	2,783.84	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
5417 · Fire Hydrants/Dry Hydrants	680.00		5,000.00	5,000.00
5419 · Firefighter Equipment	14,889.99	1,211.35	18,000.00	22,000.00
5420 · Pager/Radio/Computer/Software	3,410.52	462.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
5421 · Fire Vehicles Repairs/Maint.	6,566.02	4,531.02	7,500.00	7,500.00
5422 · Fire Vehicles - Diesel	1,498.88	667.78	3,000.00	2,000.00
5423 · Station Expense	2,893.93	193.61	5,000.00	10,000.00
5427 · Truck Replacement Fund	16,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	24,000.00
5432 · Air Packs	7,482.71		7,500.00	7,500.00
5433 · Testing/Maint.	4,068.80	4,542.77	5,000.00	5,000.00
5435 · Firefighters Stipend	4,947.92		5,000.00	5,000.00
5437 · New Utility Truck	12,048.47		12,000.00	
5438 - Air Pack Replacement Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
5439 - Deputy Chief's Stipend	1,000.00	1,076.50	1,000.00	1,100.00
5440 - Repeater Radio Fund			1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 5400 · FIRE PROTECTION FUND	**$ 108,014.05**	**$ 57,870.33**	**$ 134,300.00**	**$ 136,700.00**
YEAR OVER (LOSS)	$ 22,702.88		-	

Wallingford Seniors

A monthly foot and blood pressure clinic is held the first Wednesday of each month at the Wallingford House. Bone Builders meet at the Gilbert Hart Library every Tuesday and Thursday morning. Our Senior Meal Program continues every Monday at the Rotary Building under the direction of Linda Weightman (446-2301).We welcome ideas and new voices to continue to expand programs of interest to Wallingford's senior population.

Green Hill Cemetery Association

On behalf of the trustees of the Green Hill Cemetery Association, I would like to submit this report to the Town of Wallingford.

The historical Green Hill Cemetery is an active cemetery that operates as a 501 (c)3 organization since 1870. It is governed by a Board of Trustees of not less than seven or more than eleven members. We would welcome inquiries about becoming a board member. The meetings are open to the public as well as the lot owners.

The Cemetery trustees are always concerned that the cemetery be well maintained. We rely on lot sales and internment fees to function. There are many lots available that can be paid with time payments within a year. Many people purchase their lot well in advance of when it may be needed. We are especially grateful for the support from the town last year and to the lot owners who donate to us yearly. These donations help immensely.

This year we had the pond cleaned out. The fountain was an issue most of the year, but is now in good working order for springtime. Our maintenance supervisor, Lynn Edmunds, has done a great job keeping the Cemetery looking good while reducing our expenses. If you would like to purchase a lot in Green Hill Cemetery, you can call Sandy Eddy at 446-2538. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 773-6252.

Chris Book, *President*

Enhanced 911

2017 was another good year for the E-911 committee. We would like to thank the Zoning Administrator and all the personnel at the Town Office for their continued support and help.

As a reminder, your parcel number is NOT your E911 locatable address. The two numbers are different. If you are building on a new lot or changing the use of a current lot, please notify us and we would be happy to assist you in assigning or updating your locatable address.

Please remember to have your locatable address visibly displayed with reflective numbering so that emergency services can readily locate your address.

If you have any questions, or would like to verify your correct E-911 number, please telephone 802-446-2007.

Eric and Dale Davenport, *E-911 Coordinators*

Delinquent Tax Collector Report

BALANCE 12-31-2016	$92,530.43
Warranted 04-24-2017	$165,961.30
TOTAL	**$258,491.63**
Total Payments Collected & Remitted to Town	$222,065.82
Overpayments Applied to next Tax Year	$23,343.82
Bixby Estate Correction	**$2,207.40**
BALANCE 12-31-2017	**$57,562.86**

Abramovich, John
Agostinelli, Raymond
Baker, William
Blanchard, Raymond
Burnett, Burton
Bushey, Melissa
Fox, Florence
Greene, Clinton
Greene, Loretta
Lockerby, Bruce
McCullough, Patricia
Morabito, Michael
Narragansett Indian
Nimtz, Spencer
O'Bara, John
Peck, Ida
Phillips, Christopher
Ruddy, Kevin
Shaw, Michelle
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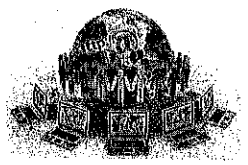
Lee Perry, *Delinquent Tax Collector*



Wallingford on the Web http://www.wallingfordvt.com

Gilbert Hart Library

2017 was a productive year at the Gilbert Hart Library, with many community groups using the facility and many new library cards issued throughout the year. The front entry outside was redone in the fall and we added a pull-down screen in the Klock room that makes projecting movies and presentations much easier.

August brought the introduction of the new state-wide system for inter-library loans, CLOVER. While it still has some quirks and issues being worked out, the system has overall made the process of sending and receiving requests from libraries around the state much easier. The library also participates in a courier delivery service, which greatly reduces postage costs for sending and receiving materials.

Currently, the collection consists of over 15,000 catalogued items including books, DVDS, and audios. Plus, there are 785 active patrons' cards in our system. In the coming year, expect to see public furniture upgrades and continued progress in the children's area upstairs as well as improved lighting in our non-fiction area, a project that was partially funded last year by a generous donor. The library has a wonderful blend of regulars and folks that simply stop in to take a break at this beautiful treasure that offers so much to the community. We are grateful to the town and people of Wallingford for your continued support and patronage.

***Bonnie Gainer**, President, Board of Trustees*

This Northern Red Oak off Bear Mt. Road stands 75' high with a trunk circumference of 211 inches. It was registered with the state's Big Trees program. Photo courtesy of John McClallen.

Gilbert Hart Library Association - Budget 2018

Operating Income:	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
Town Funding	$36,000	$36,000
Memberships	$7,500	$7,000
Interest & Dividends	$8,000	$16,000
Memorials/Honorariums	$1,000	$1,000
Fundraising	$1,500	$0
Donations	$3,000	$3,000
Library Cards	$50	$50
Petty Cash Fees/Donations	$1,000	$1,500
Friends	$2,000	$2,000
Grants	$500	$500
Total Revenue:	**$60,550**	**$67,050**
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries	$28,300	$28,300
Bookkeeper	$1,400	$1,400
Payroll Taxes	$2,700	$2,700
Insurance (workers comp)	$520	$520
Insurance-Building	$1,600	$1,700
Electricity	$2,000	$2,000
Fuel Oil	$3,500	$3,000
Telephone	$600	$600
Equipment Expense	$3,000	$2,000
Maintenance – Bldg	$4,000	$12,000
Maintenance – Grounds	$1000	$1,000
Postage I	$750	$1,000
Library Supplies	$750	$500
Printing/fund-raising	$500	$400
Technical Support	$0	$0
Workshops/Dues/Mileage	$500	$500
Total Operating Expense	**$51,020**	**$57,620**
Library Acquisition		
Books	$6,000	$6,000
Periodicals	$400	$400
Audios, Videos	$700	$700
Programming	$1,200	1,000
Computer Software	$0	$0
Automation	$750	$1,000
Total Resource Expense	**$9,300**	**$9,300**
Total Expenses	**$59,920**	**$66,720**
Income/(Loss)	$630	$330

Wallingford Historical Society

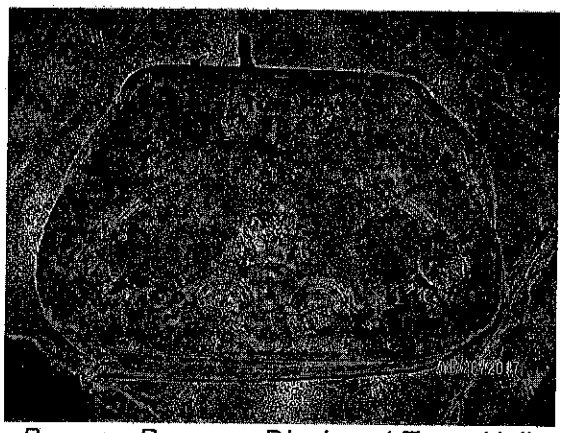
This year we were fortunate to have had many items donated to our collection; a painting of Dr. John Fox, the Chase baby stroller, and historic documents from the Bump family to name a few.

As people "down size", please remember us if you think any of your things may be of historic significance to the town.

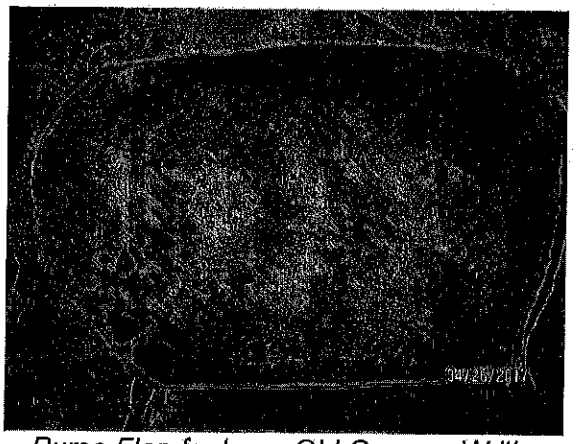
We applied to the State of Vermont Division for Historic Preservation for a historical road marker to be erected on Route 7 South to recognize the Rural Otter Creek Multiple Resources Area. It should be installed sometime this spring.

Look for our quarterly newsletters posted on the town website under the *Community* heading on the home page of www.wallingfordvt.com.

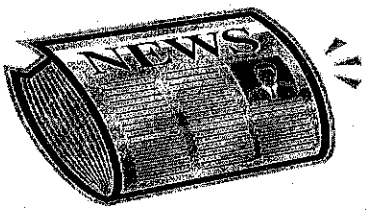
***Joyce Barbieri**, President*



Bumpus Purse on Display at Town Hall



Purse Flap features Old German Writing



Monthly Newsletter available at Town Hall, on the municipal website and around Town

American Legion
Ralph H. Pickett Post #52, Wallingford, VT

American Legion Post #52 received its charter on April 10, 1946 and has been a local advocate for military veterans and their families ever since. We currently have approximately 70 members. Membership into the American Legion is restricted to men and women who served in the U.S. military during an official period of hostilities. In addition to being a veteran's service organization, the American Legion sponsors community-based programs for young people and is a spokesman for patriotic values.

By invitation, members of Post #52 visit the Wallingford Elementary school to interact with the students and faculty by discussing freedom, the Constitution, the role of the military, respect for our flag and the importance of appreciating the men and women who served our country, in particular, those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Prior to Memorial Day, the students and faculty accompany Post #52 to Green Hill and St. Patrick's cemeteries where we honor veterans by placing U.S. Flags on their graves

Although Congress has placed restrictions on eligibility for membership into the American Legion, Post #52 welcomes all veterans to join us at our breakfast meetings and to participate in activities associated with membership. We meet the first Tuesday of every month (except January) at the Fellowship Hall in the First Congregational Church at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, followed by a business meeting at 8:30 a.m. On the third Tuesday of every month, at noon, we host a "picnic" for veterans to socialize, share their experiences and enjoy each other's company. Locations for the picnics vary, so contact a member for directions.

This year Post #52 had the privilege of honoring two of our World War II members who celebrated their 95th birthdays: Don Shedd (USMC) and Ione Chisamore (US Army Nurse). We are extremely proud of these two individuals for their service and sacrifice to this great nation.

On behalf of all of our members, I encourage every eligible military veteran to become a member of Post #52 and take part in the activities and benefits offered by the American Legion. Call me at 446-3891.

***Thomas Truex**, Commander*

Wallingford Rescue, Inc.

From October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, Wallingford Rescue, Inc. was called out a total of 141 times. This included 10 calls in Tinmouth and 16 mutual aid calls to assist in Mt. Holly, Danby, Dorset, Fair Haven and Rutland. There was one call to assist Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the fire department for their continued assistance and support throughout the year. Thank you to Regional Ambulance Service for their help with both coverage and Paramedic level intercepts.

The 30th Annual 50/50 Raffle was held at the Boys Camp on Friday, July 28th. Many people attended the event, socialized with their neighbors, ate good food and even won a prize or two during the evening. The Raffle will be back for another year, the date is to be determined. There will be an announcement as soon as we know. If you would like to become a first time purchaser, now is the time to contact a member or call 446-3942 to be placed on our waiting list. Thank you all for turning out to support Wallingford Rescue. We are so fortunate to live in such a giving community.

As always, Wallingford Rescue is looking for new responding members to join us. If you have time to volunteer and like to help people, please call squad headquarters at 446-3942 and leave a message. A member will get back to you. We would like to give a big thank you to our responding members who volunteer their time day in and day out whether it be in the middle of the day or the dead of night. Thank you so much for the countless hours given to this organization.

***Eric Davenport**, President*

Honey bee colonies were added to Stone Meadow to assist with the pollination of wildflowers.

Wallingford Rescue, Inc.
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

RECEIPTS		
50-50 Raffle		$9,440
Town Allocations:		
Wallingford	$11,000	
Tinmouth	$3,000	$14,000
Transport		$42,119
Donations		$2,873
Miscellaneous		$322
Gain <loss> investments		$11,503
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$80,257
DISBURSEMENTS		
Fundraising 50-50 Raffle		$4,268
Program Services:		
Medical Supplies	$1,441	
Insurance	$9,336	
Fuel	$651	
Equipment Repair	$8,706	
Vehicle Expense	$1,063	$21,197
General & Administration:		
Fees	$3,050	
Banquet	$2,070	
Commissions	$4,245	
Utilities, Property Taxes	$7,829	
Mortgage Interest/Principle	$18,702	
Building Maintenance/Supplies	$3,622	
Postage	$160	
Supplies	$1,205	
Dues & Conferences	$1,660	
Miscellaneous	$400	
Treas. & Secretary Compensation	$1,000	
Public Relations	$622	$44,565
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$70,030
Excess Cash Receipts over Disbursements		$10,227
Cash Balance October 1, 2016		$116,225
Cash Balance September 30, 2017		$126,452
As of September 30, 2017 cash consisted of the following:		
Cash-Checking	$19,171	
Morgan Stanley	$107,281	
Cash Balance, September 30, 2017	$126,452	

Civil Marriages

Civil Marriages registered in the Town of Wallingford for the year ending December 31, 2017

SPOUSE	RESIDENCE	SPOUSE	RESIDENCE	DATE
Cindy S. Keener	E. Wallingford	Vicki R. Leclaire	E. Wallingford	01/27/17
Casey M. Burnham	Wallingford	Evan L. Lohsen	Wallingford	02/04/17
Krissi L. Wessel	Pennsylvania	Edward Hackett III	Pennsylvania	05/20/17
Alexander E. Figueroa	New York	Rebecca A. Day	Wallingford	07/15/17
Stephanie A. Sapp	E. Wallingford	Gregory R. Downing	E. Wallingford	07/22/17
Cassidy B. Bromley	Wallingford	Chad E. Jones	Wallingford	08/04/17
Andrew M. Gray	New Hampshire	Jenny A. Davenport	Wallingford	09/17/17
Terrence P. Earle	Wallingford	Pornsiri Phodam	Thailand	09/30/17
Nicole R. Munson	S. Carolina	Bradford W. Bemis	S. Carolina	10/07/17

Births

Births registered in the Town of Wallingford for the year ending December 31, 2017

Child's Name	Sex	Date of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Lucas Earl Wade	M	01/19/17	Zachary Wade	Kristen Guyette
Hope Adeline Bromley	F	02/16/17	Cecil Bromley	Sarah Flint
Molly Paige Miner	F	03/20/17	Kevin Miner	Lyndsay Fristoe
John Michael Zamperini	M	03/26/17	John Zamperini	Kayla Pease
Emma Mae Allen	F	04/04/17	George Allen	Megan Jackson
Howard Clarence Stasny	M	04/12/17	John Stasny	Courtney Duckworth
Asher Quinn Orloske	M	05/05/17	Stephen Orloske	Rebecca Shulman
Brady Russell Park	M	05/05/17	Brett Park	Anissa Sharrow
Aria Marie Harper	F	05/27/17	Leland Harper	Kimberlie Senif
Suzanna John Mabey	F	05/28/17	Robert Mabey	Shannon MacDonald
Elliott Andrew Stahle	M	05/29/17	Robert Stahle	Michelle Chambers
Carter Allen Cormia	M	06/02/17	Tyler Cormia	Brandi Munger
Margaret Louise Rohrer	F	06/13/17	Christopher Rohrer	Kelley Holland
BobbieSue Ann Minter	F	07/19/17	Robert Minter	Amanda Thomson
Lorenzo Lester M. Moffitt	M	08/21/17	Robert Moffitt	Tamara Musto
Owen James Jones	M	11/17/17	Trevor Jones	Ashley Atwood

Deaths

Deaths registered in the Town of Wallingford for the year ending December 31, 2017

Name	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Residence
Patricia A. Philbin	F	59	01/13/17	Wallingford
David D. Perry	M	74	03/29/17	Wallingford
Nellie Nardi	F	100	05/05/17	Wallingford
Janet L. Poell	F	70	05/14/17	Wallingford
L. Elizabeth St. Onge	F	88	05/14/17	Wallingford
Harold S. Merck	M	90	06/23/17	Wallingford
Marie Westcott	F	95	07/01/17	Wallingford
Alan D. Davenport	M	59	08/07/17	Wallingford
Charles E. Wade	M	60	10/05/17	E. Wallingford
Winifred M. Stack	F	91	11/02/17	Wallingford
Sylvia J. Keyes	F	82	11/05/17	Wallingford
Audrey C. Congdon	F	85	11/11/17	E. Wallingford
Virginia L. Underwood	F	89	11/22/17	Wallingford
Clarice "Mickey" Best	F	83	11/22/17	Wallingford
James McKeon	M	65	11/26/17	Wallingford
Robert P. Bushey	M	84	12/05/17	Wallingford
George J. Schoeppler	M	53	12/09/17	Wallingford
John M. Chaffee	M	73	12/13/17	E. Wallingford
Mark M. Chaplin	M	51	12/13/17	Wallingford
Jessie L. Brown	F	87	12/31/17	Wallingford

Due to the recent passage of Act 46, new rules for Vital Records intend to bring Vermont in line with best practices to enhance the safety and security of vital records and provide greater protection against identity theft. Effective July 1, 2018, certified copies of birth and death certificates can only be issued to family members, legal guardians and certain court-related parties and legal representatives. Applicants must complete an application and show acceptable identification. Applicants who are not eligible to receive a certified certificate (e.g. people who are not family or who provide unacceptable identification) will be referred to the Vital Records Office.