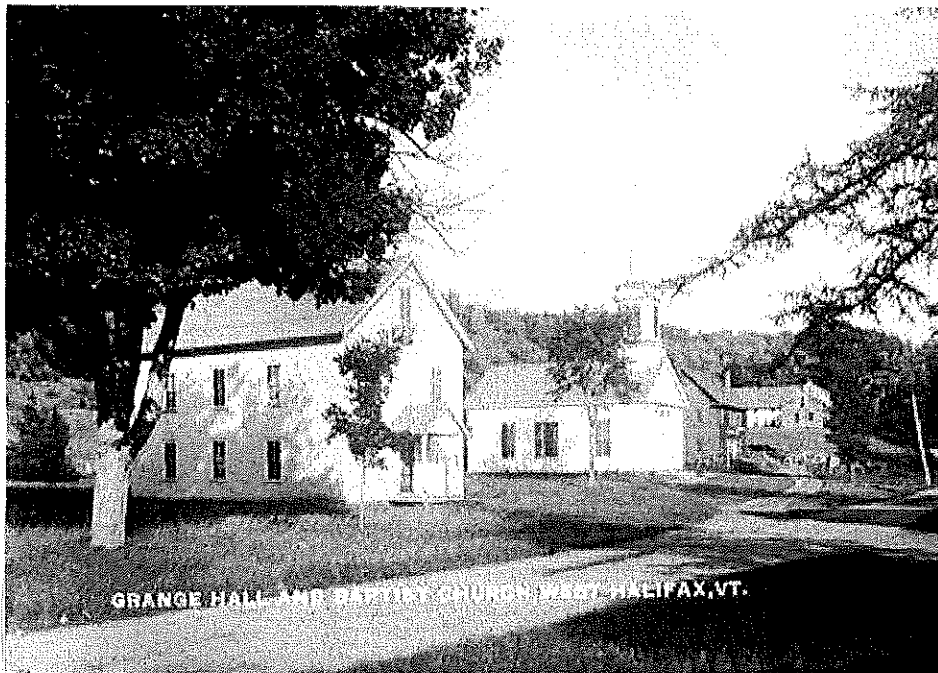


ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
(Please bring this report with you)

Informational Meeting and Meet the Candidates
Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Halifax Multipurpose Room

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
MEETING DATES AND TIMES
www.halifaxvermont.com

Town Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Friday
Saturday

8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Meeting Schedules (unless otherwise posted)

Board of Selectmen

1st & 3rd Tuesday, monthly
At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.

School Directors

1st Wednesday, monthly
At School Library, 6:00 P.M.

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday, monthly
At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.

Zoning Commission

Meets as necessary

Halifax Community Club

2nd Monday, monthly
At Copeland's Home, 6:45 P.M.
(Hanson Road)

Telephone Numbers

Town Clerk's Office

368-7390 Patricia Dow

Town Clerk email:

halifax@myfairpoint.net

Selectboard Administrative Assistant

368-2590 Robbin Gabriel

Admin Assistant email:

halifaxsecretary@gmail.com

Lister's Office (open Wednesdays 9-3:00)

368-2080

Listers email:

halifaxlisters@myfairpoint.net

Highway Garage

368-2803

Halifax Elementary School

368-2888

Zoning Administrator

368-2792 William Moore

Health/Sewage Officer

451-9363 Susan Kelly, DVM

Road Commissioner

368-2803 Bradley Rafus

Treasurer/Tax Collector

368-7390 Patricia Dow

Non-Emergency Contact Information

First Constable

380-1986 Cell (Andrew Rice)

Constable email:

halifaxconstable@gmail.com

Second Constable

368-2948 Home (Roy Richardson)

State Police

254-2382

Fire Department

368-7673

Emergency Numbers

Fire Rescue Ambulance Halifax EMS 911

Warning Annual Town Meeting March 6, 2018

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in the Town are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Halifax Elementary School in West Halifax, Vermont on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at ten (10:00 A.M.) o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect by Australian Ballot all Town Officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting and to fill all vacancies. The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to vote for the following Town Officers:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Term</u>
Town Moderator	One year
Selectman	Three years
Lister	Three years
Auditor	Three years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	One year
Town Grand Juror	One year
Town Agent	One year
Trustee of Public Funds	Three years
Cemetery Commissioner	Three years
Library Trustee	Three years

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote by Australian ballot to expand the size of the Selectboard from three to five members, with the two new members to each have a term of two years.

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes for the Town and the Southern Valley Unified Union School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2018 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2018 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will apply any budget surplus from the current fiscal year (FY18) to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year (FY19).

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,369,392 of which \$1,179,892 shall be raised by taxes and \$189,500 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY19.

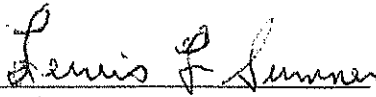
ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to set the Treasurer's budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$15,000 plus \$4,000 for expenses for FY19.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of:

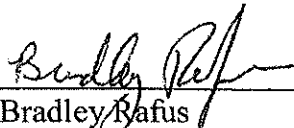
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\$ 500	The Gathering Place Adult Day Program
\$ 1,900	Visiting Nurse Assn. & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire, Inc.
\$ 4,000	Whitingham Free Public Library
\$ 4,000	Halifax Fire Department (First Responders)
\$ 2,500	Wings Community Programs
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
\$ 2,000	Halifax Community Club
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 27th day of January A.D. 2018.


Lewis Sumner


Mitchell Green


Bradley Rafus

Board of Selectmen
Town of Halifax, Vermont

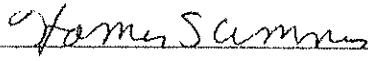
**SCHOOL WARNING
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, HALIFAX, VERMONT**


The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in the Town School District in said Town of Halifax, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot between the hours of 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls will close) on Article I.

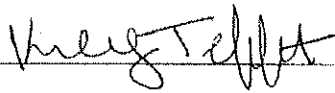
ARTICLE I

To elect a School Director for three (3) years, by Australian Ballot.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 27th day of January 2018.







School Directors

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT
 OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT
 MARCH 6, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of that person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name on the blank line in the appropriate block.

For <u>Town Moderator</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE PAUL BLAIS <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>	For <u>Town Agent</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE TINA BLAIS <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>
For <u>Selectmen</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE MITCHELL GREEN <input type="checkbox"/> GREG MARGUET <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>	For <u>Trustees of Public Funds</u> , for 3 years for not more than ONE WILLIAM MOORE <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>
For <u>Lister</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE PATRICIA DOW <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>	For <u>Cemetery Commissioner</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE BRADLEY RAFUS <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>
For <u>Auditor</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE DIANE LONGE <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>	For <u>Whitingham Library Trustee</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE CATHERINE BELL <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>
For <u>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE LAURA SUMNER <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>	For <u>School Director</u> , for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE KIMBERLY TEFFT <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>
For <u>Town Grand Juror</u> , for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE JOSEPH F. TAMBURRINO <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>	For <u>School Director</u> , for 3 years, for the Southern Valley Unified Union School District Vote for not more than ONE STEPHANIE POWERS <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/>

SAMPLE

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTION
TOWN OF HALIFAX
HALIFAX, VERMONT
MARCH 6, 2018

To see if the voters of Halifax will expand the size of the Selectboard from three (3) to five (5) members, with the two new members to each have a term of two-years?

If in favor of increasing the size
Of the Halifax Selectboard, make a
cross (X) in this square: (YES)



If opposed to increasing the size
Of the Halifax Selectboard, make a
Cross (X) in this square: (NO)



Selectboard Proposed Budget FY19 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY17	Spent FY17	Budget FY18	Proposal FY19
6100 Total	Wages**	\$ 76,900	\$ 68,554	\$ 79,400	\$ 83,400
6200 Total	Employee Benefits	\$ 2,280	\$ 1,449	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,406
9700 Subtotal Town	Payroll Exp--Soc. Sec.- Town	\$ 5,883	\$ 27,867	\$ 9,455	\$ 26,259
6250 Total	Town Office Expenses	\$ 17,090	\$ 16,841	\$ 29,500	\$ 30,600
6270 Total	Town Expenses	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,107	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
6300 Total	Professional Services	\$ 12,750	\$ 9,516	\$ 12,750	\$ 12,750
6400 Total	Town Meeting Expense	\$ 4,100	\$ 3,287	\$ 2,250	\$ 3,650
6450 Total	Bridges**	\$ 120,000	\$ 88,500	\$ 80,000	\$ 60,000
6570 Total	Cemeteries	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,028	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
6600 Total	Halifax Fire Company & Ambulance	\$ 31,118	\$ 25,828	\$ 30,783	\$ 37,702
6700 Total	Environmental Expenses	\$ 8,900	\$ 21,259	\$ 14,000	\$ 26,335
6750 Total	Taxes and Interest	\$ 8,530	\$ 9,159	\$ 9,159	\$ 8,200
6800 Total	Town Share of School Exp.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 15,000
6850 Total	Insurance	\$ 41,376	\$ 43,529	\$ 43,480	\$ 40,188
6900 Total	Bank Charges and Fees	\$ -	\$ 26	\$ -	\$ -
6000 Total	Selectboard Account	\$ 386,087	\$ 370,951	\$ 370,427	\$ 353,791
9300 Total	Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Supplementary Road Assistance				
Total 7475	(Audits; Town's share)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Municipal Subtotal	\$ 386,087	\$ 370,951	\$ 370,427	\$ 353,791
	Paid by Eames Fund	\$ 3,000		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
	Fees & Interest Earned	\$ 28,000		\$ 28,000	\$ 18,000
	Other Funding (VY Grant)	\$ -		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
	Total Municipal	\$ 355,087	\$ 370,951	\$ 325,927	\$ 319,291
	Highway Dept. Total (from other pg)	\$ 860,977	\$ 786,243	\$ 860,977	\$ 860,601
	Total SB and Highway	\$ 1,216,064	\$ 1,157,194	\$ 1,186,904	\$ 1,179,892
	Incomes against expenses				
	Raise & Appropriate				

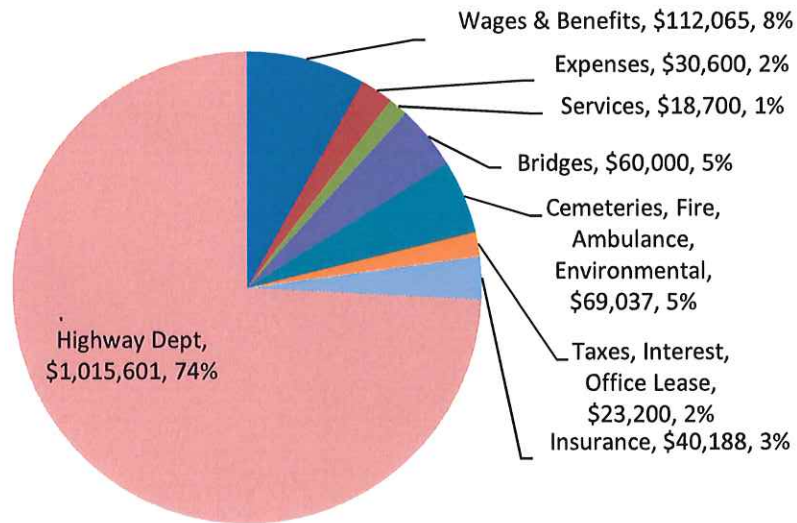
Highway Proposed Budget FY19 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

Acct #	Acct. Description	Budget FY17	Spent FY17	Budget FY18	Proposal FY19
7100 Total	Salaries and Wages	\$ 246,811	\$ 261,092	\$ 254,871	\$ 259,857
7200 Total	Employee Benefits & Costs	\$ 106,567	\$ 106,058	\$ 113,041	\$ 127,648
7300 Total	Garage Expenses	\$ 54,220	\$ 58,501	\$ 37,340	\$ 35,080
7410	Sand	\$ 32,000	\$ 43,115	\$ 32,000	\$ 40,000
7420	Salt	\$ 20,000	\$ 31,167	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,000
7430	Gravel	\$ 90,000	\$ 78,898	\$ 70,000	\$ 60,000
7431	Gravel & Stone (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7435		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7435	Stone	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
7440	Chloride	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,160	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
7450	Const. - Other (salt shed)	\$ 3,500	\$ 269	\$ 20,000	\$ -
7451	Guardrails (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7460	Resurfacing - Other	\$ 140,000	\$ 147,270	\$ 140,000	\$ 160,000
7461	Resurfacing (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7462	Cold Patch & Culverts	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,852	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
7463	Cold Patch & Culverts (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7470	Roadside Mowing	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7475	Supplementary Road Assistant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7480	Road Signs	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,964	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
7481	Road Signs (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7490	Safety Gear	\$ 500	\$ 68	\$ 500	\$ 500
7400 Total	Road Supplies & Applications	\$ 311,500	\$ 321,763	\$ 304,500	\$ 314,500
	Subtotal Equipment	\$ 500	\$ 1,221	\$ 14,500	\$ 3,500
	Equipment Lease Payments	\$ 117,082	\$ 34,232	\$ 105,988	\$ 134,988
7600 Total	Equipment & Equip. Op. Costs	\$ 260,998	\$ 182,443	\$ 264,824	\$ 267,517
6550 Total	Garage Bond * (See SlctBd)	\$ 17,000	\$ 12,648	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,000
	Highway Subtotal	\$1,015,977	\$ 942,505	\$ 1,004,135	\$1,015,601
Incomes	Scott Fund	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
Against	State Aid	\$ 141,000	\$ 141,262	\$ 141,000	\$ 141,000
Expenses	Other Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Raise and Appropriate Highway	\$ 860,977	\$ 786,243	\$ 849,135	\$ 860,601

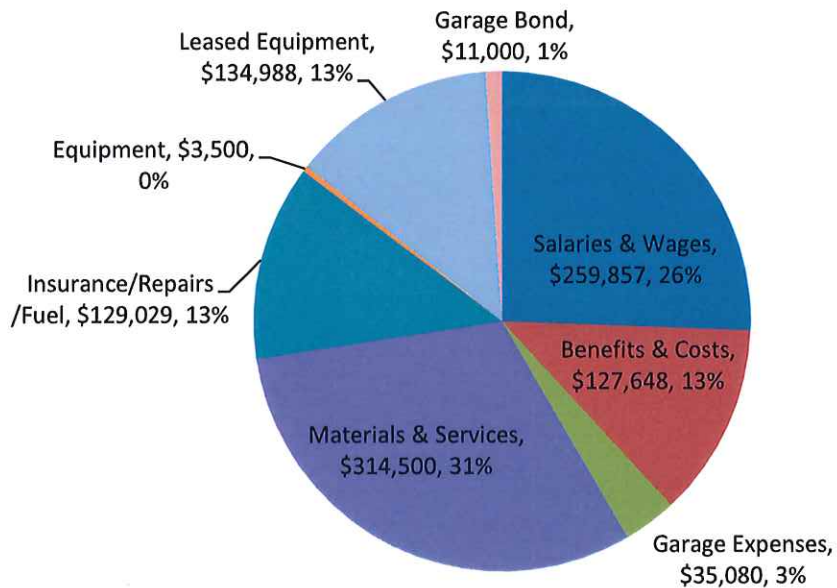
Town of Halifax Equipment Schedule 1/2018

Model Year	Equipment Description	Purchase Price	Purchase / Lease	Normal Life Span (Years)	Year of Replacement	Estimated Replacement Cost
2017	International Tandem Dump Truck #1	\$197,000	L	10	2027	\$250,000
2014	International Tandem Dump Truck #2	\$146,000	P	10	2024	\$250,000
2013	International Tandem Dump Truck #3	\$189,000	P	10	2023	\$250,000
2015	International TerraStar #4	\$110,000	L	7	2022	\$135,000
2014	Ford F550 Truck #5	\$79,000	L	7	2021	\$65,000
2015	GMC Pickup #6	\$33,000	L	7	2022	\$55,000
1994	Morbark Wood Chipper		Own	15	2016	\$30,000
2008	Caterpillar Excavator	\$151,000	L	15	2024	\$175,000
2009	John Deere Loader	\$106,000	L	15	2025	\$135,000
2012	Caterpillar AWD Grader	\$288,745	L	15	2027	\$350,000
1982	International Tractor	\$3,500	Own	20	N/A	\$80,000
Town of Halifax Equipment Lease and Reserve Plan 1/2018						
Lease	Description	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Lease	Caterpillar AWD Grader	\$34,250	\$34,250	\$34,250	\$34,250	\$34,250
Lease	Ford F550 Truck #5	\$17,850	\$17,850	\$17,850	\$17,850	
Lease	Int'l TerraStar #4 & GMC #6	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Lease	2017 Int'l WorkStar Tandem	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Total Lease Payments:		\$117,100	\$117,100	\$117,100	\$117,100	\$99,250

FY19 Town & Highway Proposal



FY19 Highway Expenses Breakdown



TOWN OF HALIFAX
TAX RATE
FISCAL YEAR 2018

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	\$1,293,209.00
+/- Tax Appeals/Abatements	
NET MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	<u>\$1,293,209.00</u>

MUNICIPAL BUDGET	
SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	\$1,175,062.00
TREASURER'S BUDGET	\$19,000.00
ARTICLE 10	\$7,000.00
ARTICLE 11	\$5,000.00
OTHER VOTED NON-PROFITS	<u>\$19,580.00</u>
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET	<u>\$1,225,642.00</u>

STATE HOLD HARMLESS PAYMENT (\$123,303.00)

TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET MINUS HOLD HARMLESS \$1,102,339.00

TAX on LOCAL AGREEMENTS (Town Voted Exemptions) \$6,922.56

TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED \$1,109,261.56

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE 0.8524

LOCAL AGREEMENTS TAX RATE 0.0054

TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE 0.8578


SCHOOL TAX - HOMESTEAD RATE 1.2701

SCHOOL TAX - NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE 1.4187

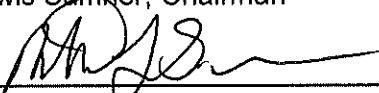
TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE 2.1279

TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE 2.2765

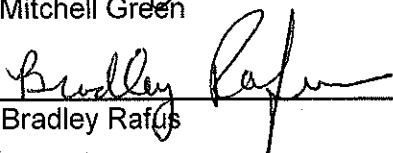
APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 18, 2017



Lewis Sumner, Chairman



Mitchell Green



Bradley Rafus

MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 7, 2017

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Town Meeting met at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 for the 240th Annual Meeting of the Town of Halifax.

Moderator Paul G. Blais called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. and announced that the polls would be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for voting by Australian Ballot for Town and Town School District Officers.

Moderator Blais called for a moment of silence in memory of those who had passed away.

The Board of Selectmen led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The town officers were introduced: Town Clerk - Patricia Dow and Patricia Pusey, former Moderator appointed Parliamentarian and Selectmen – Lewis Sumner, Chairman; Mitch Green and Bradley Rafus Robbin Gabriel as Selectboard Assistant. Moderator Blais stated that the meeting would be run by Roberts Rules of Order except where state law overrules and gave a brief explanation of parliamentary procedure.

A Brief recess was taken to allow Representative John Gannon to speak.

Moderator Blais read the Warning in its entirety.

ARTICLE 1: The following Town Officers were elected by Australian Ballot:

TOWN MODERATOR - one year.....	Paul G. Blais
SELECTMAN - three years.....	Lewis Sumner
TOWN CLERK – three years	Patricia Dow
TREASURER – three years	Patricia Dow
LISTER – three years.....	Tina Blais
AUDITOR – three years.....	Sarah Barnett
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES – one year.....	Laura Sumner
GRAND JUROR – one year.....	Joe Tamburrino
TOWN AGENT – one year.....	Tina Blais
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS – three years.....	Howard Smith
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – three years.....	Clifton Inman

ARTICLE 2: Voted to hear the reports of the Town Officers and to accept the Town Report as printed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to collect taxes for the Town and Town School District as follows: Taxes will be due on or before September 30, 2017 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2017 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to apply budget surplus from the current fiscal year (FY17) to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year (FY18).

ARTICLE 5: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,374,562 of which \$ 1,175,062 shall be raised by taxes and \$ 199,500 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY18.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to set the Treasurer’s budget for salary and collection of current taxes at \$ 15,000.00 plus

\$ 4,000.00 for expenses for FY18.

ARTICLE 7: Defeated the motion to eliminate the mailing of postcards advising voters when the yearly Town Report is available.

ARTICLE 8: Voted by paper ballot to change the voting method on articles involving changing the size of the Halifax Selectboard from a floor vote to Australian Ballot. Paper ballot results were yes 38, no 36 total votes 74.

ARTICLE 9: Voted to contract with a private vendor to provide recycling services to the Town.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to approve the sum of \$ 7,000 for recycling services to the Town.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to approve the sum of \$ 5,000 to support a summer celebration of community life.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to exempt the Trust for Wildlife from property taxation for the ensuing five years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. 3840.

ARTICLE 13: Voted to exempt the Halifax Volunteer Fire Company from property taxation for the ensuing five years pursuant to Title 32 V.S.A. 3840.

ARTICLE 14: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of:

\$ 200.00	Brattleboro Area Hospice
\$ 550.00	Senior Solutions (Council on Aging for Southern Vermont)
\$ 700.00	Woman's Freedom Center
\$ 190.00	RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Windham County
\$ 750.00	HCRS (Health Care and Rehabilitative Services)
\$ 200.00	Youth Services
\$ 50.00	Green-Up Vermont
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\$ 4,000.00	Whitingham Free Public Library
\$ 4,000.00	Halifax EMS
\$ 2,500.00	Wings Community Programs
\$ 500.00	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
\$ 2,000.00	Halifax Community Club
\$ 500.00	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

ARTICLE 14: Discussed the following non-binding business:

Frank Maltese asked if there are any plans for the Old Town Garage? Brad Rafus stated we plan to dismantle it this spring/summer.

Mary Brewster announced you may have noticed there are items in the entrance area to the town office that are there free for the taking. These items came from my non-profit called Healing Arts Institute. We sponsor 2 programs one which is Kids Space which works with special needs children and the other is a Stewardship Project which I have been doing this for 30 years.

Donations are given through memberships that we have with Home Depot, Pottery Barn and Williams Sonoma, we are incorporated in VT, MA, CT, FL, if you need something give us a wish list, contact me or the Listers' office. Home Depot gives us about \$ 5,000 worth of merchandise a month.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Attest: Patricia Dow /s/
Town Clerk

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Annual Town Meeting which is recorded in Volume 6 Pages 128-132.

MINUTES
TOWN OF HALIFAX
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Annual Town School District Meeting met at the West Halifax Elementary School multi-purpose room in West Halifax, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Paul G. Blais at 1:00 P.M. Moderator Blais introduced the School Directors - Homer K. Sumner, Paul Blais and Kimberly Tefft; School Principal – Sandie Pentak and the Superintendent; and Town Clerk - Patricia Dow.

ARTICLE I: The results of the election by Australian Ballot for school district officers were as follows:

Moderator - one year

Paul G. Blais

School Director - three years

Paul G. Blais

ARTICLE II: Voted to appropriate \$ 1,486,738 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2017.

ARTICLE III: Voted to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District or otherwise in anticipation of taxes

ARTICLE IV: To transact any other nonbinding business brought before the meeting.

Doug Parkhurst asked if it could be explained how a side by side district works?

Sumner explained that to form a side by side, one side has to be the same. A unified district called Southern Valley would be Halifax, Readsboro, Stamford are all K8 schools that would be one side and Whitingham/Wilmington being a K12 would be the other side. A Superintendent would be shared. We would still have school choice we would keep our small schools grant and keep our hold harmless. To come up with a per pupil cost of education you take the total budget deduct revenues and divide by number of equalized students. Last year we got \$ 398,314 this year will be \$ 295,993 dollars. \$103,000 lost on revenues this raised our per pupil cost by over \$1,000. To lose \$70,000 small schools grant looking at about another \$750 to \$800 per pupil spending.

Ray Combs asked if we are in the penalty phase? Sumner stated no, \$17,386 is the penalty phase and Halifax is at \$13,900.

Marilou Parkhurst stated we don't have any students in first grade, are we going to have a kindergarten next year? Sumner stated yes, we know of roughly 7 new Kindergarteners for next year and we have projections for Kindergarteners for the next 2 years. July 1 we started funding preschool and we get reimbursed. We had 10 participants this year.

Mary Brewster asked about the governor freezing budgets on education. Sumner stated the Governor put a proposal to freeze all school budgets. The school board budgets in the state are down 1.67%, tax rates are up 3.14%.

Halifax School District meeting was adjourned at 1:46 P.M.

Attest: Patricia Dow /s/
Town Clerk

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 7, 2017 annual Town School District Meeting which is recorded in Volume 6, Pages 133-134.

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/16 - 6/30/17

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

CASH BALANCES	July 1, 2016	June 30, 2017
1100 General Account	\$ (212,342.11)	\$ (125,391.41)
1110 Scott & Eames Fund - New Town Garage	\$ 10,744.87	\$ 16,097.10
1120 Equipment*	\$ (11,973.40)	\$ (8,599.13)
1125 Resurfacing Fund	\$ 29,151.07	\$ 16,697.83
1130 Record Restoration Fund - TC fees funded	\$ 10,057.95	\$ 10,278.20
1140 Niles	\$ 5,662.62	\$ 5,662.62
1160 Re Appraisal Project - outside funding	\$ 63,141.21	\$ 68,709.21
1170 Office Equipment Fund - TC fees funded	\$ 5,039.85	\$ 4,699.29
1180 Cemetery	\$ 7,938.98	\$ 10,297.66
1190 VT Emergency Mgmt - Reserved Funding	\$ 14,721.21	\$ (2,169.60)
1191 New Town Garage - Reserved Funding	\$ 7,806.14	\$ 7,806.14
1192 Bridge Fund - Reserved Funding	\$ 41,900.62	\$ 21,500.00
1196 Reserve Fund	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
TOTAL CASH BALANCES	\$ 31,849.01	\$ 85,587.91

SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

REVENUE

Selectboard & Highway Revenues

5100 Property Taxes (Town Share)	\$ 1,265,064.81	
5200 Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$ 7,242.00	
5600 Interest Income	\$ 11,768.63	
5400 Special Project Funding	\$ 18,000.00	
5700 Miscellaneous Income	\$ 741.81	
5800 Highway Department	\$ 145,214.86	\$ 1,448,032.11

Self Funded & Independent Accounts

5650 Cemetery	\$ 5,386.88	
5501 Self Funding Accounts	\$ 13,240.06	
5500 Public Safety	\$ 5,000.00	
5300 Annual Projects	\$ 6,123.00	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 29,749.94
		\$ 1,477,782.05

EXPENDITURES

6000 Selectboard Account	\$ (374,670.15)	
7000 Highway Account	\$ (1,023,491.84)	
9000 Town Meeting Articles	\$ (46,096.59)	
8000 Self Funding & Independent Accounts	\$ (39,527.38)	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (1,483,785.96)
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$ (6,003.91)

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/16 - 6/30/17

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<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<u>SELECTBOARD & HIGHWAY REVENUES</u>		
5100 PROPERTY TAXES		
5110 Property Taxes Collected - Total	\$ 2,485,355.22	
6951 Property Tax Overpayments	\$ (18,170.03)	
9900 School Taxes	\$ (1,167,534.00)	
9910 Vermont Education Property Tax	\$ (381,542.15)	
5120 Delinquent Tax Collected	\$ 172,441.63	
5130 Current Use Reimbursement	\$ 118,054.49	
5140 HS-122 State Tax Adjustment	\$ 55,804.65	
5180 Equalization Study	\$ 655.00	\$ 1,265,064.81
5200 LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		
5230 Town Clerk Fees	\$ 6,207.00	
5240 Dog Licenses	\$ 200.00	
5250 Driveway, Right of Way	\$ 120.00	
5280 Special License, Permit & Fees	\$ 715.00	\$ 7,242.00
5600 INTEREST INCOME		
5600 Interest Income - all accounts	\$ 847.26	
5122 Delinquent Tax Interest Collected	\$ 10,921.37	\$ 11,768.63
5400 SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING		
5430 Scott Fund	\$ 18,000.00	18,000.00
5700 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		
5740 Refunds and Rebates	\$ 129.31	
5710 Law Enforcement Fines	\$ 562.50	
5720 Bank Charge Recovery	\$ 50.00	\$ 741.81
5800 REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
5810 State Highway Aid	\$ 141,261.98	
5820 Material Sales and Service	\$ 891.48	
5830 Excess Weight Permits	\$ 100.00	
5850 Refunds and Rebates	\$ 2,961.40	\$ 145,214.86
TOTAL SELECTBOARD & HIGHWAY REVENUE		\$ 1,448,032.11
5650 CEMETERY INCOME		
5616 Cemetery Interest Income	\$ 386.88	
5650 Cemetery Appropriated Income	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,386.88
5500 SELF FUNDING		
5121 Delinquent Tax Penalty Collected	\$ 10,821.86	
5595 Delinquent tax sale expense recovery	\$ 108.20	
5210 Zoning & Appeals	\$ 2,310.00	\$ 13,240.06
5500 PUBLIC SAFETY		
5570 Annual Discretionary Funds	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
5300 ANNUAL PROJECTS		
5320 Reappraisal & Lister Ed Appropriated	\$ 6,123.00	\$ 6,123.00
TOTAL SELF FUNDED & INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTS		\$ 29,749.94
COMBINED REVENUES		\$ 1,477,782.05

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/16 - 6/30/17

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6000 SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT - Budgeted Items	EXPENSE	TOTALS
6100 SALARIES & WAGES - TOWN		
6110 Select Board Salary	\$ 5,400.00	
6112 Select Board Secretary	\$ 2,496.00	
6113 Selectboard Assistant	\$ 12,000.00	
6120 Town Clerk	\$ 24,000.00	
6121 Town Clerk Assistant	\$ 1,029.00	
6130 Lister - Regular	\$ 17,296.60	
6140 Planning/Zoning Secretary	\$ 1,332.00	
6160 Auditor	\$ 3,500.00	
6180 Assistant Treasurer	\$ 1,500.00	
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES - TOWN		\$ 68,553.60
6200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
6210 Workshops/Conferences/Training	\$ 489.15	
6240 Retirement Town Share - Town Clerk	\$ 960.00	
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ 1,449.15
9700 PAYROLL EXPENSES - TOWN	\$ 27,864.04	\$ 27,864.04
6250 TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES		
6251 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 517.93	
6252 Telephone	\$ 1,362.21	
6253 Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,376.99	
6254 Ads & Legal Notices	\$ 563.00	
6255 Office Supplies	\$ 2,365.29	
6256 Lister Supplies	\$ 2,828.60	
6259 Planning Board Expenses	\$ 244.97	
6265 Lease Agreements	\$ 888.35	
6260 Selectmen Expenses	\$ 4,584.13	
TOTAL TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES		\$ 17,731.47
6270 TOWN EXPENSES		
6271 Street Lights	\$ 1,807.30	
6276 Miscellaneous	\$ 856.30	
6274 WCHS stray dogs	\$ 300.00	
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES		\$ 2,963.60
6300 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
6320 Legal Services	\$ 2,636.25	
6330 Internet Services	\$ 1,253.63	
6340 VT Law Enforcement Services	\$ 5,627.28	
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$ 9,517.16
6400 TOWN MEETING EXPENSE		
6420 Ballot Clerks & Moderator	\$ 1,978.00	
6425 TM exp misc	\$ 252.41	
6440 special mts	\$ 51.00	
6430 Printing	\$ 779.24	
6435 Town Meeting Postage	\$ 225.95	
TOTAL TOWN MEETING EXPENSE		\$ 3,286.60
6453 BRIDGES		\$ 88,500.00
6570 CEMETERIES - Appropriated Funding		\$ 5,000.00
6600 FIRE COMPANY		
6610 Dispatching Fee	\$ 13,473.00	
6620 Special UL Fuel	\$ 786.90	
6650 Contracted Ambulance Service	\$ 11,568.54	
TOTAL FIRE COMPANY		\$ 25,828.44

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SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT CONT'	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
6700 ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSE		
6710 WSWMD	\$ 9,044.24	
6720 Landfill Closure	\$ 12,214.98	
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSE		\$ 21,259.22
6750 TAXES AND INTEREST		
6751 County Tax		\$ 9,159.00
6800 TOWN SHARE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES		\$ 50,000.00
6850 INSURANCE		
6851 Employment Practices Liability	\$ 3,569.00	
6852 Public Officials Liability	\$ 1,789.00	
6853 Workers Compensation	\$ 23,387.50	
6854 Property & Casualty	\$ 13,596.00	
6855 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 556.00	
6857 Property & Casualty - EMT	\$ 631.50	
TOTAL INSURANCE		\$ 43,529.00
6920 Bank Service Charges & fees & Reconciliation		\$ 28.87
TOTAL SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT		<u>\$ 374,670.15</u>

7000 HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - Budgeted Items	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
7100 SALARIES & WAGES		
7120 Road Commissioner Salary	\$ 5,200.00	
7110 Road Crew Regular Wages	\$ 220,685.54	
7110 Road Crew Overtime Wages	\$ 35,206.78	
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES		\$ 261,092.32
7200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
7210 Training & Education	\$ 132.90	
7220 Health Insurance	\$ 91,907.87	
7230 Life Insurance	\$ 773.16	
7260 Retirement - Town Share	\$ 10,232.65	
7270 Uniform - Town Contribution	\$ 2,884.05	
7280 Hiring Costs/Drug Testing	\$ 127.50	
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ 106,058.13
7300 GARAGE EXPENSES		
7310 Electric	\$ 2,622.20	
7320 Heating Fuel	\$ 3,780.00	
7330 Telephone	\$ 944.09	
7340 Building Repair & Maintenance	\$ 38,321.64	
7360 Office & Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,513.42	
7370 Trash Collection	\$ 1,768.60	
7380 Shop Supplies	\$ 9,550.73	
TOTAL GARAGE EXPENSES		\$ 58,500.68
6550 Garage Bond & Interest		\$ 12,647.77

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/16 - 6/30/17

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7400 ROAD SUPPLIES & APPLICATIONS	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
7410 Sand	\$ 43,115.20	
7420 Salt	\$ 31,166.61	
7430 Gravel	\$ 78,898.00	
7440 Chloride	\$ 7,160.10	
7450 Culverts & Cold Patch	\$ 11,852.18	
7460 Construction	\$ 268.96	
7461 Resurfacing	\$ 152,453.24	
7480 Road Signs	\$ 1,964.00	
7490 Safety Gear	\$ 68.18	
TOTAL ROAD SUPPLIES & APPLICATIONS		\$ 326,946.47
7600 EQUIPMENT EXPENSES		
7695 Interest on loan	\$ 6,607.69	
7640 Grader	\$ 34,231.56	
7610 Blower	\$ 5,300.00	
7690 Finance Charge	\$ 3.98	
7645 Shop Supplies & Tools	\$ 1,221.27	
7665 Equipment Line of Credit	\$ 63,892.00	
7670 VLCT Property & Casualty/Equipment	\$ 19,744.00	
7680 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 70,157.45	
7685 Diesel Fuel	\$ 57,088.52	
TOTAL EQUIPMENT EXPENSES		<u>\$ 258,246.47</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT		<u><u>\$ 1,023,491.84</u></u>

VOTED TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - Additions to budgeted items

AND INDEPENDENT FUNDED ACCOUNTS	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
6570 CEMETERY ACCOUNT		
6572 Equipment Rental	\$ 1,609.50	
6573 Wages	\$ 1,418.70	
TOTAL CEMTERY		\$ 3,028.20
9400 CONSTABLE (Salary & Expenses)		
9410 Salary	\$ 3,575.00	
9420 Expenses	\$ 412.80	
TOTAL CONSTABLE		\$ 3,987.80
9500 TREASURER (Salary & Expenses)		
9510 Salary	\$ 13,000.00	
9520 Expenses	\$ 2,278.83	
TOTAL TREASURER		\$ 15,278.83

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/16 - 6/30/17

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9600 SPECIAL FUNDS	EXPENSE	TOTALS
9611 RSVP of Windham County	\$ 190.00	
9612 Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$ 1,900.00	
9614 Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$ 200.00	
9615 Council on Aging for SEVT	\$ 550.00	
9617 Healthcare & Rehabilitation Services	\$ 750.00	
9618 Whitingham Free Library	\$ 4,000.00	
9619 Women's Freedom Center	\$ 700.00	
9623 Wings Community Program	\$ 2,500.00	
9627 Halifax Community Club	\$ 2,250.00	
9626 Youth Services	\$ 200.00	
9629 SEVCA SE VT Comm Act	\$ 790.00	
9630 The Gathering Place	\$ 500.00	
9624 Rescue Inc.	\$ 346.76	
9625 Halifax EMS	\$ 4,000.00	
9631 Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00	
9632 American Red Cross	\$ 250.00	
9634 Deerfield Valley Rescue	\$ 3,625.00	
9635 Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	\$ 500.00	
9636 Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS		<u>\$ 23,801.76</u>
TOTAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES		<u><u>\$ 46,096.59</u></u>

8000 SELF FUNDING	EXPENSES	TOTALS
8200 COMMISSIONS		
8210 Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 12,768.74	
8310 Delinquent Tax Collector Expense	\$ 747.83	
8220 Zoning Administrator	<u>\$ 2,370.00</u>	
		\$ 15,886.57
8100 PUBLIC SAFETY		
8110 Annual Discretionary Funds	\$ 2,350.55	
8120 Grants generator	\$ 17,530.26	
8160 Drills	\$ 260.00	
8140 VEM Annual Compensation	\$ 3,500.00	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		<u>\$ 23,640.81</u>
TOTAL SELF FUNDING & INDEPENDENT		<u><u>\$ 39,527.38</u></u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u><u>\$ 1,483,785.96</u></u>

Road Commissioner Report

6550	Garage Bond		
6551	Garage Bond Interest	\$2,648.00	
6552	Garage Bond Payment	\$10,000.00	
	Total	\$12,648.00	\$12,648.00
7000	Highway		
7100	Salaries & Wages		
7110	Road Crew Gross Wages	\$217,732.00	
7115	Road Crew Overtime Wages	\$35,207.00	
7120	Road Commissioner Salary	\$5,200.00	
7150	Road Crew Comp Time	\$2,954.00	
	Total	\$261,093.00	\$261,093.00
7200	Employee Benefits and Expenses		
7210	Training and Education	\$133.00	
7220	Health Insurance	\$91,908.00	
7230	Life Insurance	\$773.00	
7260	Retirement Town Share	\$10,233.00	
7270	Uniform Clothing Allowance Town Share	\$2,884.00	
7280	Hiring Cost/Drug Test	\$128.00	
	Total	\$106,059.00	\$106,059.00
7300	Garage Expenses		
7310	Electric	\$2,622.00	
7320	Heating Fuel	\$3,780.00	
7330	Telephone	\$944.00	
7340	Building Repair and Maintenance	\$38,322.00	
7360	Office and Cleaning Supplies	\$1,513.00	
7370	Trash Collection	\$1,769.00	
7380	Shop Supplies	\$9,551.00	
	Total	\$58,501.00	\$58,501.00
7400	Road Supplies and Applications		
7410	Sand	\$43,115.00	
7420	Salt	\$31,167.00	
7430	Gravel	\$78,898.00	
7440	Chloride	\$7,160.00	
7450	Construction	\$269.00	
7460	Resurfacing	\$147,270.00	
7462	Cold Patch and Culverts	\$11,852.00	
7480	Road Signs	\$1,964.00	
7490	Safety Gear	\$68.00	
	Total	\$321,763.00	\$321,763.00
7600	Equipment Expense Account		
7695	Interest on loan	\$6,608.00	
7690	Finance charge	\$4.00	

Road Commissioner Report

	7680	Repairs and Maintenance	\$70,157.00	
	7685	Diesel Fuel	\$57,089.00	
		VLCT Property and		
	7670	Casualty/Equipment	\$19,744.00	
	7640	Grader	\$34,232.00	
	7645	Shop Supplies and Tools	\$1,221.00	
	7665	Trucks Lease	\$71,756.00	
		Total	\$260,811.00	\$260,811.00
		Highway Subtotal		\$1,020,875.00
Income Against Expenses		Scott Fund	\$	
			15,000.00	
		State Aid	\$	
			141,262.00	
				\$
				156,262.00
			Total	\$864,613.00

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES
Report for FY2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)

	Parcel ID	Beginning Balance	Del. Taxes Collected	Ending Balance
TAX WARRANTS ISSUED BY TOWN TREASURER				
Tax Warrant for FY 2014 (07/01/13-06/30/14)		\$800.23	\$800.23	\$0.00
Tax Warrant for FY 2015 (07/01/14-06/30/15)		\$7,847.66	\$6,795.20	\$1,052.46
Tax Warrant for FY 2016 (07/01/15-06/30/16)		\$40,373.37	\$30,093.89	\$10,279.48
Tax Warrant for FY 2017 (07/01/16-06/30/17)		\$168,947.61	\$142,063.76	\$26,883.85
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES		\$217,968.87	\$179,753.08	\$38,215.79
Delinquent Taxes Collected				\$179,753.08
Tax Commission Collected				\$11,212.83
Interest Collected				\$11,372.50
Miscellaneous Costs Collected				\$1,156.41
TOTAL DEL. TAXES, COMMISSION, INTEREST & MISC. COSTS COLLECTED				\$203,494.82
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2017				\$38,215.79
DELINQUENT TAX LIST				
FY 2015 (07/01/14-06/30/15)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
SUB-TOTAL for FY 2015		1,052.46		
FY 2016 (07/01/15-06/30/16)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
Boyd, Jr., Kenneth W. & Boyd, Cassandra Ivanovsky	bro.0104			
Boyd III, Leonard and Derby, Jennifer	cln.1358			
Isles, Guy	grr.3112			
Wheeler, George E. and Marion S. et al	wht.0434			
SUB-TOTAL FOR FY2016		10,279.48		
FY2017 (07/01/16-06/30/17)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
Blaine, William	whl.0015			
Boyd, Jr. Kenneth W. & Cassandra Ivanovsky Boyd	bro.0104			
Boyd, Leonard III and Jennifer Derby	cln.1358			
Creagh, Diane; Anderson, Lynn; Dickinson III, Ralph	pen.1843			
Crosby III, Frederick A. and Melanie L.	brn.0195			
Dickinson III, Ralph	pen.1749			
Gutierrez, Dafne C.	whl.0180			
Hohl, Jr., Edward H. and Tracey Lynn Hohl	whl.0149			
Hohl, Jr., Edward H. and Jennifer E. Hohl	whl.0198			
Isles, Guy	grr.3122			
Loch, Brett and Samantha	thm.0526			
Rushworth, Roger and Christina	brn.0364			
Wheeler, George E. and Marion S. et al	wht.0434			
Wood, Brian R; Christopher P. Wood; Douglas E. Wood	whl.0070			
SUB-TOTAL FOR FY2017		26,883.85		
GRAND TOTAL FOR FY15, FY16, and FY17		38,215.79		
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF JAN. 10, 2018		20,721.02		

Cael Scholarship Fund and School Awards Funds

Cael Fund

The Cael Fund, established in 1968 by Donald D. Cael provides scholarships to Halifax residents pursuing post-secondary education. The interest from the Fund is awarded to eligible students by the Scholarship Committee, comprised of members of the School Board and the Board of Selectmen of Halifax. Awards are based on the criteria established by Donald C. Cael in his Last Will and Testament.

Funds are held in certificates of deposit at TD Bank and Brattleboro Savings and Loan. Interest from these CD's is accumulated in money market accounts at both banks and in a core checking account at TD Bank.

During the 2016-2017 year, one CD at TD Bank matured and was moved to Brattleboro Savings and Loan. A new CD was also established from accumulated interest in the TD money market at Brattleboro Savings to provide increased interest income. In the 2017-2018 year, the two remaining CD's at TD Bank will mature (May and June) and be moved to Brattleboro Saving along with the TD Bank money market account and core checking.

School Funds

School Funds are donations from Halifax residents which provide monetary awards for excellence in various areas by Halifax Elementary Students. They are given out at the end of the school year. These funds are held in the CD accounts as well the TD Bank core checking account. In September, 2016, William Ashcroft donated moneys to create a new school award for academic progress. Currently, the School Fund is responsible for five awards: Mary P. Butterfield for Citizenship; Hank Wonsey for Outstanding Poet; Elizabeth Stott for Willingness; Sam Maltese for Writing; and William Ashcroft for Academic Progress.

Steven M. Cohen, Town of Halifax Public Trustee

Cael Fund (& School Funds)

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

<u>Cael Fund</u>		<u>School Accounts</u>	
July 1, 2016		<u>Mary P. Butterfield (Citizenship \$10.00)</u>	
TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$30500.00	TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$200.00
TD Bank CD # 92465475	\$24300.00	TD Bank Core Checking	\$29.76
TD Bank CD # 5730760768	\$27000.00	July 1, 2016	\$232.26
TD Bank Core Checking	\$379.72	Interest	\$2.51
TD Bank Money Market	\$13539.98	June 30, 2017	\$234.77 - \$10 = \$224.77
Subtotal	\$95719.70	<u>Hank Wonsey (Outstanding Poet \$10.00)</u>	
Interest Earned	\$863.71	TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$200.00
Service Charge	-\$12.00	TD Bank Core Checking	\$31.54
Subtotal	\$96571.41	July 1, 2016	\$234.04
Checks Cashed	\$1075.00	Interest	\$2.51
Total	\$95496.41	June 30, 2017	\$236.55 - \$10 = \$226.55
June 30, 2017		<u>Elizabeth Stott (Willingness Award \$5.00)</u>	
TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$30500.00	TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$100.00
TD Bank CD 3 92465475	\$24300.00	TD Bank Core Checking	\$21.82
TD Bank Core Checking*	\$804.72	July 1, 2016	\$123.07
TD Bank Money Market	\$2391.69	Interest	\$1.25
Brattleboro Savings CD #900019972 \$27000.00		June 30, 2017	\$124.33 - \$5 = \$119.33
Brattleboro Savings CD #900019980 \$10000.00		<u>Sam Maltese (Writing Award \$10.00)</u>	
Brattleboro Savings Money Market \$1000.00		TD Bank CD # 9246555475	\$300.00
Total*	\$95996.41	TD Bank Core Checking	\$-5.65
* Ashcroft Donation (\$500.00) 9/15/2016 for		July 1, 2016	\$298.10
School Award (\$50 for 10 years) to start 06/2017		Interest	\$3.73
		June 30, 2017	\$301.83
		<u>William Ashcroft (Academic Progress Award \$50.00)</u>	
		September 15, 2016 TD Checking	\$500.00
		June 30, 2017	\$500.00 - \$50 = \$450.00

10:41 AM
07/15/17
Accrual Basis

Town of Halifax Cemetery Fund
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2017

	<u>Jun 30, 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · TD Bank North	10,643.80
10001 · TD Bank Savings	5,641.56
Total Checking/Savings	<u>16,285.36</u>
Other Current Assets	
18700 · Stock Investment	4,080.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>4,080.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>20,365.36</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>20,365.36</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	14,634.50
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	5,294.17
Net Income	436.69
Total Equity	<u>20,365.36</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>20,365.36</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

Eames Fund
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2017

	<u>Jun 30, 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Brattleboro S&L - Savings	992.47
Brattleboro S&L CD	69,500.06
BS&L 5yr StepUp CD	58,737.23
Total Checking/Savings	<u>129,229.76</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>129,229.76</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>129,229.76</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	126,211.44
Unrestricted Net Assets	4,592.35
Net Income	-1,574.03
Total Equity	<u>129,229.76</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>129,229.76</u></u>

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Appointments Made By Town Clerk

Assistant Town Clerk	Laura Sumner
Assistant Town Clerk	William Moore
Assistant Town Clerk	Tina Blais
Deputy Registers	Mark Shea, James Curley, Tom Robinson, Lewis Sumner

Vital Records Filed

Marriages	0
Deaths	6
Births	4

Land Records Recorded

Act 250 Disclosure	1
Cemetery Deed	2
Certificate of Highway Mileage	2
Certificate of Name Change	1
Certificate of Sale of Seized Property	1
Certificate of Trust	1
Complaint	1
Confirmation Order	1
Current Use Value	10
Death Certificates Recorded	1
Decree of Distribution	1
Deed into Trust	1
Deficiency Judgment	1
Discharge of Lien	2
Dismissal Order	1
Drilled Well	2
Easements	14
Engineer Designer/Installer Certificate	4
Foreclosure Complaints	1
Judgment Order	3
Land Use Permit	1
Land Use Withdrawal	2
Leach Field Easement	1
Mortgage Assignments	7
Mortgage Assignment Correction	1
Mortgage Deeds	29
Mortgage Discharge	25
Permit for Driveway	4
Permit for New Parcel	1
Permit for Renewal	4
Permit for Zoning	26
Power of Attorney	8
Property Transfer Tax Return	36
Quit Claim Deed	10
Release of Lien-Land Use	3
Release of Tax Lien	6
Resolution	1
Sellers Affidavit	1
Subordination Agreement	2

Town Clerk Report Cont'

Supplemental Indenture	1
Survey Maps Recorded	3
Tax Collectors Deed	1
Trustees Certificate	1
UCC Financing Statement	1
Warranty Deed	21
Wastewater & Potable Permit	4
Water Supply Replacement	1

Total Documents Recorded: 252 Total Pages Recorded: 721

Town Clerk Fees Turned Over to Town Treasurer

Recording Fees	\$ 5,015.00
Examination of Records & Copies	\$ 1,199.56
Notices for Posting of Land	\$ 85.00
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	\$ 109.00
Map Sales	\$ 60.00
Marriage Licenses	\$.00
Burial Transit Permits	\$ 10.00
Town Plan/Zoning Books	\$ 10.00
Dog Licenses (Town Clerk Fees)	\$ 360.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	<u>\$ 360.00</u>
TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES	\$ 7208.56

Dog License Fees	101 Dogs @ \$ 9.00	\$ 909.00
(tracked on an annual basis)	32 Dogs @ \$ 11.00	\$ 352.00
	36 Dogs @ \$ 13.00	\$ 468.00
	6 Dogs @ \$ 17.00	\$ 102.00

Total Dogs Licensed 175 Dogs Total Fees Collected \$ 1,831.00

Accounting of All Dog License Fees Collected 2017

State Rabies Fund	175 Dogs @ \$ 1.00 per dog	\$ 175.00
State Neutering & Spaying Fund	175 Dogs @ \$ 4.00 per dog	\$ 700.00
Town Clerk Fees	350 Dogs @ \$ 2.00 per dog	\$ 350.00
Balance Remitted to Town Treasurer		<u>\$ 606.00</u>
Total Dog License Account		\$1,831.00

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT
For the Fiscal Year 2018

TOWN OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
TOWN MODERATOR (1 yr)	Paul G. Blais	2018
TOWN CLERK (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2020
TOWN TREASURER (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2020
SELECTMEN (3 yrs)	Brad Rafus	2019
	Lewis Sumner, Chair	2020
	Mitchell Green	2018
LISTERS (3 yrs)	Tina Blais	2020
	Mary L. Brewster	2019
	Kattie Russ	2018
AUDITORS (3 yrs)	April Sumner Dupuis	2019
	Diane Longe	2018
	Sarah Barnett	2020
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES (1yr)	Laura Sumner	2018
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 yrs)	Steven M. Cohen	2019
	Howard Smith	2020
	William J. Moore	2018
TOWN AGENT (1 yr)	Tina L. Blais	2018
TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 yr)	Joe Tamburrino	2018
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3 yrs)	Clifton Inman	2020
	Kimberly Tine	2018
	Jeff DeForest	2019
SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR (1 yr)	Paul G. Blais	2018
SCHOOL DIRECTORS (3 yrs)	Homer Sumner	2019
	Paul G. Blais	2020
	Kimberly Tefft	2018
TRUSTEE TO THE WHITINGHAM LIBRARY	Catherine Bell	2018
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2 yrs)	Joan Wonsey-Courser	2019
	Patricia Pusey	2019
	Kaitlin Stone	2019
	Craig J. Stone	2019
	Malcolm K. Sumner	2019

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

For the Fiscal Year 2018

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CHAIRMAN (1 yr) Lewis Sumner
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, VICE CHAIRMAN (1 yr) Mitchell Green
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SECRETARY/ADMIN. ASSISTANT (1 yr) Robbin Gabriel

HALIFAX PLANNING COMMISSION (3 yrs) E. Turner Lewis – Term Expires 2019
Alice Aldrich - Term Expires 2020
Patricia Dow – Term Expires 2018
William Pusey - Term Expires 2018
Kaitlin Stone – Term Expires 2019

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 yrs) Alice Aldrich - Term Expires 2020
E. Turner Lewis – Term Expires 2019
Patricia Dow – Term Expires 2018
William Pusey - Term Expires 2018
Kaitlin Stone – Term Expires 2019

ROAD COMMISSIONER (1 yr) Brad Rafus
TREE WARDEN (1 yr) Ross Barnett
POUND KEEPER (1 yr) Andrew Rice
REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL ON AGING (1 yr) Patricia Holtz
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS (1 yr) Stephan Chait
Everett Wilson

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs) William Moore - Term Expires 2020
ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs) Rick Mirucki - Term Expires 2019
WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPS (1 yr) Lewis Sumner and Cara Cheyette
LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (1 yr) Allan Dacey and Andrew Rice
ADA COORDINATOR (1 yr) unappointed
E-911 COORDINATOR (1 yr) Wayne Courser
RECYCLING COORDINATOR (1 yr) Lewis Sumner
GREEN-UP VERMONT, INC. (1 yr) unappointed
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (1 yr) Ross Barnett
TOWN HEALTH OFFICER (3 yr) Susan M. Kelly, D.V.M. Expires 2020
CITATION TICKET RESPONSIBILITY (1 yr) Andrew Rice

ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICER (1 yr) Andrew Rice
FIRST CONSTABLE (1 yr) Roy Richardson
SECOND CONSTABLE (1 yr) Roy Richardson
FIRE WARDEN Malcolm Sumner – Term Expires 2020
NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD *Brattleboro Reformer*
Deerfield Valley News
The Commons

SELECTMEN’S MEETING DATES Bi-Monthly on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
7:00 P.M. at Town Office

Persons interested in any appointed position, please give your name to the Select Board, Select Board Assistant or the Town Clerk. Nominations and appointments are awarded during the first and second Select Board meetings in March after Town Meeting.

Town of Halifax – Auditors Annual Report

We reviewed the records of Town Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Delinquent Tax Collector and other municipal offices provided for the period ending June 30, 2016. We closely looked at the bank accounts and analyzed activity for the trust funds and delinquent tax collections. Records appeared to be very clean with clear audit trails.

We conducted the annual Town audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 in accordance with the statutory requirements identified at 24 V.S.A. § § 1681, 1682(a). This statutory requires that the elected auditors view the accounts of local officials and report the findings directly to the taxpayers for review through the annual Town Report. Auditors may make notes to bring irregularities to light, but may not change the actual reports provided by the municipal officials.

Through our review and testing of the financial documents requested of the Treasurer, Select board and other municipal officials we were able to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial records presented within this annual report are free from material misstatement. Do note that records are kept on a cash basis rather than the accrual basis, therefore income is recorded when the cash or check is received and the expenses are not counted until they are actually paid.

We were not able to attend any training this year.

We have done our best to review the records provided by municipal officials. We would like to remind you that all financial records are available upon request from Town Officials if additional questions remain.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Barnett (Chair)

April Sumner Dupuis

Diane Longe

Town of Halifax Selectboard Report For FY 2017

In FY17 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017), the Selectboard held 35 meetings. They approved the Halifax Hazard Mitigation Plan, updated and approved the Town's Drug and Alcohol policy, and signed a net metering agreement with Sky Solar/Encore to take advantage of the savings which will result from the solar project at the Windham Solid Waste Management District's landfill site.

After voters approved funds to pay for recycling services to the Town, the Selectboard contracted with TAM, Inc. to collect recyclables, utilizing boxes provided by WSWMD. The award of a \$15,000 VY/DEMHS grant made it possible to replace the aging generator at the Town Garage with a new, larger unit. A special election on zoning repeal in August 2016 resulted in a vote to retain the Town's zoning regulations.

State-mandated testing has been performed at the Halifax landfill since its closing over twenty years ago, and in FY17 the Town received preliminary documentation of permission to end sampling. However, a new test showed evidence of PFCs, necessitating additional monitoring for that chemical.

The Selectboard also authorized two surveying projects; one survey clarified a portion of Town property boundary line, and the other laid out the boundaries of a piece of land gifted to the Town by Irene Wineburg. This parcel will increase the size of the West Halifax Cemetery.

The Selectboard encourages citizens to attend meetings and stay informed about happenings in the town. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Halifax Town Offices. Special meetings, as needed, are warned on the town web site (halifaxvermont.com), the town's bulletin boards, and in the Brattleboro Reformer. If you are interested in any of the town's appointed positions, listed in this Town Report, please submit a letter to the Selectboard or email the secretary at halifaxsecretary@gmail.com. Appointments are made during the first two meetings following Town Meeting.

Lewis Sumner, Chair

Mitchell Green, Vice Chair

Bradley Rafus

50 Total calls

Friends and neighbors,

Another year has come and gone. A wet year that helped keep brush fires to a minimum.

We bought six sets of new gear; coats, pants and boots. We also got five hundred feet of four inch hose.

I wish to thank the people that donated to our fund so we could buy this equipment. I also wish to thank our firefighter for their help.

Many thanks,

Wayne Courser, Chief

Structure Fire	1	Hazardous Conditions	4
Chimney Fire	3	Mutual Aid Given	20
Investigation Fire	1	Mutual Aid Received	2
Auto Alarm	3		
MVA & Rescue	16		

Halifax Listers' Report

In 2017 there were very few grievances and all were satisfactorily resolved, with no Board of Civil Authority appeals. We continue to follow up zoning permits with site visits and respond to requests for re-evaluations. It is always our goal to maintain timely and accurate property records, participate in continuing education, and respond to the needs of our community. This year our team was joined by Tina Blais and we say a fond farewell to Robbin Gabriel, who remains a great source of guidance and information.

It is always our intent to be open, consistent and fair during the assessment process. The Listers invite all property owners to call upon them to address any questions they might have. Our office hours are Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm; our phone number is 802-368-2080; email: halifaxlisters@myfairpoint.net. We are always willing to accommodate alternative appointment times to meet the needs of the community.

Mary L. Brewster

Tina Blais

Kattie Russ

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment Report

The Halifax Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment welcomed one new member this year. Alice Aldrich was appointed to the Planning Commission and the ZBA by the Selectboard on April 4th, 2017, after Chairwoman Sirean LaFlamme retired at the end of her recent term in March. After reorganization, Turner Lewis agreed to serve as Chairman, with Bill Pusey as Vice Chair. Other members of the Commission and ZBA are Kaitlin Stone and Patty Dow.

During FY17 the Planning Commission approved two subdivision requests, reviewed and approved updated versions of the Town's permit forms, and heard commentary from citizens on the Town's zoning regulations. The Zoning Board met just once, in February, to assist in resolving some building permit questions.

Regular Planning Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Offices. Agendas and minutes are available on the Town website, halifaxvermont.com, and citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their comments and ideas.

Turner Lewis, Chair
ZBA and Planning Commission

Road Commissioners Report

Another year has come and gone .the large Branch Road project was completed this year, changing culverts, removing trees for ditch work and bank sloping.1.5 miles of road was reclaimed and repaved. Total cost was \$245,000.00. We received a Class 2 road grant of \$175,000.00 for this project. A new bridge deck was installed on the Deerpark Bridge making it wider than the previous deck with upgraded guard rails .Total cost of this project was, \$56,000.00 .We received a structure grant for this project of \$45,000.00 .The Town crushed gravel in our own gravel bank with a total cost of 4.97 a yard, eliminating the trucking cost saving the Town approximately \$15.00 dollars a yard.

Thank You for the opportunity to serve this Community

Brad Rafus

Road Commissioner

New Hampshire and Vermont Region

The American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is on call to help our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. A local Red Cross volunteer is often the first "neighbor on the scene" after a disaster strikes – offering a hot cup of coffee, a warm blanket, and a glimmer of hope to those in need. Supported primarily by volunteers, the Red Cross provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood, and other disasters as well as instruction in health, safety, and aquatics courses. Whether we are helping one family recover from a devastating home fire, providing emergency shelter and supplies to hundreds of families after a major disaster, or food and water for first responders, we have historically been a vital part of the local community.

It was our privilege to continue to serve the residents of Halifax and surrounding communities in 2017. In the past fiscal year, we have:

- Responded to 254 disaster incidents in our region, providing essential support to 1,139 individuals. We responded to 1 incident and served 4 individuals in Halifax.
- Collected 92,469 pints of blood and blood products at over 3,200 drives. 40 of these drives were in Windham county, where we collected 1,438 pints of life-saving blood.
- Empowered 1,100 trained volunteers to assist their neighbors during times of need.
- Trained 29,482 people in our various health and safety courses, including 63 courses in Windham County where 318 people were taught lifesaving skills, including First Aid and CPR.
- Installed more than 2,200 free smoke detectors in homes and worked with families to create fire-evacuation plans. 435 of these smoke detectors were installed for your friends and neighbors throughout Southern Vermont.
- Connected 628 military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department, including 10 Windham County residents who are currently serving.
- Proudly maintained an efficiency rating of 91%, meaning .91 cents of every dollar goes directly to support the programs and services provided by the American Red Cross.

Since the Red Cross is not a government agency, we rely on individuals, businesses and local communities to support our efforts in helping to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. Toward that end, we are asking each community for a donation to support our work. We would greatly appreciate your support in the amount of \$250.00 for the next year. Your partnership will help ensure that the American Red Cross has the resources to support communities throughout Vermont and New Hampshire when they need it most.

If you or someone you know experiences a fire, flood or other disaster and needs assistance, please call (802) 660-9130 option 1, anytime 24/7.

Sincerely,

Rachel Zelle
Development Specialist



Brattleboro Area Hospice

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Brattleboro Area Hospice provides non-medical, volunteer-staffed programs for dying and grieving community members. We develop, train, place and support volunteers. We provide education and outreach to increase our community's understanding of and ability to cope with the issues of death and dying.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is dedicated to the belief that each of us can offer companionship and support to those around us who are dying or grieving. Our volunteers provide wide-ranging support to clients and their families regardless of whether a patient resides at home, is in a hospital, a long-term care facility or some other location. Hospice volunteers organize and participate in round-the-clock vigils when end of life is close and family can't be present. We offer bereavement support groups creating a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support and gaining insight into the grieving process. We publish a bereavement newsletter SEASONS, offer one-on-one grief counseling, and conduct an Annual Service of Remembrance at our Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park.

Two years ago, we began an Advance Care Planning initiative, Taking Steps Brattleboro, with the goal to achieve a significant increase in the numbers of people who have completed the Advance Care planning process. Brattleboro Area Hospice offers trained volunteers to help people through the process of developing advance care plans and registering advance directives.

One hundred percent of our funding is local—we receive no money from state, federal or insurance sources. All of our services are offered free of charge. We are grateful to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors, and grateful for the community's support which makes our work possible. Your financial support helps to make this possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 10 Halifax residents. One Halifax resident serves as a volunteer currently. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at www.brattleborohospice.org

Deerfield Valley Community Partnership

The Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) is in its 23rd year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. The past year has been spent offering programming and activities for parents and youth, as well as implementing drug and alcohol awareness and activities in the schools and community.

Community

- **Parent Education*: Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, presentations
- **Policy work*: Smoke free parks & business entrances, legislative advocacy (conversations with state legislators about substance use and health issues), alcohol use/control in public places
- **Social Norms Campaigns*: ParentUP Campaign (parent education & tips), Lock Your Meds—prescription drug misuse prevention campaign
- **Trainings*: Department of Liquor Control Responsible Beverage Service annual training for local retailers to prevent sales of alcohol and tobacco to minors, false ID trainings for local alcohol servers and retailers
- **Community Events*: Parents Night Out, Blueberry Festival Family Fun Frenzy Event, Choose sNOw events (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes)
- **Sticker Shock*- Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol minors

School

- **School Policy Work*: School alcohol, tobacco and other drug policy, wellness policy
- **Youth Empowerment Programming*: High school community service group (Wildcat Club), high school prevention group (PRIDE/OVX), sponsoring high school students attendance at the Eastern States Youth to Youth Leadership conference held at the University of Rhode Island, sponsoring high school students attendance at the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) National Youth Leadership Initiative
- **Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum* for all students in grades 5-8
- **Student Assistance Program*: Screening and referrals for substance abuse and mental health issues, in addition to support for students whose personal issues may interfere with their capacity to function effectively in the educational process
- **Project Graduation*: Substance free event for high school students on TVMHS graduation night
- **Smoking Cessation* (Not on Tobacco-N.O.T): In-school program to support students to quit smoking. Facilitated by the Student Assistance Program Counselor
- **School Presentations/Speakers*: Presentations on a variety of topics including substance use prevention, risk-taking, peer pressure, traffic safety, making healthy choices, etc.
- **School Staff Trainings* on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

Many initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for direct programming with youth and parents.

The DVCP meets once a month and all (adults and youth) are encouraged to attend. Partnership meetings include dinner, hearing reports of activities that have happened over the past month, brainstorming new ideas, and making decisions on use of grant funds.

For more information: check our website at www.DVCP.org or find us on Facebook or call 802-464-2202. Respectfully submitted, Cindy Hayford, DVCP Coordinator

DEERFIELD VALLEY FOOD PANTRY
2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry (DVFP) is to see that no one in the area goes needlessly hungry, or lacks the basics for personal care. We provide, as well as our resources permit, food and other items to all who ask for assistance. We do not turn anyone away. We serve the towns of Wilmington, Dover, Halifax, Marlboro, Readsboro, Searsburg, Whitingham and Jacksonville. The DVFP relies on donations of food items, the financial support of local churches, towns, organizations and individuals, plus an annual membership drive to make sure our shelves are never empty. As always, the local Merchant Community is always very generous in providing support for our fundraising endeavors. The DVFP is a 501 (c) (3) organization and a member of the Vermont Foodbank.

In 2017 we served up to 100 families with about 200 clients each month. Since our communities have always "paid it forward" and keep the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry on their giving list, we continue to be prepared and able to accommodate all the identified needs of our neighbors. It truly is a testament to the conscious and deliberate support of so many with hearts full of grace and souls generated by love. This strong financial support from many donors, as well as our organized fundraisers, has allowed us to ensure that every month's distribution includes fresh meats, eggs, yogurt, cheese, bread and produce, along with the staples we have always provided.

The DVFP wishes to thank our many dedicated volunteers who help unload the delivery truck, shelve the food, assist with our monthly distribution process and other tasks too many to mention. We could not do it without them all, and request that the readers of our Annual Report consider adding your name to our volunteer list so that we can complete our tasks quickly with many hands. We are also grateful to the many local school children who come to help sort food and also hold food drives in their schools to help us keep the shelves full. It is heartwarming to see ones so young who are so enthusiastic to selflessly help others. Volunteer activities can foster enormous leadership skills.

Please continue to spread the word about the help available from the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. There is no need for anyone to go hungry. Our distributions are on the third Saturday morning of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 and the preceding Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00. All that is required to receive help is to come to the Food Pantry on one of these dates and register; there is no income verification involved. You can come just once if you experience an unusual emergency, or every month for as long as is needed.

We also encourage everyone who is able to join as a Member that supports the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry. For only \$20 annually you can be a supporting member of the DVFP and help us reach our goals. Registration and online Paypal payments are possible at our website deerfieldvalleyfoodpantry.org. The Board meets monthly on the Thursday preceding the third Saturday of the month at 7 Church Street in Wilmington. New Volunteers are welcome and we can always use more. To express a need for our services or to volunteer, call the DVFP at 464-0148, or contact us via our website.

On behalf of the many neighbors we currently serve, and may serve in the near future, thank you for your continued support of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry.

Respectfully submitted, Evon Mack, for the Board of Directors of the Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community.

This year brings us many new developments and challenges. DVR has been operating out of the squad house located at the juncture of Route 100 south and Route 9 since 1976. We owned our building, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center owned the land. It became apparent that with SVMC vision for the expansion of the Deerfield Valley Health Center on the existing property that DVR needed to find a new expanded central site. DVR closed on 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington location in November. We did some fund raising for the down payment and over the next several years will continue to raise the money for this new location.

The new facility will provide DVR with updated ambulance bays, more space for training, and more office space. This will enable the team to continue to adapt and enhance our services to meet the changing health care needs of the community.

The core of our agency is made up of approximately 20 volunteers, three full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 912 calls in 2017 of which 32 were in the town of Halifax.

Although we frequently work closely with the Fire department, we are a completely independent organization. We would like to thank Halifax EMS, Halifax Fire Department and the Halifax Highway Department for all the help they give us throughout the year. We recognize it been a challenging year for the first responders in Halifax and look forward working with all the new Emergency Medical Responders providers. They are a very important part of the emergency care team.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued personal support from the community. The annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. In addition to raising funds for our daily operation, we are always striving to improve our services and upgrade equipment. If you have not sent in your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards our new buliding.

DVR is always looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of others. Potential members can sign up for our ride along program @ dvrescue.org. Anyone interested in joining this vital community service can contact our office at 464-5557 or stop by for a visit at our new location 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area.

Respectfully submitted,

Deerfield Valley Rescue
Board of Directors

Town of Halifax

The MOOver

We celebrated our 21st anniversary in 2017. We're so fortunate to have the support of the town of Halifax, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Senator Patrick Leahy, and the businesses, residents, and guests in the Deerfield Valley. Few people thought we'd survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided over 4.5 million rides since. Thanks also to our staff and Board of Directors.

With the 2015 merger to the former Connecticut River Transit based in Rockingham, we became the second largest public transit provider in Vermont. The company now serves 36 towns in three counties and provides over half a million volunteer and bus rides each year.

Each week we provide rides for Valley seniors to shopping, meal sites, adult day care, the doctors', and social events. This service has improved the quality of life for over 60 Valley residents by getting them out regularly and allowing them to live at home longer in life.

We thank the residents of Halifax for their support. Please call us with questions/ comments at 464-8487, and thanks for riding the MOOver!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Schoonmaker



	MOOver	Current	Total
Winter Routes	151,059	2,233	153,292
Fixed Routes	117,722	125,033	242,755
Demand response	4,420	45,001	49,421
Volunteer, taxi, other		115,874	115,874
Total Rides	273,201	288,141	561,342

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY17 for Town of Halifax

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY16, HCRS provided 9,521 hours of services to 8 residents of the Town of Halifax. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Halifax.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc.
Serving Windsor and Windham Counties
Adult Outpatient Services Program

REVENUES:	<u>FY 18 Budget</u>	<u>% of Total Revenues</u>
Client Fees:		
Self Pay	33,500	1.35%
Medicare	137,983	5.57%
Private Insurance	73,000	2.95%
Client Room & Board		
DMH Medicaid Fee For Service	591,919	23.88%
PC Plus/VHAP Medicaid	263,000	10.61%
State Grants:		
State Grant-in-Aid	802,104	32.36%
Other Contracts/Grants	267,894	10.81%
Local Revenues	73,236	2.95%
Other Revenues	236,362	9.52%
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>2,478,998</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Self Pay and Other Insurance Represents 10% of Total Program Revenues
 Medicaid Fee For Service Represents 35% of Total Program Revenues
 State Grant Revenues Represents 43% of Total Program Revenues
 Local and Other Revenues Represents 12% of Total Program Revenues

EXPENSES:	<u>% of Total Expenses</u>
Salaries	57.62%
Fringe Benefits	20.17%
Other Personnel Costs	1.52%
Operating Expenses	1.91%
Program Expenses	2.12%
Client/Staff Transportation	1.25%
Building Expenses	5.91%
Agency Administration	9.50%
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>100.00%</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	

Salaries, Fringe and Contractors Represents 80% of Total Program Expenses
 5% of Total Program Expenses
 Building & Admin. Expenses Related to Infrastructure Support Represents 15% of Total Program Expenses

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont, Inc.
Serving Windsor and Windham Counties
Total Agency

	<u>FY 18 Budget</u>	<u>% of Total Revenues</u>	
REVENUES:			
Client Fees:			
Self Pay	257,500	0.57%	Self Pay, Other Insurance, School and Client Room & Board Revenues Represents 7% of Total Agency Revenues
Medicare	409,983	0.91%	
Private Insurance	276,000	0.61%	
Schools	2,023,958	4.50%	
Client Room & Board	170,212	0.38%	
DMH Medicaid Fee For Service	8,314,345	18.49%	Medicaid Fee For Service Revenues Represents 22% of Total Agency Revenues
PC Plus/VHAP Medicaid Fee For Service	858,482	1.91%	
ACCS Medicaid Fee For Service	128,000	0.28%	
ADAP Medicaid Fee For Service	275,000	0.61%	
Personal Care Medicaid Fee For Service			
CRT Case Rate Medicaid	5,760,981	12.81%	Case Rate and Waiver Medicaid Revenues Represents 50% of Total Agency Revenues
MH Medicaid Waiver	500,000	1.13%	
DS Medicaid Waiver	16,319,737	36.30%	
State Grants:			
State Grant-in-Aid	2,744,114	6.10%	State Grant Revenues Represents 10% of Total Agency Revenues
Other Contracts/Grants	5,863,322	13.04%	
Local Revenues	109,237	0.24%	Local and Other Revenues Represents 2% of Total Agency Revenues
Other Revenues	944,307	2.10%	
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>44,955,178</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	20,497,183	45.59%	Salaries, Fringe and Contractors Represents 86% of Total Agency Expenses
Fringe Benefits	7,174,187	15.96%	
Other Personnel Costs	11,155,719	24.82%	
Operating Expenses	1,968,877	4.38%	
Program Expenses	1,195,017	2.66%	
Client/Staff Transportation	922,571	2.05%	
Building Expenses	2,041,624	4.54%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>44,955,178</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS			
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HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE
Halifax-Marlboro-Whitingham

The Housing Rehabilitation Committee, a consortium of our three towns, continues to distribute funds in low-interest loans to income-eligible residents for a variety of rehabilitation projects, ranging from septic and well installations, heating, and roofing, to plumbing and electrical repairs and upgrade. We are currently serving 14 clients, six from Halifax, four from Marlboro, and four from Whitingham, with current loans amounting to \$139,983.00 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$187,726.00 .

Our Committee is one of the few in Vermont that remain active and self-sufficient in the administration of funds recycling from repaid loans. The Committee has funds to lend and invites the residents of our three towns who may have a necessary rehabilitation project to apply to see if they meet eligibility guidelines. Please contact us through any of the Committee members listed below. Applications are also available from the three Town Clerks.

Andy Rice, Chair
257-7982

Al Dacey
257-5879

Don McKinley
368-2376

T. Hunter Wilson
464-5129

Patty Webster
464-8153

Linda Donaghue
368-2313

Rescue Inc continues to be a leader in EMS delivery, during the last year our staff of seventy-five dedicated EMTs, advanced EMTs, Paramedics and specialized rescue technicians answered more than 5000 calls, providing critical care level treatment to our residents, medical standby for our fire and law enforcement partners, wilderness search, water rescue and supported industry with confined space rescue. Our training staff has educated community members, teachers and students as well as doctors and nurses in the art of CPR and first aid.

As an industry leader we understand the evolving needs of our communities and patients. We understand that our health care delivery system is changing every day and know that the community needs high quality emergency services more than ever. High quality emergency medicine is our mission and are proud to serve the communities where we live. Everyday our staff responds in moment's notice to countless heart attacks, strokes, car accidents and falls. Every day our Board Certified Critical Care Paramedics treat the sickest members of our communities, providing the critical link between our local hospitals and lifesaving treatment in Dartmouth, Springfield or Boston. Every day our training department teaches CPR to someone for the first time and trains the next generation of first responders.

Many of you read about the mental health and addiction crisis in our region, our staff experience it firsthand every day. We see the self-destruction and despair, we know the patients and families. In the last year our system has had to expand at times to meet the demand, treating more than a dozen overdoses in a single shift.

We join our communities in mourning for victims of violence and disaster. As first responders we ask that you acknowledge the sacrifice of the men and woman across this country and around the world that have responded to these horrific events. As an agency we continue to prepare by upgrading equipment and training. We continue to plan for these horrific events and stand ready to respond to these disasters.

We are committed to providing the highest quality EMS and rescue services available. It is truly an honor to serve our friends and neighbors. Thank you!



Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont
38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156

ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging. This is a summary of services provided to **Halifax** in the last year (2016-2017).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered **31** calls from your town. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also detailed at www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Health Insurance: We helped **10** residents with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan enrollment and other Medicare-related questions.

Senior Nutrition: In partnership with local volunteers, **428** meals were delivered to seniors at home. Congregate community meals are offered monthly at the Butterfield Commons.

Transportation: Special arrangements are made for non- Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Case Management & Advocacy: We provided **4** elder residents with **58.25** hours of in-home case management to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often a few well-chosen support services can prevent premature institutionalization.

Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases. One resident received a grant this year.

Your contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our services. We do not charge for any of our services. Your town's support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director

Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services / Crisis Resolution (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Income Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Halifax we have provided the following services during FY2016:

Emergency Home Repair: 1 home (2 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$2,641

VT Health Connect Navigation: 3 households (3 people) received assistance to enroll in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$362

Family Services: 5 households (14 people) received 16 services valued at \$180 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 4 households (9 people) received 7 assists valued at \$3,171

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Halifax for their support.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Halifax

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

For example, in 2017 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: The Health Department's 3-4-50 initiative aims to engage multiple sectors – business, education, municipalities – in implementing policies and strategies that will reduce the three (3) behaviors of tobacco use, physical inactivity and poor diet that lead to four (4) chronic diseases of cancer, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and lung disease that result in 59% of death in Windham county. The local office is working to get these sector partners to sign-on to 3-4-50 and make a commitment to take action that will help to reduce the chronic disease in our state.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served 980 pregnant women and children to age five in the district 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. WIC Clinics are held in Wilmington, Brattleboro, Townshend and Westminster.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2017 (January-November) we responded to about 96 cases of reportable diseases in the District. In 2017, \$15,014,203 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, including \$938,595 in the Brattleboro District.

Aided communities in addressing substance abuse and misuse: Regional Prevention Partnerships statewide worked to increase state and community capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking, and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana use. In the Brattleboro Health District, we are fortunate to work with 5 prevention coalitions who, in collaboration with other community partners, educate the community through forums, meetings and trainings about the importance of substance abuse prevention. The work includes working with youth and schools, medical practitioners and pharmacists. It supports efforts across the continuum of care including treatment, recovery and maintenance. For more information on your local coalition, visit:
<http://www.healthvermont.gov/local/brattleboro/alcohol-and-drug-abuse-prevention>

Other: The district office supports Town Health Officers by providing annual training. This year twelve area Town Health Officers attended a training on hoarding disorder and how to best help the person in a hoarding environment.



VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Halifax, VT

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 VNH made 277 homecare visits to 9 Halifax residents. This included approximately \$7,632 in unreimbursed care to Halifax residents.

- Home Health Care: 120 home visits to 7 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- Hospice Services: 157 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Halifax's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (1-888-300-8853)

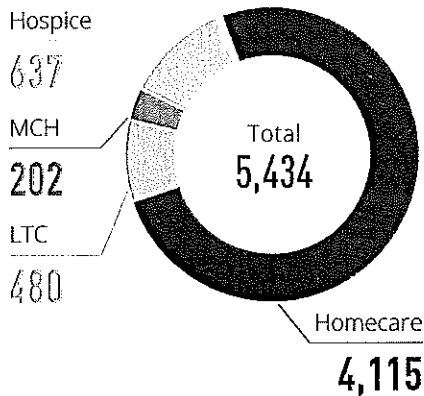
2016 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

“VNH was there when I desperately needed help. I want to ‘age’ in my own home, and your services help me do that.”

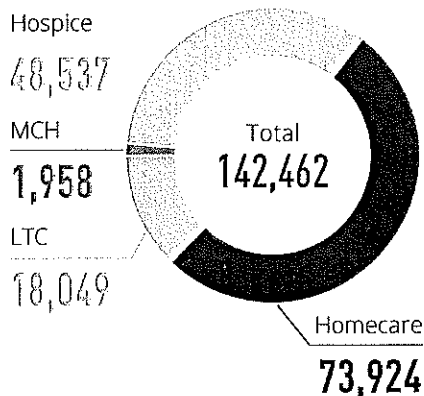
VNH Patient

Federal and state government payers limit reimbursement for services. Third party payers contract for services at rates below cost, so VNH has billing adjustments that represent shortfalls in covering the actual cost of care, VNH serves all who qualify, regardless of their ability to pay.

PATIENTS SERVED



PATIENT VISITS



MCH — Maternal Child Health
LTC — Long-Term Care

CHARGES FOR CARE PROVIDED

CHARGES FOR CARE PROVIDED	\$26,440,219
Non-Reimbursed Charges	
Medicare and Medicaid	(\$3,981,435)
Third-party payers	(\$625,467)
Subtotal Non-Reimbursed Charges	(\$4,606,902)
Net Revenue from Patient Care	\$21,833,317

EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	\$12,275,645
Direct Care Costs	\$3,923,325
Transportation	\$761,947
Operating Expenses	\$5,445,306
Total Expenses	\$22,406,223
Patient Care Operating Gain	(\$572,906)

NO-COST OR LOW-COST COMMUNITY WELLNESS SERVICES

660
FLU SHOTS
ADMINISTERED

1,269

INDIVIDUAL CLINIC
SERVICES PROVIDED
*Blood Pressure, Foot Care, and
Community Grief Support Groups*



DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS

	2016	2015
Total Current Assets	\$8,881,690	\$7,784,779
Assets Limited As To Use	\$14,922,609	\$13,794,153
Intangible Assets	\$210,833	\$275,000
Property and Equipment, Net	\$3,617,070	\$339,044
Total Assets	\$27,632,202	\$22,192,976

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

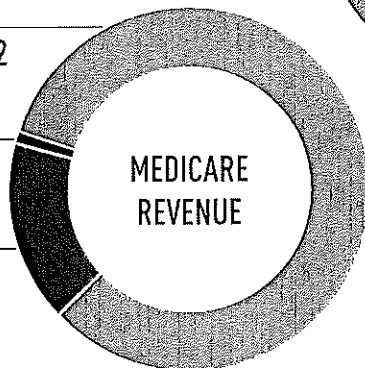
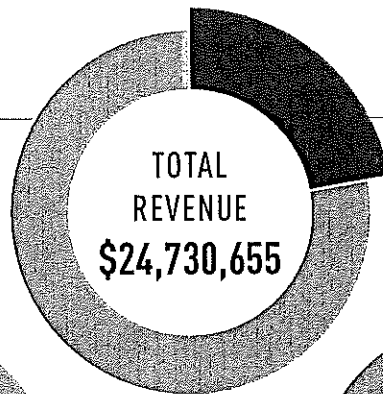
	2016	2015
Total Current Liabilities	\$3,666,547	\$2,925,674
Long Term Debt, excluding current portion	\$2,729,614	—
Total Liabilities	\$6,396,161	\$2,925,674
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$21,205,714	\$19,236,975
Permanently Restricted	\$30,327	\$30,327
Total Net Assets	\$21,236,041	\$19,267,302
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$27,632,202	\$22,192,976

MEDICARE REVENUE

\$19,246,960

OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

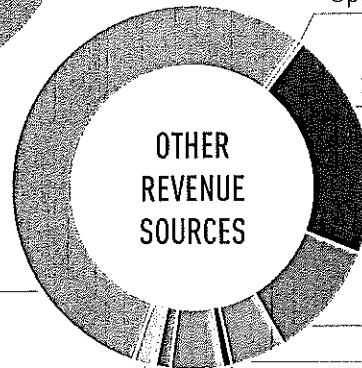
\$5,488,761



Medicare
\$15,959,452

NH Medicare
\$135,898

VT Medicare
\$3,151,610



Private Insurance
\$3,015,567

Private Pay
\$118,667

Grafton County*
\$61,821

Other Operating Revenue
\$5,066

Investment Income
\$1,136,432

Town Funding
\$568,710

Contributions
\$286,557

Bequests
\$18,314

Grants
\$277,627



*Program Specific

**Windham County Humane Society
Town Report July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

Description of Services:

The Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) is a non-profit organization serving all residents of the towns of Windham County, Vermont. The mission of WCHS is to ensure the safety and well being of animals as well as enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.

Animal Intake and Outcome numbers: 1,816 animals came in to WCHS:

- 640 appointments at our Wellness clinic
- 332 animals were surrendered by their owners
- 14 animals were seized by law enforcement
- 280 animals were brought in as strays
- 475 animals came as transports from regions of the country where the euthanasia rate is high due to overpopulation
- 75 animals that were adopted out were returned to WCHS

Outcomes

- 851 animals were adopted
- 157 animals were reunited with their owner
- 50 animals (<5%) were euthanized for health or behavior issues. *WCHS does not euthanize for time or space.*
- 27 Animals were euthanized for owners who could not afford veterinary clinic fees for this service
- 13 animals died in care
- 24 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations
- 3 animals were dead on arrival.

The average length of stay for animals was 12 days. Total expenses for WCHS in 2016-17 were \$537,288.

Spay/Neuter

WCHS hosts spay/neuter clinics for income eligible residents of Windham County. A simple application is required. The WCHS provides financial assistance to applicants who can't afford the fees and free spay/neuter for free-roaming, un-owned cats.

- WCHS spayed/neutered 381 cats, 73 dogs and 8 rabbits public animals and 449 shelter animals

Pet Care Assistance

This program provides basic preventative care, including vaccines, at low-to-no cost to low-income pet owners. Pet owners must apply and provide proof of residency in Windham County and proof of financial need

In 2016-17, we provided:

- Distemper vaccine to 68 dogs and 207 cats
- Rabies vaccine to 295 animals
- Microchips to 23 animals
- 502 doses of flea/tick preventative
- 90 doses of wormer
- 92 bags of prescription food

WCHS served Halifax residents as follows:

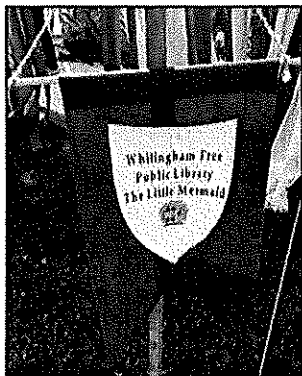
- 4 residents adopted 1 dogs and 4 cats.
- 4 residents used our low cost clinic to spay/neuter 2 cats and 2 dogs
- 4 residents used our Pet Care assistance program to vaccinate 3 cats and 3 dogs
- 2 residents surrendered 2 cats and 1 dog for adoption
- 1 resident brought in a stray cat

Whitingham Free Public Library

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 10,000 + visits
- 8,000 approx. items circulated
- 700+ downloads
- 3,330 + people attended 185 programs, events and workshops
- 1,000 publications available with VT Online Library
- 100's of free online classes - Universal Class
- Free Genealogy research with Heritage Quest



Patron Visits

Our little library is quite busy as a community hub. An average of 50 patrons visit the library daily; borrowing books, DVD's, Audio CD's, and Museum Passes, making copies, scanning, faxing, using public computers, logging onto free wifi, receiving technical assistance and instruction, requesting resources, visiting & meeting friends, attending programs, and events.

Organizations Benefit

Whitingham/Halifax Lion's Club and Families First borrowed coffee supplies for fundraising events.

Whitingham & Halifax Historical Society's utilized technical assistance and audio/video equipment.

Maple Fest Committee, Whitingham Farmers' Market, TOPS, Games Night Group and others made use of our meeting space.

2017 Programs, Events & Workshops

Jan/Feb

Local Writer's Group

March

Lessons from the Long Trail - with VT Author, Deborah Luskin
Write Your Life Story - Linda Donaghue

June

Discovering New England's Stone Walls - with NH Author, Kevin Gardner

June—September

Community Concerts with Whitingham Farmers' Market

September

Herbal Remedies 4 week series

October

Silent Film Screening : Phantom of the Opera

November

Cooking "Sounds fancy, but its not!"
4 weeks series

December

Christmas Memory
Concert Pianist, Deborah Windham

Ongoing Programs

Book Group, Craft Group, Herbal Group, Knitting Group, Movie Nights

Children's Activities

Saturday Story Hour
Wednesday Song & Story
Thursday EES Playgroup
Family Movies

2017 Summer Reading

"Build a Better World"
Kick-off held at TVES and Halifax School featuring Vermont Mime, Chris Yerlig.
July - Mad Science Event
August - Butterfly Event

September

Vermont Fairy Tale Festival
Killington, VT
Little Mermaid Booth

October

Community Halloween Party w/ Whitingham/ Halifax Lion's Club

December

Santa's Workshop
Traveling Storyteller

For more information please call 368-7506

The Librarians and Trustees of The Whitingham Free Public Library would like to thank the tax payers and contributors from the towns of Whitingham and Halifax for their generous and heartfelt support.
Kristine Sweeter, Director/ Librarian - Lois Lapointe, Assistant Librarian - Cathy Bell, Trustee Chair



The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Halifax is currently represented by Stephan Chait and Everett Wilson. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard bylaw assistance; natural resources including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans to report damage to town road infrastructure to the state as a result of flooding; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by us.

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 24 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We coordinated the formation of the Green River Watershed Alliance, which builds off of the successful Saxtons River Collaborative, with funding through the High Meadows Fund. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. One provides assistance to schools and other public buildings to install modern wood-fueled heating systems. The other provides grants for renewable energy development. We've helped towns apply for grants to conduct road erosion inventories, and to do work to reduce road erosion. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$1,647. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2018, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is *to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.*

Homeownership Center

The **Home Repair Program** provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 24 homeowners in 2017 with home repair projects.

One-to-one Counseling helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training and credit counseling. In 2017, 79 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

The **Shared Equity Program** provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions. 135 homes are in the shared equity program.

Rental Housing Development Program-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2017, WWHT began renovation of a historic apartment building and broke ground on 18 new apartments in Putney, as well as breaking ground on 22 micro-apartments for the homeless in Brattleboro.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 707 rental apartments with over 1,074 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.w-wht.org



Wings' Vision Statement

Wings will actively engage students in experiences to help them be successful in school and in life as they grow into productive adults.

Wings' Mission Statement

Wings provides creative academic, enrichment, and physical/wellness programming to all children and their families within the Windham Southwest Supervisory Union.

Wings Community Programs is currently in its thirteenth year at Halifax School with Maria Stewart running a super program as Halifax's site coordinator up to February. Joel Howes commendably stepped up to the plate and assured student success while Maria took family leave and cared for Landon. A few noteworthy points from last year:

❖Halifax continues to take up the challenge of expanding the school day by offering early morning PAWS, a successful academic support program. PAWS AM accounted for 2,256 hours of the 7,109 hours of student participation in engaging and productive programming during the 2016 – 2017 school year, coming in close to last year's huge gain.

❖Halifax, for the past two years, has had 100% student participation, an amazing feat that serves as a testament for how valuable after school programs are to Halifax families.

❖Wonderland, last summer's district musical, an adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland" was a wonderful success for staff and students alike. Up and coming singers and dancers made the grade to three nights of full house audiences. 53 student thespians from Twin Valley, Dover, Readsboro and Halifax Schools lit up Memorial Hall stage. Memorial Hall came alive with students working, laughing and learning with the support of Karen Horton, Shelley Park, Rene Galle, Peter Boyd, Jobi Dan'Sy, Cyndal Ellis, Maria Stewart, Lauren Sumner and an awesome band, led by Jean Chaine. The line was out to the street for Friday's show and the cast felt particularly proud, crushing all three performances. The comradery, collaboration and pure fun these district plays produce always end with everyone eagerly anticipating the next play. This energy fueled momentum to begin a fundraising drive to increase the capacity of Memorial Hall as a performing arts center. Wilmington Works, through a \$12,500 donation from Paul Pabst and a \$2,000 grant from the Bermil Foundation represented a significant kickoff to the remaining goal of \$34,000.

❖Celebrate Summer (CS), had a fantastic 4 weeks of camp this last summer resulting again in progressively increased enrollment for each consecutive week. Seventy youth participated in the final week of camp, the highest attendances in Wings summer camp history! Missy Jutras, TVES first grade teacher, took over the reins as director brilliantly. Katie Boyd did an excellent job as the seasoned veteran assistant. Enthusiastic program leaders, student counselors, dance, hiking and TaeKwon Do instructors rounded out a fabulous summer team.

Wings could not do it's job without the support of the town, school district, parents, administrators, building support staff, the Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley, the community and especially the professionals who stay late in their day to share their passions with the children and youth of Halifax. Everyone makes after-school programming a win – win for all. Thank you very much.

Andy Hauty, Project Director

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Vernon

Wardsboro

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Wilmington

Transfer Station: WSWMD offers a regional drop-off center for landfill materials; recyclables; organics; construction & demolition debris; scrap metal; white goods; electronics; and year-round collection of certain hazardous waste such as paint products, batteries, and used motor oil. WSWMD Board of Supervisors voted to limit use of the transfer station to residents and businesses from member communities only and require the purchase of an access sticker.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 4th year of operation and is the 2nd largest facility in Vermont. In 2017, WSWMD composted approximately 1,600 tons of organic materials. WSWMD's "Brattlegrow" Compost is distributed through 4 retail distributors. In addition, WSWMD donates compost for town projects, school, and community gardens.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): WSWMD MRF closed in July 2017, but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold. Eight towns continue to utilize the District's recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities. Towns contract with private haulers to provide recycling services. Currently, WSWMD Supervisors are considering future uses of the MRF building and some of the equipment is being sold.

Trucking: WSWMD retained one staff member with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Solar Array: WSWMD signed a 20-year lease at \$102,000/year with Sky Solar Holdings to develop a 5 mega-watt solar array on the District's closed landfill in Brattleboro. The project will be the largest group net metering project in the state, and has contracted for 20 years with 9 towns, 5 school districts, and 3 institutions. The project will provide significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished year-end FY 2016/2017 with a deficit of \$73,653. However, since closing the MRF in July, WSWMD has been favorable to its budget for the first five months of FY 2018.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) Mandated by Vermont Agency of Natural Resources:

Re-TRAC Reporting: WSWMD tracked tonnages of recyclables collected under the District's collection services for member towns.

SWIP Annual Requirements: Towns/solid waste entities are required to implement state materials management policies and meet a set of standards, deliverables, and Universal Recycling requirements.

WSWMD is responsible for managing SWIP requirements. Highlights from 2017 include:

- Free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion, was offered to over 150 businesses in 19 member communities;
- Conducted 8 free workshops for residents and businesses to promote food scrap diversion through back yard composting and transfer station drop-off;
- Implemented a multi-media public outreach campaign; and
- Provide event recycling containers to 15 public/private events

Programs:

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: WSWMD held 3 household hazardous waste collection events, as mandated by VT ANR Materials Management Plan. Collections were held in the Towns of Brattleboro, Dover, and Wilmington, with 215 households from 19 towns participating! Total cost for the events including advertising, site setup fee, disposal costs, and staffing was approximately \$30,000. This year the Board of Supervisors voted to implement a \$5.00/household fee to participate in the event. In addition, WSWMD obtained signed agreements with the Rutland County Solid Waste District and the City of Keene, which allows residents, and conditionally exempt generators, to use their year-round and seasonal hazardous waste depots for a fee. This means there is year-round access to a hazardous waste depot if you cannot wait for one of our collection events.

Event Recycling: WSWMD owns 20 event-sorting stations that are available to towns, businesses, residents and institutions for use at fairs, festival, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help make events "Zero Waste." This year WSWMD was contracted to provide waste diversion and recycling services at Strolling of the Heifers, and recycled 60% of all waste generated.

Grants:

Backyard Compost Bin Grant: WSWMD was awarded a grant to promote backyard composting and food scrap drop-off at transfer stations. Eight free workshops were held promoting food scrap diversion and attendees were able to purchase backyard compost bins for \$19.95.

Business Outreach: WSWMD was awarded a grant to provide each transfer station with food scrap collection totes or bear-proof dumpsters, signage, and transfer station attendant training. To date, all of the transfer station attendants have received training for organics collection. Currently, the grant is being revised to accommodate each Town's food scrap collection needs. Only four of the District's transfer station towns have requested totes or bear-proof dumpsters

Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion: Sky Solar Holdings, in conjunction with WSWMD, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Windham Regional Commission Clean Energy Development Fund to conduct a feasibility study for development of an organics pre-processing center and anaerobic digester at WSWMD in Brattleboro.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Spencer
Executive Director

**Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
And
Report to the Town of Halifax**

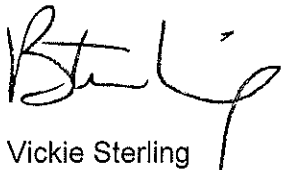
The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham and Southern Windsor Counties. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,700 crisis telephone calls and provided hundreds of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to 638 women, 17 men, and 478 children who had been abused. These figures include 3 survivors and their 2 children from Halifax. In addition, we provided over 200 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout Windham County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

Report to the Town of Halifax

Youth Services was established in 1972. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and development for young people and families in Windham County Communities. We assist over 1,000 children, youth and families annually. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Our broad array of program services include:

- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law
- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Career development focused groups and one-on-one mentoring for high school students with behavioral and learning disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention for youth and adults
- Supervised visitation and Child Advocacy services
- Counseling services for young adults including Assessment, Intervention and Recovery.

This year, we respectfully request \$200 from the Town of Halifax to help fund our agency's services. We served two residents from Halifax during Fiscal Year 2017 and remain available to provide services in the future. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call 802-257-0361 or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin
Executive Director

Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures

Halifax Elementary School Report

The vision of the Halifax School District has been to develop a sense of connection among all members of the community. School is not just a place, but also a set of relationships among individuals, students, school staff, parents/guardians, and the community at large. We are all part of the learning process. We have provided an educational experience for all students, providing them a life-long basis for kindness, courtesy, cooperation, educational curiosity, and a striving for excellence. We have acted to ensure that our school maximizes student learning, thinking, and problem solving skills in order that children who attend the Halifax School will be responsible citizens capable of meeting their own needs, the needs of their community, and the needs of society.

It is a pleasure to be part of a group of teachers and staff whose objective is to provide the highest quality of education possible for all students. This current years staff includes: Angelina Read our Kindergarten teacher, Merritt Youmell 1st and 2nd grade teacher, Maria Stewart our 3rd and 4th grade teacher, Dayle Sherman our 5th and 6th grade teacher, Joel Howes our 7th and 8th grade teacher, Layne Leary our Special Education teacher, Judy Anyan our Math Mentor/Para-educator, Jim Franzinali our Technology Support Staff, Fran Alfieri our Physical Education, Ryan Sigroi our Music teacher, Loren Clews our Librarian, Rhonda Wainshilbaum our Art Teacher, Kathy Inman our Speech Pathologist, and Paul Hoak our Guidance Counselor, Keith Anyan our School Plant Manger and of course Linda Swanson our School Secretary.

In a longstanding tradition, I include the 2016-2017 graduation honorees. The Mary Butterfield School Citizenship Award was presented to Emily Mackin. The Elizabeth Stott Willingness Award was presented to Grace Tower. The Hank Wonsey Poetry Award was presented to Kate LeVine. The Bill Ackerman Science and Nature Award was presented to Cayden Gilson. The I Love to Read Award was presented to Katje Gibb- Buursma. The Sam Maltese Writing Award was presented to Jamie Cook. The Ashcroft awards were presented to Donovan Dupuis and Samantha Noyes. The Principal's Academic Award was presented to Samantha Noyes.

This will be the last Principal's report for Halifax Elementary School. July 1, 2018 will mark the beginning of a new consolidated school district, Southern Valley Unified Union School District. This new venture hopes to keep the small schools, in the towns of Halifax and Readsboro, the focal point of their communities. The educational standards will remain high, with dedicated teachers and staff working toward the best interests of all of the students.

Halifax School has been and continues to be a wonderful place to work. The faculty who teach at our school, the district administrators and staff who support our efforts, our parents, school board, and community members have all given time and energy to create an engaging educational environment for our students. I am thankful for my five years of experience at Halifax School. I have grown and learned so much from the staff and students.

Thank you for supporting our school and the children of Halifax, and thank you for trusting us to move forward under the new name of Southern Valley Unified Union School. Our educational commitment to the students of Halifax will continue to be our highest priority.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sandra Pentak-Cohen