

ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018



Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
(Please bring this report with you)

Informational Meeting and Meet the Candidates
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 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	8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Meeting Schedules (unless otherwise posted)

Board of Selectmen	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday, monthly At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.
School Directors Southern Valley Unified Union School District	3 rd Wednesday, monthly At TVMHS Library, 6:00 P.M.
Planning Commission	2 nd Tuesday, monthly At Town Office, 7:00 P.M.
Zoning Commission	Meets as necessary
Halifax Community Club	2 nd 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 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 Chester/Rockinham	802/875-2112	fax 802/875-2176
Fire Department	368-7673	

Emergency Numbers

Fire	Rescue	Ambulance	911
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Warning Annual Town Meeting March 5, 2019

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 5, 2019 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 Agent	One year
Trustee of Public Funds	Three years
Cemetery Commissioner	Three years
Southern Valley Unified Union School Director	Three years

ARTICLE 2: To vote by Australian Ballot on the following question, with the polls being open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.:

Shall the voters of the Town of Halifax adopt the amended Town Plan, in accordance with 24 V.S.A §4385(c)?

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

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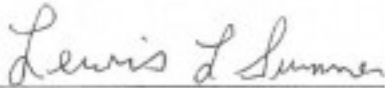
ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$4,500.00 to continue support of The Whitingham Free Public Library in recognition of services, materials and programs provided to the residents of Halifax.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of:

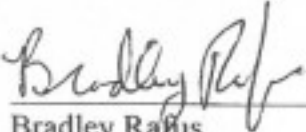
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ARTICLE 9: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 29th day of January A.D. 2019.


Lewis Sumner


Mitchell Green


Bradley Rafus

Board of Selectmen
Town of Halifax, Vermont

OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BALLOT
OFFICIAL ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT
MARCH 5, 2019

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.

<p>For <u>Town Moderator</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PAUL G. BLAIS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>Town Agent</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>TINA BLAIS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Selectmen</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>GREGORY MARGUET <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>BRADLEY RAFUS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>Trustee of Public Funds</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>STEVEN M. COHEN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Lister</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>MARY L. BREWSTER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>Cemetery Commissioner</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>CLIFTON INMAN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Auditor</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>APRIL DUPUIS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>School Director</u>, for 3 years, for the Southern Valley Unified Union School District Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>HOMER "CHUM" SUMNER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LAURA SUMNER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

OFFICIAL BALLOT
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT QUESTION
TOWN OF HALIFAX
HALIFAX, VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2019

Shall the voters of the Town of Halifax adopt the amended Town Plan,
in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 4385 (c)?

If in favor of adopting the amended
Town Plan, make a
Cross (X) in this square: (YES)

If opposed to adopting the amended
Town Plan, make a
Cross (X) in this square: (NO)

OFFICIAL ANNUAL BALLOT
SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWNS OF HALIFAX AND READSBORO
MARCH 5, 2019

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For MODERATOR, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

PAUL G. BLAIS
_____ Write-In

For CLERK, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

TINA BLAIS
_____ Write-In

For TREASURER, for 1 year
Vote for not more than ONE

PATRICIA DOW
_____ Write-In

ARTICLE V To see if the voters of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District will authorize the School Board to pay the School District Treasurer \$3,000 annually for his/her duties with the School District, by Australian Ballot.

If in favor of Article V, (yes)
make a cross (X) in this square:

If opposed to Article V, (no)
make a Cross (X) in this square:

ARTICLE VI To see if the voters of the Southern Valley Unified School District will authorize the Select Board to pay the School District Clerk \$20 per hour not to exceed \$25 annually for his/her duties with the School District, by Australian Ballot.

If in favor of Article VI, (yes)
make a cross (X) in this square:

If opposed to Article VI, (no)
make a Cross (X) in this square:

ARTICLE VII To see if the voters of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$ 2,821,114, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$ 13,596 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.45% lower than spending for the current year. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

If in favor of proposed budget, (yes)
make a cross (X) in this square:

If opposed to proposed budget, (no)
make a Cross (X) in this square:

Selectboard Proposed Budget FY20 (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY18	Spent FY18	Proposal	
				Budget FY19	FY20
6100 Total	Wages**	\$ 79,400	\$ 69,926	\$ 83,400	\$ 83,400
6200 Total	Employee Benefits	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,145	\$ 2,406	\$ 2,406
9700 Subtotal Town	Payroll Exp--Soc. Sec.- Town	\$ 9,455	\$ 10,312	\$ 26,259	\$ 26,259
6250 Total	Town Office Expenses	\$ 29,500	\$ 13,944	\$ 30,600	\$ 31,600
6270 Total	Town Expenses	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,146	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
6300 Total	Professional Services	\$ 12,750	\$ 8,764	\$ 12,750	\$ 12,750
6400 Total	Town Meeting Expense	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,715	\$ 3,650	\$ 2,400
6450 Total	Bridges**	\$ 80,000	\$ 77,630	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
6570 Total	Cemeteries	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,337	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
6600 Total	Halifax Fire Company & Ambulance	\$ 30,783	\$ 30,470	\$ 37,702	\$ 38,086
6700 Total	Environmental Expenses	\$ 14,000	\$ 24,783	\$ 26,335	\$ 25,003
6750 Total	Taxes and Interest	\$ 9,189	\$ 8,135	\$ 8,200	\$ 8,603
6800 Total	Town Share of School Exp.	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 11,000
6850 Total	Insurance	\$ 43,480	\$ 43,719	\$ 40,188	\$ 40,188
6900 Total	Bank Charges and Fees	\$ -	\$ 87	\$ -	\$ -
6000 Total	Selectboard Account	\$ 370,427	\$ 285,639	\$ 353,791	\$ 348,995
9300 Total	Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Supplementary Road Assistance (Audits; Town's share)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total 7475	Municipal Subtotal	\$ 370,427	\$ 285,639	\$ 353,791	\$ 348,995
	Paid by Eames Fund	\$ 1,500		\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
	Fees & Interest Earned	\$ 28,000		\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
	Other Funding (VY Grant)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -
	Total Municipal	\$ 325,927		\$ 319,291	\$ 329,495
	Highway Dept. Total (from other pg)	\$ 860,977		\$ 849,135	\$ 860,363
Raise & Appropriate	Total SB and Highway	\$ 1,186,904		\$ 1,168,426	\$ 1,189,858

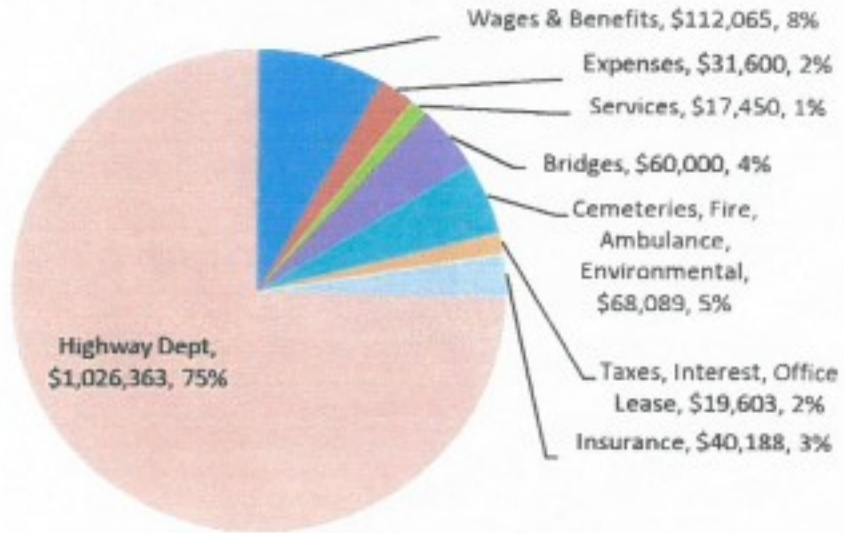
Highway Proposed Budget FY20 (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)

Acct #	Acct. Description	Budget FY18	Spent FY18	Budget FY19	Proposal FY20
7100 Total	Salaries and Wages	\$ 254,871	\$ 285,713	\$ 259,857	\$ 261,169
7200 Total	Employee Benefits & Costs	\$ 113,041	\$ 119,149	\$ 127,648	\$ 127,730
7300 Total	Garage Expenses	\$ 37,340	\$ 56,375	\$ 35,080	\$ 26,480
7410	Sand	\$ 32,000	\$ 78,855	\$ 40,000	\$ 65,000
7420	Salt	\$ 20,000	\$ 26,969	\$ 22,000	\$ 25,000
7430	Gravel	\$ 70,000	\$ 52,159	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
7431	Gravel & Stone (SRA)*	-	-	-	-
7435	Stone	-	\$ 2,395	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
7440	Chloride	\$ 9,000	\$ 1,740	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
7450	Const. - Other (salt shed)	\$ 20,000	\$ 9,746	-	-
7451	Guardrails (SRA)*	-	-	-	-
7460	Resurfacing - Other	\$ 140,000	\$ 259,345	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000
7461	Resurfacing (SRA)*	-	-	-	-
7462	Cold Patch & Culverts	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,716	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000
7463	Cold Patch & Culverts (SRA)*	-	-	-	-
7470	Roadside Mowing	-	-	-	-
7475	Supplementary Road Assistance*	\$ -	\$ 393,012	\$ -	\$ -
7480	Road Signs	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,107	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
7481	Road Signs (SRA)*	-	-	-	-
7490	Safety Gear	\$ 500	\$ 921	\$ 500	\$ 500
7400 Total	Road Supplies & Applications	\$ 304,500	\$ 840,865	\$ 314,500	\$ 347,500
	Subtotal Equipment Purchases	\$ 14,500	\$ 4,516	\$ 3,500	\$ 11,500
	Equipment Lease Payments	\$ 105,988	\$ 135,846	\$ 134,988	\$ 117,828
7600 Total	Equipment & Equip. Op. Costs	\$ 264,824	\$ 346,442	\$ 267,517	\$ 252,484
6550 Total	Garage Bond * (See SictBd)	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,937	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
	Highway Subtotal	\$ 1,004,135	\$ 1,679,632	\$ 1,015,601	\$ 1,026,363
Incomes Against Expenses	Scott Fund	\$ 14,000	\$ 16,500	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
	State Aid	\$ 141,000	\$ 14,166	\$ 141,000	\$ 141,000
	Other Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000
	Raise and Appropriate Highway	\$ 849,135	\$ 1,648,966	\$ 860,601	\$ 860,363

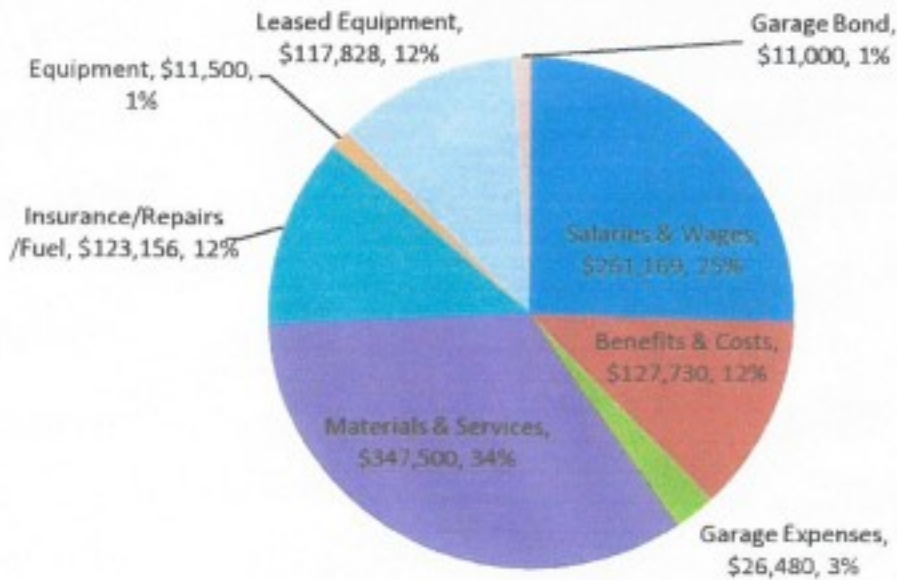
Town of Halifax Equipment Schedule 1/2020

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	2022	\$30,000		
2006	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		
Town of Halifax Equipment Lease and Reserve Plan 1/2020								
Lease	Description	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Lease	2014 New Holland			\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Lease	Caterpillar AWD Grader	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232	
Lease	Intl TerraStar #4 & GMC #6	\$24,475	\$24,475	\$24,475	\$24,475	\$24,475	\$34,232	
Lease	2017 Intl WorkStar Tandem	\$28,596	\$28,596	\$28,596	\$28,596	\$28,596		
Total Lease Payments:		\$87,303	\$87,303	\$102,303	\$102,303	\$77,828	\$49,232	\$15,000

FY20 Town & Highway Proposal



FY20 Highway Expenses Breakdown



TOWN OF HALIFAX
TAX RATE
FISCAL YEAR 2019

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	\$1,296,102.00
+/- Tax Appeals/Abatements	
NET MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	<u>\$1,296,102.00</u>
MUNICIPAL BUDGET	
SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	\$1,179,892.00
TREASURER'S BUDGET	\$19,000.00
OTHER VOTED NON-PROFITS	\$19,390.00
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET	<u>\$1,218,282.00</u>
STATE HOLD HARMLESS PAYMENT	(\$120,260.00)
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET MINUS HOLD HARMLESS	<u>\$1,098,022.00</u>
TAX on LOCAL AGREEMENTS (Town Voted Exemptions)	\$6,919.75
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	<u>\$1,104,941.75</u>
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	0.8472
LOCAL AGREEMENTS TAX RATE	0.0053
TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	0.8525
SCHOOL TAX - HOMESTEAD RATE	1.2290
SCHOOL TAX - NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.4444
TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	2.0815
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	2.2969

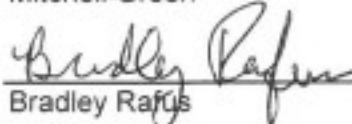
APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 17, 2018



Lewis Sumner, Chairman



Mitchell Green



Bradley Rafus

MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 6, 2018

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 6, 2018 for the 241st Annual Meeting of the Town of Halifax.

Moderator Paul G. Blais called the meeting to order at 10:00 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; Selectmen – Lewis Sumner, Chairman; Mitch Green and Bradley Rafus and 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 Offices were elected by Australian Ballot:

TOWN MODERATOR - one year.....	Paul G. Blais
SELECTMAN - three years.....	Mitchell Green
LISTER – three years.....	Patricia Dow
AUDITOR – three years.....	Diane Longe
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.....	William Moore
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – three years.....	Bradley Rafus
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	Catherine Bell

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.

The results of the Australian Ballot question were as follows:

YES	95
NO	98
BLANK	2
SPOILED	0
TOTAL VOTES	195

ARTICLE 3: Voted to hear the reports of the Town Officers and to accept the Town Report as printed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

ARTICLE 4: Voted 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.

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- ARTICLE 9: Discussed the following non-binding business:

Patricia Dow spoke about the Town Celebration and thanked several people who helped make the day a huge success.

Patricia Pusey spoke on behalf of the Whitingham/Halifax Lyons club and they are having an informational meeting and they are looking for new members.

Linda Lyon spoke on behalf of the Community Club. Every Wednesday morning there is Tae Chi and yoga. We are having potluck dinners. We are trying to get the hall insulated and the Club is non-profit so you can donate.

Marshall Case asks for permission to speak. Seeing no objections, the assembly allowed Mr. Case to speak. Marshall runs the nature camp which is held during the first full week in August.

Sandie Pentak spoke about the March reading challenge. We want the community members to be involved and if you keep track of your reading you will be put into a drawing around April 1st for a Barns and Noble Gift Certificate.

Linda Rice thanked the road crew for their service and care they provide.

Doug Parkhurst spoke about his appreciation to the Halifax Historical Society and if anyone is interested in history or genealogy to contact us.

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 6, 2018 Annual Town Meeting which is recorded in Volume 6, Pages 151-154.

**MINUTES
TOWNS OF HALIFAX AND READSBORO
SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**

Pursuant to notice the inhabitants of the Town of Halifax and the Town of Readsboro, Vermont, who are legal voters in the Southern Valley Unified Union School District met at the Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium in Whitingham, Vermont, on the evening of Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for the 1st Annual Meeting of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District.

Moderator Paul G. Blais called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Homer Sumner, Chairman to the Board led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The town officers were introduced: Clerk of the Board – Patricia Dow; Chairman of the Board, Homer Sumner; Stephanie Powers; Mary King; Sue Bailey and Caroline Sprague. Moderator Blais gave the guidelines for the conduct of the meeting and read the Southern Valley Unified Union School District Warning in its entirety.

The following business was transacted:

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

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|--------------------|---|------------------|
| ARTICLE I | Moderator – one year | Paul G. Blais |
| ARTICLE II | Clerk – one year | Tina Blais |
| ARTICLE III | Treasurer – one year | Patricia Dow |
| ARTICLE IV | School Directors (2) for three (3) years terms each, by Australian Ballot.
Halifax Director Elected: | Stephanie Powers |
| ARTICLE V | Voted to approve the School Board to expend \$2,773,909, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,410 per equalized pupil. This is the first budget of the Unified Union District, therefore no prior year education spending per equalized pupil comparison can be made. | |

The results of the Australian Ballot from Halifax and Readsboro were as follows:

YES	194
NO	102
BLANK	26
SPOILED	1
TOTAL VOTES	323

ARTICLE VI Voted to hear the reports of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District Officers and act thereon.

ARTICLE VII Voted to authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Cara Cheyette asked if the money that the union will be borrowing if it will have an impact on each town's taxes? Sumner states we don't anticipate borrowing money against taxes. This article was intended for a catastrophe.

Lewis Sumner asked each member of the board to tell a little about themselves.

Paul Blais Moderator, this is my 2nd go round as moderator and I have been on the school board for 13 years, I've also lived in Halifax for almost 18 years.

Homer Sumner: Been on the school board for 43 years, lived in town for 107 years, do this because I really like education and like students and I also coached for about 25 years.

Stephanie Powers, Lived in Halifax for 25 years, 2 boys went to Halifax School. Worked with the wings programs for a number of years. Now I work at the Academy at Charlemont and this is my first year on the school board.

Mary King: Lived in Readsboro for eight years and been on the Readsboro school board for three years and chair of the Readsboro School Board. I wanted to do something helpful to be helpful in town.

Susan Bailey: Lived in Readsboro for 30+ years my children went to the Readsboro school. I volunteer on committees and have been on the school board for almost three years, it is a wonderful experience to work for the town and with a wonderful group of people.

Caroline Sprague: this is my first time on the school board. I was born and raised in Readsboro. I run my father's plumbing business and I am on rescue and fire department.

Marilou Parkhurst asks if the number of students in each class are small are you going to combine classrooms amongst Readsboro and Halifax? Sumner, no, both schools have two grades per classroom now and it would cost more to have a bus run back and forth, and the bus route would be too long. A parent could choose to send their child to the other school.

Marilou Parkhurst: are we sharing specials? Sumner: we already are sharing Phys Ed, music, nurse etc. We try to share everyone we can. We do not share a librarian tech as of yet. Sandie Pentak, Our goal is to try to share as much as possible to be consistent between schools. Sumner: we also already share specials with Stamford, music and nurse.

Cara Cheyette: are there any other ways the two towns can come together? Sumner: the 3rd Wednesday of each month a combined school board meeting takes place. Pentak: we want to uphold each town's traditions but we do complement each other.

Doug Parkhurst: States we can think of this as a single school with two wings, will there be a new name? Sumner: there will not be a Halifax or Readsboro school after July 1, it will be Southern Valley, Pentak states, we have been calling it the Halifax campus or Readsboro campus. Sumner states sports teams may be combined based on numbers, could be Southern Valley Huskys or Southern Valley Eagles.

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 6, 2018 annual Southern Valley Unified Union School District Meeting which is recorded in Volume 6, Pages 149-150.

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT
For the Fiscal Year 2019

TOWN OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
TOWN MODERATOR (1 yr)	Paul G. Blais	2019
TOWN CLERK (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2020
TOWN TREASURER (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2020
SELECTMEN (3 yrs)	Brad Rafus Lewis Sumner, Chair Mitchell Green	2019 2020 2021
LISTERS (3 yrs)	Tina Blais Mary L. Brewster Patricia Dow	2020 2019 2021
AUDITORS (3 yrs)	April Sumner Dupuis Diane Longe Sarah Barnett	2019 2021 2020
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES (1yr)	Laura Sumner	2019
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 yrs)	Steven M. Cohen Howard Smith William J. Moore	2019 2020 2021
TOWN AGENT (1 yr)	Tina L. Blais	2019
TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 yr)	Joe Tamburrino	2019
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3 yrs)	Clifton Inman Bradley Rafus Jeff DeForest	2020 2021 2019
SVUUSD DISTRICT MODERATOR (1 yr)	Paul G. Blais	2019
SVUUSD DIRECTORS	Stephanie Powers Homer "Chum" Sumner Paul G. Blais	2021 2019 2020
SCHOOL DIRECTORS (Halifax) (3 yrs)	Homer Sumner Paul G. Blais Kimberly Tefft	2019 2020 2021
TRUSTEE TO THE WHITINGHAM LIBRARY	Catherine Bell	2021
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2 yrs)	Joan Wonsey-Courser Patricia Pusey Kaitlin Stone Craig J. Stone Malcolm K. Sumner	2019 2019 2019 2019 2019

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
For the Fiscal Year 2019

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) and ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 yrs)	E. Turner Lewis – Term Expires 2019 Alice Aldrich - Term Expires 2020 Jason Ashcroft – Term Expires 2021 William Pusey - Term Expires 2021 Kaitlin Stone – Term Expires 2019
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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 Bradley Rafus
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)	Hope Phelan & Jessica Cooney
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR (1 yr)	Peggy Rafus
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)	Tristan Roberts
FIRST CONSTABLE (1 yr)	Andrew Rice
SECOND CONSTABLE (1 yr)	Roy Richardson
FIRE WARDEN	Malcolm Sumner – Term Expires 2020
NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD	<i>Brattleboro Reformer</i> <i>Deerfield Valley News</i> <i>The Commons</i>

SELECTMEN'S MEETING DATES 7:00 P.M. at Town Office	Bi-Monthly on 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays
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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, 2018. 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, 2018 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

Cemetery Report:

In the 2018 fiscal year we acquired a piece of land from the Wineburg estate to enlarge the west Halifax cemetery. We also installed a fence in front of nils cemetery.

We spent a total of \$5,437

Below is the breakdown:

Surveying - \$950.00

Fence for nils - \$3,209.00

Equipment - \$706.00

Labor - \$572.00

For the 2019 physical year we have already spent a total of \$1,306.00

If you have any questions please contact me.

Cliff Inman - 802-368-2712

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES				
Report for FY2018 (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018)				
	Parcel ID	Beginning Balance	Del. Taxes Collected	Ending Balance
TAX WARRANTS ISSUED BY TOWN TREASURER				
Tax Warrant for FY 2015 (07/01/14-06/30/15)		\$1,052.46	\$819.87	\$232.59
Tax Warrant for FY 2016 (07/01/15-06/30/16)		\$10,279.48	\$8,774.18	\$1,505.30
Tax Warrant for FY 2017 (07/01/16-06/30/17)		\$26,883.85	\$18,103.02	\$8,780.83
Tax Warrant for FY 2018 (07/01/17-06/30/18)		\$124,044.31	\$97,072.32	\$26,971.99
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES		\$162,260.10	\$124,769.39	\$37,490.71
Delinquent Taxes Collected				\$124,769.39
Tax Commission Collected				\$9,981.58
Interest Collected				\$8,472.60
Miscellaneous Costs Collected				\$4.45
TOTAL DEL. TAXES, COMMISSION, INTEREST & MISC. COSTS COLLECTED				\$143,228.02
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED DELINQUENT TAXES (FY2015, FY2016, FY2017, FY2018)				\$37,490.71
DELINQUENT TAX LIST				
FY 2015 (07/01/14-06/30/15)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
SUB-TOTAL for FY 2015				232.59
FY 2016 (07/01/15-06/30/16)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
SUB-TOTAL FOR FY2016				1,505.30
FY2017 (07/01/16-06/30/17)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
Boyd, Leonard III and Jennifer Derby	cln.1358			
Crosby III, Frederick A. and Melanie L.	brn.0195			
Isles, Guy	grr.3122			
Wheeler, George E. and Marion S. et al	wht.0434			
SUB-TOTAL FOR FY2017				8,780.83
FY2018 (07/01/17-06/30/18)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
Betit, John P.	vtr.3072			
Blaine, William	whl.0015			
Boyd III, Leonard and Jennifer Derby	cln.1358			
Brittain, Lillian	flx.016B			
Creagh, Diane; Lynn Anderson; & Ralph Dickinson III	pen.1843			
Crosby III, Frederick A. and Melanie L.	brn.0195			
Cunningham, Charles E. and Sandie L.	clk.0065			
Dupuis, Aaron	brn.0022			
Hohl, Jr. Edward H. and Tracey Lynn Hohl	whl.0149			
Isles, Guy	grr.3112			
Nugent, David A. and Cynthia L. Marble	spr.0299			
Valin, Gaston and Susan Charnok	vtr.6649			
Wheeler, George E. and Marion S. et al	wht.0434			
SUBTOTAL FOR FY2018				26,971.99
TOTAL FOR FY2015, FY2016, FY2017 & FY2018				37,490.71
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED AS OF 02/01/2019				27,526.63

Halifax Fire Co, Inc

2018 is gone and it's been a busy year for us. This year we have bought more sets of gear; pants, coats, boots. We are updating our two way radios and portables so we can talk to the highway department, Whitingham rescue when they are covering our town, and the fireman trying to assist them when called. We have responded to a total of 77 calls this year;

Structure Fires - 1

Power Lines in Road - 5

M.V.A - 5

Auto Alarms - 12

Assist Rescue - 33

Mutual Aid Given - 18

Mutual Aid Recieved - 2

Service Call - 1

Many Thanks,
Wayne Courser Chief

Halifax Listers' Report

In 2018 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 Patricia Dow.

July 2019 will be the beginning of a two-year town wide reappraisal project. The Listers will be working closely with the outside auditing company by making the appointments for the site visits. The resulting assessments will be published at the end of the process and will be reflected in the 2022 tax base, having completed the reappraisal by July 2021.

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.

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment Report

The Planning Commission and ZBA gained one new member in fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) when Jason Ashcroft joined the Boards after Patricia Dow chose not to serve another year due to her heavy work schedule. The Planning Commission met thirteen times during the year; their primary work centered on updating the Halifax Town Plan, last re-adopted in 2014. Windham Regional Commission's Senior Planner John Bennett assisted with the update project which was funded by an \$8,000 Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development grant. The revised Plan will go before the voters at March 2019 Town Meeting. The Planning Commission also considered concerns of several citizens on right of way and temporary housing issues; these matters were referred to the Zoning Administrator. In November 2017, the Commission and the Selectboard held a joint public information meeting to hear a presentation on WRC's North River Corridor Plan.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held two meetings, one site visit, and two hearings in FY18; they considered and approved a variance request for garage construction on Branch Road, and an appeal of a zoning ordinance violation.

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 Commissioner's Report

This past year several large projects were completed. A full reclaim on the last mile and a half of Collins Road was completed with all new culverts, ditching, lining of ditches with stone, new top gravel and repaving. We rebuilt a wooden deck bridge on Josh Road and a new concrete deck on Bridge #17 on Green River Road. Ditch and culvert replacements were completed on Stark Mountain Road as a requirement of Act 64. A new Concrete Box Culvert was completed on Hatch School Road as part of a FEMA project. This coming year's projects will include reclaiming and repaving the last section of Green River Road near the Deer Park Bridge. Two ditching projects are planned for Reed Hill Road and Pennel Hill Road as required by Act 64.

Thank You for the opportunity to serve our Town

Bradley Rafus

Road Commissioner

Road Commissioner's Report

Garage Bond & Interest

Total **\$11,936.53**

Salaries & Wages

7110 Road Crew Gross Wages \$229,689.17

7115 Road Crew Overtime Wages \$50,908.40

7120 Road Commissioner Salary \$5,115.00

Total **\$285,712.57**

Employee Benefits and Expenses

7210 Training and Education \$75.00

7220 Health Insurance \$98,800.86

7230 Life Insurance \$708.73

7260 Retirement Town Share \$15,432.62

7270 Uniform Clothing Allowance Town Share \$3,855.67

7280 Hiring Cost/Drug Test \$276.25

Total **\$119,149.13**

Garage Expenses

7310 Electric \$2,734.10

7320 Heating Fuel \$4,060.74

7330 Telephone \$2,033.97

7340 Building Repair and Maintenance \$24,538.90

7360 Office and Cleaning Supplies \$767.75

7370 Trash Collection \$3,284.70

7380 Shop Supplies \$8,954.94

7390 New Salt Shed Construction \$10,000.00

Total **\$56,375.10**

Road Supplies and Applications

7410 Sand \$78,854.60

7420 Salt \$26,869.29

7430 Gravel \$52,159.10

7435 Stone \$2,395.00

7440 Chloride \$1,740.00

7450 Construction \$9,746.32

7460 Resurfacing \$259,345.43

7462 Cold Patch and Culverts \$14,715.64

7475 Supplementary Road assistance \$393,012.00

7480 Road Signs \$1,106.56

7490 Safety Gear \$921.44

Total **\$840,865.38**

Equipment Expense Account	
7696 Equipment Lease Payments	\$103,373.99
7690 Finance charge	
7680 Repairs and Maintenance	\$134,258.64
7685 Diesel Fuel	\$52,007.33
7670 VLCT Property and Casualty/Equipment	\$19,813.50
7645 Shop Supplies and Tools	\$4,516.05
7650 Power saws	\$539.00
7665 Trucks	\$27,465.77
Total	\$341,974.28

Highway Subtotal **\$1,656,012.99**

Income Against

Class 2 Road Grant	\$175,000.00
FEMA Reimbursement	\$393,012.00
Grant in Aid Grant	\$14,200.00
	\$582,212.00

Town of Halifax Selectboard Report for FY 2018

Over the course of 34 meetings in fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018), the Selectboard approved a Halifax payroll policy, an updated traffic ordinance, and a minor revision to the employee handbook. A contract was negotiated with Harry and Patricia Farrington for use of the repeater tower on their Collins Road property, and a new repeater was purchased and installed, funded by the final Vermont Yankee grant. The Board also approved a request from the Halifax Listers to solicit bids for a town-wide reappraisal. That bid was awarded to NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center), and the project is scheduled to begin July 1, 2019.

FY18 also saw the discontinuance of State-mandated monitoring for ground contamination at the old Town Garage site on Brook Road. The monitoring pipes were removed, and the old building razed. PFC testing at the Branch Road closed landfill continues, although monitoring for other substances has ended.

On February 6, 2018, the Selectboard appointed Peggy Rafus as Emergency Management Director, following Ross Barnett's resignation. The Board also took legal action to enforce a zoning violation in Vermont Environmental Court, approved application for a line of credit to cover the costs of October 2017 storm repairs prior to FEMA reimbursement, and began a reclassification process for portions of Aldrich, Hall, and Old County North roads.

The Selectboard encourages citizens to attend meetings, and stay informed about and participate in town affairs. 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. Anyone who wishes to receive Selectboard meeting agendas by email should send a request to the secretary at halifaxsecretary@gmail.com. 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

Cael Scholarship Fund and School Awards Funds 2017-2018

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 Halifax representatives on the Southern Valley Unified Union School District 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 Brattleboro Savings and Loan. Interest from these CD's is accumulated in a money market account.

At the end of June, 2018 the two remaining CD's at TD Bank were moved to Brattleboro Savings. The money market account and the checking account at TD Bank were closed and proceeds deposited into the money market account at Brattleboro Savings. The Cael fund currently has four CD's and a money market account with Brattleboro Savings and Loan.

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 money market account with Brattleboro Savings and Loan. 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, 2017 to June 30, 2018

<u>Cael Fund</u>		<u>School Accounts</u>	
July 1, 2017		<u>Mary P. Butterfield (Citizenship \$10.00)</u>	
TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$30,500.00	TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$200.00
TD Bank CD # 92465475	\$24,300.00	TD Bank Core Checking	\$24.77
Brattleboro S/L CD # 900019972	\$27,000.00	July 1, 2017	\$224.77
Brattleboro S/L CD # 900019980	\$10,000.00		
TD Bank Core Checking	\$804.72	Interest	\$2.51
TD Bank Money Market	\$2,391.69	June 30, 2018	\$227.28 - \$10 = \$217.28
Brattleboro S/L Money Market	\$1,000.00		
Subtotal	\$95,996.41	<u>Hank Wonsey (Outstanding Poet \$10.00)</u>	
Interest Earned	\$1139.23	TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$200.00
Service Charge	-\$132.00	TD Bank Core Checking	\$24.05
Subtotal	\$97003.64	July 1, 2017	\$224.05
Checks Cashed	\$825.00	Interest	\$2.51
Total	\$96,178.64	June 30, 2018	\$226.56 - \$10 = \$216.55
June 30, 2018		<u>Elizabeth Stott (Willingness Award \$5.00)</u>	
TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$30,500.00	TD Bank CD # 92573534	\$100.00
TD Bank CD 3 92465475	\$24,300.00	TD Bank Core Checking	\$19.33
TD Bank Core Checking	\$305.33	July 1, 2017	\$119.33
TD Bank Money Market	Closed	Interest	\$1.25
Brattleboro Savings CD #900019972	\$27,000.00	June 30, 2018	\$120.58 - \$5 = \$115.58
Brattleboro Savings CD #900019980	\$10,000.00	<u>Sam Maltese (Writing Award \$10.00)</u>	
Brattleboro Savings Money Market	\$4,073.31	TD Bank CD # 9246555475	\$300.00
Total	\$96,178.64	TD Bank Core Checking	\$1.83
		July 1, 2017	\$301.83
		Interest	\$3.39
		June 30, 2018	\$305.22
		<u>William Ashcroft (Academic Progress Award \$50.00)</u>	

July 1, 2017 TD Bank Core Checking \$450.00; Brattleboro S/L Money Market June 30, 2018, \$400.00

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Accrual Basis

Town of Halifax Cemetery Fund

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2018

	<u>Jun 30, 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 - TD Bank North	10,669.91
10001 - TD Bank Savings	5,658.04
Total Checking/Savings	<u>16,327.95</u>
Other Current Assets	
18700 - Stock Investment	4,080.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>4,080.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>20,407.95</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>20,407.95</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	14,634.50
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	5,747.34
Net Income	26.11
Total Equity	<u>20,407.95</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>20,407.95</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

Eames Fund

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2018

	<u>Jun 30, 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Brattleboro S&L - Savings	433.22
Brattleboro S&L CD	69,061.73
BS&L 5yr StepUp CD	59,565.32
Total Checking/Savings	<u>129,060.27</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>129,060.27</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>129,060.27</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	126,211.44
Unrestricted Net Assets	2,940.96
Net Income	-92.13
Total Equity	<u>129,060.27</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>129,060.27</u></u>

H.M Scott Fund July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Assets held at EDWARD Jones & Co. L.P.

Value of Fund July 1, 2017 329,558.93

Income

Dividends and Interest	15,232.97
Sales of Securities	51,256.43
Other	<u>631.95</u>
	67,121.35

Disbursements

Town of Halifax	14,500.00
Securities purchased	50,078.92
Foreign Tax Paid	<u>72.96</u>
	(64,651.88)

Decrease in Value of Securities (19,932.80)

Value of Fund June 30, 2018 312,095.60

Investment Portfolio Market Value June 30, 2018

Stocks

Company	Shares	Value
AT&T	300	9,633.00
BCE	210	8,502.90
Chemours Co	13	576.68
Crown Castle INTL Corp	45	4,851.90
Dowdupont Inc.	480	31,641.60
Duke Energy	145	11,466.60
Emerson Electric	150	10,371.00
Ford Motor Co	383	4,239.81
Glaxco Smith Kline PLC	109	4,393.79
Iron Mountain Inc REIT	100	3,501.00
Johnson & Johnson	108	13,104.72
Oneok, Inc	103	7,192.49
Pfizer, inc	400	14,512.00
Physicians Realty Trust	262	4,176.28
Proctor & gamble	190	14,831.40
Southern Co	200	9,262.00
Veritas, Inc.	80	4,556.00
Verizon Communications	67	3,370.77
Vodafone Group	36	875.16
W.P. Carey Inc	100	6,635.00
Welltower Inc REIT	155	9,716.95

Municipal Bonds

NJ Edl Facs Auth Rev i	26,280.25
Univ of VT & State Agric Coll Rev	5,178.40

Corporate Bonds

AT&T Global Note	5,535.85
Deere & Co Debenture	6,799.20
Ford Holdings Debenture	21,800.60
Goldman Sachs Group	5,603.75
Prudential Financial Inc	12,006.40
Prudential Financial Inc	12,541.10
Verizon Communications	11,162.60

Limited Partnerships

Martin Midstream Partners	975	13,455.00
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Edward Jones Cash Account	<u>14,321.40</u>
	312,095.60

WICKS CEMETERY FUND

Principal 96.32862 shares of AT&T, Inc.

Value on July 1, 2017 3634.48

Interest income to Town for upkeep of cemetery 142.56

Value on June 30, 2018 3141.27

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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	10
Deaths	8
Births	7

Land Records Recorded

Act 250 Disclosure	1
Administrators Deed	1
Affidavit of Merger	1
Certificate of Highway Mileage	1
Certificate of Name Change	3
Certificate of Non-Redemption	4
Certificate of Organization	1
Certificate of Trust	2
Certification	1
Confirmation Order	4
Current Use Value	7
Death Certificates Recorded	3
Decree of Distribution	1
Deed Modification	1
Disclaimer	1
Easements	7
Engineer Designer/Installer Certificate	1
Foreclosure Judgment & Decree	1
Judgment Order	2
Land Use Withdrawal	2
License to Sell	1
Ltd Liability Resolution	1
Mobile Home Bill of Sale	3
Mortgage Assignments	5
Mortgage Deeds	24
Mortgage Discharge	32
Permit for Driveway	8
Permit for New Parcel	1
Permit for Renewal	6
Permit for Sign	1
Permit for Zoning	40
Power of Attorney	19
Property Transfer Tax Return	48
Quit Claim Deed	3
Release of Tax Lien	2
Resolution	1
Subordination Agreement	1
Tax Lien	1
Trustees Certificate	3

UCC Financing Statement	2
Warranty Deed	38
Wastewater & Potable Permit	3

Total Documents Recorded: 288 Total Pages Recorded: 644

Town Clerk Fees Turned Over to Town Treasurer

Recording Fees	\$ 8,350.00
Examination of Records & Copies	\$ 1,838.45
Notices for Posting of Land	\$ 95.00
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	\$ 107.50
Map Sales	\$ 80.00
Marriage Licenses	\$110 .00
Green Mountain Passports	\$10.00
Burial Transit Permits	\$ 5.00
Town Plan/Zoning Books	\$ 10.00
Dog Licenses (Town Clerk Fees)	\$ 348.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	<u>\$ 440.00</u>
TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES	\$ 11,418.95

Dog License Fees	131 Dogs @ \$ 9.00	\$ 1179.00
(tracked on an annual basis)	3 Dogs @ \$ 11.00	\$ 33.00
	41 Dogs @ \$ 13.00	\$ 533.00
	1 Dogs @ \$ 17.00	\$ 17.00

Total Dogs Licensed 176 Dogs Total Fees Collected \$ 1,762.00

Accounting of All Dog License Fees Collected 2017

State Rabies Fund	176 Dogs @ \$ 1.00 per dog	\$ 176.00
State Neutering & Spaying Fund	176 Dogs @ \$ 4.00 per dog	\$ 704.00
Town Clerk Fees	176 Dogs @ \$ 2.00 per dog	\$ 352.00
Balance Remitted to Town Treasurer		<u>\$ 530.00</u>
Total Dog License Account		\$1,762.00

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/17 - 6/30/18

Prepared by:
Patricia Dow, Treasurer

CASH BALANCES	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2018
1100 General Account	\$ 92,290.08	\$ (147,084.64)
Peoples Line of Credit	\$ (217,676.00)	\$ (327,933.00)
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ (42,241.85)
Payrol Liabilities	\$ -	\$ (2,552.43)
1110 Scott & Eames Fund - New Town Garage	\$ 16,097.10	\$ 21,866.57
1120 Equipment*	\$ (8,599.13)	\$ (74,600.28)
1125 Resurfacing Fund	\$ 16,697.83	\$ 109,526.03
1130 Record Restoration Fund - TC fees funded	\$ 10,278.20	\$ 10,432.70
1135 Halifax Celebration Fund	\$ -	\$ 6,192.80
1140 Niles	\$ 5,662.62	\$ 2,453.62
1150 Municipal Planning Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,461.07
1160 Re Appraisal Project - outside funding	\$ 68,709.21	\$ 74,302.21
1170 Office Equipment Fund - TC fees funded	\$ 4,699.29	\$ 4,853.79
1180 Cemetery	\$ 10,297.66	\$ 11,477.22
1190 VT Emergency Mgmt - Reserved Funding	\$ (2,169.60)	\$ 8,712.46
1191 New Town Garage - Reserved Funding	\$ 7,806.14	\$ 7,806.14
1192 Bridge Fund - Reserved Funding	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 75,370.00
1196 Reserve Fund	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL CASH BALANCES	\$ 85,593.40	\$ (259,957.59)

SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

REVENUE

Selectboard & Highway Revenues

5100 Property Taxes (Town Share)	\$ 1,221,690.13	
5200 Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$ 12,171.76	
5600 Interest Income	\$ 9,305.69	
5400 Special Project Funding	\$ 16,500.00	
5700 Miscellaneous Income	\$ 30,792.80	
5800 Highway Department	\$ 147,918.93	\$ 1,438,379.31

Self Funded & Independent Accounts

5650 Cemetery	\$ 5,142.56	
5501 Self Funding Accounts	\$ 12,961.12	
5500 Public Safety	\$ 253,546.32	
5300 Annual Projects	\$ 8,793.00	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 280,443.00
		\$ 1,718,822.31

EXPENDITURES

6000 Selectboard Account	\$ (314,223.63)	
7000 Highway Account	\$ (1,666,269.99)	
9000 Town Meeting Articles	\$ (54,796.32)	
8000 Self Funding & Independent Accounts	\$ (29,083.36)	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (2,064,373.30)
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$ (345,550.99)

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Beginning Cash Balance 7/1/17	\$ 85,593.40
Plus Surplus(Deficit)	\$ (345,550.99)
Ending Cash Balance 6/30/18	\$ (259,957.59)

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/17 - 6/30/18

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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	\$ 2,382,103.34	
6951 Property Tax Overpayments	\$ (5,641.45)	
9900 School Taxes	\$ (1,224,061.00)	
9910 Vermont Education Property Tax	\$ (251,216.21)	
5120 Delinquent Tax Collected	\$ 128,540.03	
5130 Current Use Reimbursement	\$ 123,303.00	
5140 HS-122 State Tax Adjustment	\$ 68,004.42	
5180 Equalization Study	\$ 658.00	\$ 1,221,690.13
5200 LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		
5230 Town Clerk Fees	\$ 11,400.76	
5240 Dog Licenses	\$ 476.00	
5250 Driveway, Right of Way	\$ 180.00	
5280 Special License, Permit & Fees	\$ 115.00	\$ 12,171.76
5600 INTEREST INCOME		
5600 Interest Income - all accounts	\$ 810.36	
5122 Delinquent Tax Interest Collected	\$ 8,495.33	\$ 9,305.69
5400 SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING		
5430 Scott Fund	\$ 16,500.00	16,500.00
5700 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		
5740 Refunds and Rebates	\$ 14,897.16	
5730 Misc	\$ 9,316.78	
5710 Law Enforcement Fines	\$ 518.66	
5757 Halifax Celebration Income	\$ 6,010.20	
5720 Bank Charge Recovery	\$ 50.00	\$ 30,792.80
5800 REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
5810 State Highway Aid	\$ 141,165.93	
5820 Material Sales and Service	\$ 6,658.00	
5830 Excess Weight Permits	\$ 95.00	\$ 147,918.93
TOTAL SELECTBOARD & HIGHWAY REVENUE		\$ 1,438,379.31
5650 CEMETERY INCOME		
5616 Cemetery Interest Income	\$ 142.56	
5650 Cemetery Appropriated Income	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,142.56
5500 SELF FUNDING		
5121 Delinquent Tax Penalty Collected	\$ 9,961.12	
5210 Zoning & Appeals	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,961.12
5500 PUBLIC SAFETY		
5570 Annual Discretionary Funds	\$ 12,021.00	
5540 Grants	\$ 241,525.32	\$ 253,546.32
5300 ANNUAL PROJECTS		
5310 Planning Grant	\$ 3,200.00	
5320 Reappraisal & Lister Ed Appropriated	\$ 5,593.00	\$ 8,793.00
TOTAL SELF FUNDED & INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTS		\$ 280,443.00
COMBINED REVENUES		\$ 1,718,822.31

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
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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	\$ 1,543.50	
6130 Lister - Regular	\$ 15,424.00	
6140 Planning/Zoning Secretary	\$ 1,938.00	
6160 Auditor	\$ 3,500.00	
6180 Assistant Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00	
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES - TOWN		\$ 67,301.50
6200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
6210 Workshops/Conferences/Training	\$ 825.00	
6240 Retirement Town Share - Town Clerk	\$ 1,320.00	
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ 2,145.00
9700 PAYROLL EXPENSES - TOWN		
		\$ 29,463.29
6250 TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES		
6251 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 487.41	
6252 Telephone	\$ 1,371.89	
6253 Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 3,777.00	
6254 Ads & Legal Notices	\$ 463.76	
6255 Office Supplies	\$ 1,284.65	
6256 Lister Supplies	\$ 1,844.48	
6259 Planning Board Expenses	\$ 211.08	
6265 Lease Agreements	\$ 1,992.80	
6260 Selectmen Expenses	\$ 1,136.83	
TOTAL TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES		\$ 12,569.90
6270 TOWN EXPENSES		
6271 Street Lights	\$ 1,845.90	
6274 WCHS stray dogs	\$ 300.00	
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES		\$ 2,145.90
6300 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
6320 Legal Services	\$ 2,004.40	
6330 Internet Services	\$ 1,045.93	
6340 VT Law Enforcement Services	\$ 5,714.15	
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$ 8,764.48
6400 TOWN MEETING EXPENSE		
6420 Ballot Clerks & Moderator	\$ 632.00	
6425 TM exp misc	\$ 81.44	
6430 Printing	\$ 803.10	
6435 Town Meeting Postage	\$ 198.00	
TOTAL TOWN MEETING EXPENSE		\$ 1,714.54
6453 BRIDGES		
		\$ 77,630.00
6570 CEMETERIES - Appropriated Funding		
		\$ 5,000.00
6600 FIRE COMPANY		
6610 Dispatching Fee	\$ 13,473.00	
6620 Special UL Fuel	\$ 621.64	
6630 Fire Company Insurance & Dues	\$ 835.00	
6650 Contracted Ambulance Service	\$ 15,540.30	
TOTAL FIRE COMPANY		\$ 30,469.94

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SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT CONT'	EXPENSE	TOTALS
6700 ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSE		
6710 WSWMD	\$ 8,080.57	
6715 Contracted Recycling	\$ 8,863.20	
6720 Landfill Closure	\$ 7,838.75	
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSE		\$ 24,782.52
6750 TAXES AND INTEREST		
6751 County Tax		\$ 8,135.00
6800 TOWN SHARE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES	pd in fy 19	
6850 INSURANCE		
6851 Employment Practices Liability	\$ 4,203.00	
6852 Public Officials Liability	\$ 2,060.00	
6853 Workers Compensation	\$ 21,595.50	
6854 Property & Casualty	\$ 15,111.50	
6855 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 508.00	
6857 Property & Casualty - EMT	\$ 241.00	
TOTAL INSURANCE		\$ 43,719.00
6920 Bank Service Charges & fees & Reconciliation		\$ 382.56
TOTAL SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT		\$ 314,223.63

7000 HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - Budgeted Items	EXPENSE	TOTALS
7100 SALARIES & WAGES		
7120 Road Commissioner Salary	\$ 5,115.00	
7110 Road Crew Regular Wages	\$ 229,689.17	
7110 Road Crew Overtime Wages	\$ 50,908.40	
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES		\$ 285,712.57
7200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
7210 Training & Education	\$ 75.00	
7220 Health Insurance	\$ 98,800.86	
7230 Life Insurance	\$ 708.73	
7260 Retirement - Town Share	\$ 15,432.62	
7270 Uniform - Town Contribution	\$ 3,855.67	
7280 Hiring Costs/Drug Testing	\$ 276.25	
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ 119,149.13
7300 GARAGE EXPENSES		
7310 Electric	\$ 2,734.10	
7320 Heating Fuel	\$ 4,060.74	
7330 Telephone	\$ 2,033.97	
7340 Building Repair & Maintenance	\$ 24,538.90	
7360 Office & Cleaning Supplies	\$ 767.75	
7370 Trash Collection	\$ 3,284.70	
7380 Shop Supplies	\$ 8,954.94	
7390 New Salt Shed construction	\$ 10,000.00	
TOTAL GARAGE EXPENSES		\$ 56,375.10
6550 Garage Bond & Interest		\$ 11,936.53

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
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7400 ROAD SUPPLIES & APPLICATIONS	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
7410 Sand	\$ 78,854.60	
7420 Salt	\$ 26,869.29	
7430 Gravel	\$ 52,159.10	
7435 Stone	\$ 2,395.00	
7440 Chloride	\$ 1,740.00	
7450 Culverts & Cold Patch	\$ 14,715.64	
7460 Construction	\$ 9,746.32	
7461 Resurfacing	\$ 259,345.43	
7475 Supplementary Road Assistance	\$ 393,012.00	
7480 Road Signs	\$ 1,106.56	
7490 Safety Gear	\$ 921.44	
TOTAL ROAD SUPPLIES & APPLICATIONS		\$ 840,865.38
7600 EQUIPMENT EXPENSES		
7695 Interest on loan	\$ 5,250.43	
7696 Equipment Lease Payments	\$ 34,231.56	
7650 Power Saws	\$ 539.00	
7655 Loader/Tractor	\$ 74,149.00	
7665 Trucks	\$ 27,465.77	
7645 Shop Supplies & Tools	\$ 4,516.05	
7670 VLCT Property & Casualty/Equipment	\$ 19,813.50	
7680 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 134,258.64	
7685 Diesel Fuel	\$ 52,007.33	
TOTAL EQUIPMENT EXPENSES		\$ 352,231.28
TOTAL HIGHWAY ACCOUNT		<u>\$ 1,666,269.99</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, wages, other		\$ 7,337.00
9400 CONSTABLE (Salary & Expenses)		
9410 Salary	\$ 2,624.00	
9420 Expenses	\$ 1,374.00	
TOTAL CONSTABLE		\$ 3,998.00
9500 TREASURER (Salary & Expenses)		
9510 Salary	\$ 15,000.00	
9520 Expenses	\$ 2,328.66	
TOTAL TREASURER		\$ 17,328.66
9120 Municipal Planning Grant		\$ 1,738.93

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
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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	\$ 2,000.00	
9626 Youth Services	\$ 200.00	
9629 SEVCA SE VT Comm Act	\$ 790.00	
9630 The Gathering Place	\$ 500.00	
9625 Halifax EMS/Fire Company	\$ 3,996.33	
9631 Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00	
9632 American Red Cross	\$ 250.00	
9635 Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	\$ 500.00	
9637 Halifax Celebrations	\$ 4,817.40	
9636 Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	\$ 500.00	
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS		<u>\$ 24,393.73</u>
TOTAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES		<u>\$ 54,796.32</u>

8000 SELF FUNDING	EXPENSES	TOTALS
8200 COMMISSIONS		
8210 Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 9,278.44	
8310 Delinquent Tax Collector Expense	\$ 794.57	
8220 Zining Administrator	\$ 2,685.00	
8320 Zoning Administrator Expense	\$ 14.16	
		\$ 12,772.17
8100 PUBLIC SAFETY		
8110 Annual Discretionary Funds	\$ 4,117.94	
8120 Grants	\$ 9,193.25	
8140 VEM Annual Compensation	\$ 3,000.00	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		<u>\$ 16,311.19</u>
TOTAL SELF FUNDING & INDEPENDENT		<u>\$ 29,083.36</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$ 2,064,373.30</u>



American Red Cross
New Hampshire and
Vermont Region



Town of Halifax

The mission of the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to helping local communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters, most commonly home fires.

Our work also includes the collection and supply of blood and blood products throughout the United States, emergency communication services for Military Service Members and their families, training courses for emergency preparedness, as well as certification courses for Licensed Nurse Assistants, babysitting, and First Aid/CPR.

In order to provide these essential services, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is grateful to receive municipal support from our friends in the Town of Halifax. This year, we respectfully request an appropriation of **\$250.00**. These funds will stay right here in our region, so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during their hours of greatest need.

Last year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, once every 17 hours, helping nearly 1,500 individuals.
- We installed more than 3,400 smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained 24,500 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected 90,447 units of blood at over 3,400 blood drives. All 40 hospitals in NH and VT depend on Red Cross collections.
- In NH/VT, 275 service members were connected with their families through the Emergency Communications efforts of our Service to the Armed Forces department.

As you know, a disaster or emergency can strike anyone at any time without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the Halifax community to help your residents in times of need. Your support will go a long way to ensure that people in this region receive the support they need, when they need it.

On behalf of the 1,300 volunteers and staff throughout New Hampshire and Vermont, I thank you for your consideration of this request to support the humanitarian work that we do. While we sincerely hope that no disasters effect your area in the coming year, you can rest assured that if they do, the American Red Cross will be there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Zellem'.

Rachel Zellem
Regional Development Specialist

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Brattleboro Area Hospice

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Brattleboro Area Hospice (BAH) provides a broad range of volunteer-based services for living and dying well, focusing on end-of-life, bereavement and advance care planning. Our programs reflect our community's values of kindness, decency, and dignity. Founded in 1979 on the belief that no one should die alone, we are committed to offering all services free of charge.

The organization 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. 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 and distribute a bi-monthly, 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. We provide community-based educational programs throughout the Windham County region on issues related to end-of-life, reaching over 800 people last year.

Through our advance care planning initiative, Taking Steps Brattleboro, BAH offers trained volunteers to help people through the process of developing and registering advance care plans. With the goal to achieve a significant increase in the numbers of people who have completed the Advance Care planning process, Taking Steps Brattleboro has worked with over 500 people on Advance Care Planning since late in 2015.

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 feel privileged to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors, and are grateful for the community's partnership to mobilize our mission. Your financial support helps to make this possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served 5 Halifax residents. Two Halifax residents serves as volunteers 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 25th year of working on preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among our youth. We have sponsored the following drug and alcohol awareness programming and activities for parents and youth in our schools and communities:

Community Activities:

**Community Meetings on Opioids:* In June 2018, the Deerfield Valley experienced the deaths of two community members to drug overdoses. These events caused many to stop and take notice. A grassroots group of community members began meeting to evaluate community needs around drug prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts in the Deerfield Valley. DVCP facilitated meetings that included health care professionals, town representatives, persons in recovery, family members affected by addiction, Rotary & Lions Club members, educators, business owners, local counselors, and police, among others. Meeting participants identified resources and services presently available and assessed what is still needed in the community to support those struggling with addiction, as well as those in recovery. Group members noted that stigma around substance abuse disorders, and misinformation regarding addiction and opioids still exists and the group feels strongly that our community has to do more than just a quick hand-off to an out-of-town agency. Resources, services, and support with easy access are needed locally. Meetings continue to take place.

**Parent Education:* Informational mailings/newsletters, speaker events, and presentations.

**Policy work:* legislative advocacy (conversations with state legislators about substance use and health issues).

**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 and False ID trainings for local alcohol servers and retailers.

**Choose sNOW events* (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes).

School Activities:

**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 groups (PRIDE & OVX), middle school prevention group (Above the Influence), sponsoring high school students' attendance at the Eastern States Youth to Youth Leadership conference held at Bryant University in Rhode Island, sponsoring middle school students' attendance at the Above the Influence training at High Five in Brattleboro.

**Wellness Day at Twin Valley Middle High School:* Student planned workshops and presentations.

**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 Staff Trainings* on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Many initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for our 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
2018 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 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 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 2018 we served up to 100 families with about 210 clients each month. Since our communities have always "paid it forward" and keep the DVFP on their giving list, we continue to be prepared to provide a wagon full of food for 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 continue without you 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.

We moved into 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington location in November of 2017. This summer we finished our renovations. We held an open house in August if you were not able to attend please feel free to stop by and we will show you around. We initiated fund raising for the down payment and renovations. Over the next several years will continue to raise the money for this new location. Our Goal is \$625,000.00 to date we have raised \$365,000.00 from your generous support. We sent out about 10,000 letters for our annual appeal and subscription drive. If EVERYONE that received this sent \$13.00 this year and next year we would reach our goal.

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 980 calls in 2018. 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 A long 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.

All residents are asked to know their locatable address and to make sure children, family members and renters are aware of this address, so in the event of an emergency the information given would be correct. We also ask that your house numbers are noticeable from the roadway.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued support from the community. The annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. If you have not sent in your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards our new building.

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

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Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary on May 5, 2018 with 22,700 volunteers participating and 225 tons of litter collected throughout the state. Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's help to continue the annual tradition of cleaning up our roadways and waterways, while promoting civic pride. The tradition of Green Up Day began in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May 2020.

Green Up Vermont also offers a statewide educational component for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and town's is an essential part of our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating budget. All town resident's benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, an educational component, and promotional outreach.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate sponsors and individual donors. Individuals can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Keep in touch with Green Up Vermont news by joining our newsletter, liking us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and following our blog by visiting our website.

Save the dates: Green Up Day, May 4, 2019 and Celebrating 50th Anniversary, May 2, 2020. A Vermont tradition since 1970!

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services Narrative Report for FY18 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 FY18, HCRS provided 3,215 hours of services to 11 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
Total Agency

	FY 19 Budget	% of Total Revenues	
REVENUES:			
Client Fees:			
Self Pay	301,186	0.64%	
Medicare	338,000	0.72%	Self Pay, Other Insurance, School and Client Room & Board Revenues
Private Insurance	232,720	0.50%	Represents 6% of Total Agency Revenues
School Contract and Tuition Fees	1,734,873	3.70%	
Other Client Fees - ACCO	244,800	0.52%	
Client Room & Board	171,312	0.37%	
DMH Medicaid Fee For Service	10,047,923	21.41%	Medicaid Fee For Service Revenues Represents 23% of Total Agency Revenues
PC Plus/VHAP Medicaid Fee For Service	536,500	1.14%	
ACCS Medicaid Fee For Service	150,000	0.32%	
ADAP Medicaid Fee For Service	275,000	0.59%	
Personal Care Medicaid Fee For Service			
CRT Case Rate Medicaid	5,853,240	12.47%	Case Rate and Waiver Medicaid Revenues Represents 49% of Total Agency Revenues
MH Medicaid Waiver	657,000	1.40%	
DS Medicaid Waiver	16,306,972	34.75%	
State Grants:			
State Grant-In-Aid	2,795,601	5.96%	State Grant Revenues Represents 18% of Total Agency Revenues
Other Contractors/Grants	5,473,953	11.66%	
Local Revenues	109,237	0.23%	Local and Other Revenues Represents 4% of Total Agency Revenues
Other Revenues	1,701,055	3.62%	
TOTAL REVENUES	46,929,372	100.00%	
EXPENSES:			
% of Total Expenses			
Salaries	21,687,489	46.21%	Salaries, Fringe and Contractors Represents 86% of Total Agency Expenses
Fringe Benefits	7,374,331	15.71%	
Other Personnel Costs	11,362,804	24.21%	
Operating Expenses	2,466,552	5.26%	
Program Expenses	994,455	2.12%	
Client/Staff Transportation	927,639	1.98%	
Building Expenses	2,116,092	4.51%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	46,929,372	100.00%	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	-		

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 12 clients, four from each of the three towns, with current loans amounting to \$130,780 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$200,510.

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
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Patty Webster
464-8153

Linda Donaghue
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Town of Halifax

The MOOver

We celebrated our 22nd anniversary in 2018. 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 nearly five 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 nearly 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	157,378	1,619	158,997
Year Round Routes	129,678	126,895	256,573
Senior rides	3,661	14,460	18,121
Volunteer Rides		14,490	14,490
Total Rides	290,717	157,464	448,181



Nature Adventure, at Woodard Nature Camp-Johnson Memorial Nature Preserve, celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2018! Children have gathered together from Halifax, Readsboro, Whitingham, Wilmington, and surrounding towns since the Camp's startup. The program has been geared toward students from grades one through eight.

Nature Adventures focusses on exploring woods, fields, and waterways, and learning about native plants and animals with a focus on food chains and habitats of the natural world.

Johnson Memorial Nature Preserve was gifted to Vermont based Trust for Wildlife by Pat Johnson, in memory of her husband, Norris Johnson. Mrs. Johnson included the small summer cabin with 15 acres of primarily open field and 100 acres of woodlands. The idea was to provide an inside space in case of challenging weather. It has turned into a mini-nature center complete with aquaria, natural history posters, a small resource library, and all the tools necessary for "nature adventurers" to enjoy all that is available throughout the sanctuary.

This all unfolded due to an article in a local paper announcing the gift. William Ackemann, science teacher in the Halifax three room school house, saw the article and contacted Marshal Case, volunteer president and naturalist at Trust for Wildlife. The two met at the school, discussed the potential, and the rest is "history." Debbie Squires was a colleague with Bill and she carried forward the program after Bill's death. Then Stephanie (Aldrich) Spring, former principal, got involved after Debbie retired. The past couple of summers, Merritt Youmell has taken the lead to coordinate and co-lead the camp. Joanne Case has volunteered for several years sharing her love of art and nature.

Times change, leadership changes, but there has been a consistency in the quality of summer science education for young residents of the Deerfield Valley. Some of the past campers have become professional naturalists. But, most important, eyes and ears have become tuned-in to the natural world.

We need this now, more than ever. And a big THANKYOU to the residents of Halifax who helped make this possible. Because of the town's support, we have been able to offer this camp at no charge every year.

Rescue Inc. is your community non-profit provider of emergency medical treatment and transportation. Rescue Inc, founded in 1966, has been providing service to the region for the past fifty-three years. Citizens and visitors of our fifteen-member towns receive state of the art emergency medical response, critical care transport and rescue services, as well as stand-by and disaster response. Our regional service delivery model allowed us for the second year in a row to respond to 100% of emergency calls in our coverage area. We gladly supported our neighbors with mutual aid and provided both nonemergency and critical care transportation from our local hospitals. In total we responded to more than 6200 requests for service. We operate nine ambulances out of stations located in West Townshend and Brattleboro. During the last year, through the generosity of our communities, we have been able to upgrade two stretchers, two ambulances, purchase bullet-proof vests for our medical providers, and purchase a drone to support our search and rescue team. Our public education team trained hundreds of citizens in CPR, Stop the Bleed, and First Aid. Our EMS educators hosted four classes, training the regions next generation of basic and advanced emergency medical responders. Other highlights include hosting three national speakers on critical care transport as well an intense two-day training on active shooter response. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to advancing the delivery of prehospital medicine serving this region in the future.

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 (2017-2018).

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 **7** 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; and 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 Intervention, (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Homelessness Prevention, Micro-Business Development, SaVermont (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Halifax we have provided the following services during FY2018:

Weatherization: 2 homes (7 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$35,403

Emergency Home Repair: 1 home (4 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$20,069

VT Health Connect Navigation: 1 household (1 person) received assistance to enroll or make changes in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at \$332

Family Services: 3 households (5 people) received 5 services valued at \$61 (including crisis intervention/resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 2 households (3 people) received 3 assists valued at \$1,474

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.

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The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities residents of Windham County since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro, with a satellite at 3 Mountain Park Plaza in West Dover. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- *nursing oversight**
- *access to on-site counseling, occupational and physical therapies**
- *daily exercise program**
- *recreation and social activities**
- *nutritious meals and snacks**
- *personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)**
- *outreach services**
- *companionship**
- *special events**
- *access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments**

For questions, additional information or to schedule a tour please contact TGP at 802-254-6559, email info@gatheringplacevt.org or visit us on the web at <https://gatheringplacevt.org>.



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Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Halifax, 2019

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters.

Your local office is in Brattleboro at the address and phone number above. Available to help individuals and families at worksites, schools, town meetings, or by appointment, we work hard to provide you with knowledgeable and accessible care, resources, and services. We also partner with local organizations and health care providers to ensure we're equipped to respond to the community's needs. In 2018, we worked in partnership with communities to:

- Increase capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana with Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP).
- Prevent and control the spread of infectious disease. In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.
- Promote wellness by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.
- Support healthy families by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.
- Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 11,000 families statewide.
- Provide trainings on Help Me Grow to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.
- Share new data and reports including the *Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report* which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the *Injury and Violence in Vermont* report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.
- Work with businesses in planning and starting worksite wellness strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.
- Work with local partners, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency.
- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.

Learn more about what we do on the web at www.healthvermont.gov
Join our local Facebook page at www.facebook.com/vdhbrattleboro
Follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont



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, 2017 and June 30, 2018 VNH made 321 homecare visits to 9 Halifax residents. This included approximately \$7,047 in unreimbursed care to Halifax residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 110 home visits to 7 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 3 home visits to 1 resident with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 208 home visits to 1 resident 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,



Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)

Whitingham Free Public Library

2018



~ Our Mission ~

To promote the benefits of lifelong learning and to expand the horizons of the community by filling its educational, recreational and technological needs.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- ◆ **February-April:** Offered free tax assistance and tax forms
- ◆ **March:** Awarded adult and children's snowshoes to lend provided by a grant with the Vermont Dept. of Health.
- ◆ **April:** Hosted a Build Your Own Teddy Bear Workshop:
 - Children hand stuffed teddy bears and decorated a teddy t-shirt.
- ◆ **May:**
 - Hosted a screening of the documentary, Inhabit: A Permaculture Perspective, with a community discussion.
- ◆ **June:**
 - Provided a Summer Reading kick-off program for Twin Valley Elementary (with Pettee Memorial Library) and for Halifax School.
 - Partnered with Pettee Memorial Library for 2018 Vermont Reads Program
 - provided free books: Bread and Roses, Too by VT Author Katherine Paterson
 - Events included a combined book discussion with both Libraries, a related movie night and a Field Trip to Barre, VT to tour the Vermont Granite Museum
 - Hosted New England Author and Photographer, Christy Butler
- ◆ **July- August:**
 - Offered a 6 week Library Summer Reading Camp, "Libraries' Rock!" for children ages 3-6
 - program included, free lunch, arts & crafts, games and activities, ukulele lessons, Southern Vermont Natural History Museum presentations and Storyteller's
 - Participated as a meal site for the Free Lunch Program provided through the USDA for all children up to 18 yrs.
- ◆ **August:** Deerfield Valley Farmer's Day Fair: Awarded 2 Blue Ribbons for our Adult Craft Group and Summer Reading Camp
- ◆ **September:** Participated in the Halifax Market Place with a Book & Bake Sale booth
- ◆ **October:**
 - Participated in Rooted in Vermont Week, a grassroots movement with the VT Dept. of Libraries that celebrates how Vermonters enjoy and acquire local food
 - Hunting Regulations and Stories with local Game Warden, Rich Watkin
 - Partnered with Whitingham Historical Society to present Vermont Author and Maple Sugarer, Hale Mattoon
 - Partnered with Whitingham-Halifax Lion's Club to provided a Community Halloween Pizza Party and Games & Teen Movie

The Stats

✓over 9,000 patrons visited our library ✓over 1,500 people attended 140+ events and programs ✓over 250 Halifax Members
✓8,400 items were circulated including Ebook and audio downloads ✓ The library has 12,400 books, audio books, dvd's and 12 periodical subscriptions
✓5,240 audio books and 9,550 eBooks are available through Listen Up! Vermont (LUV) ✓1,000 publications available through VT Online Library

The Survey

60 people answered our 2018 Survey
85 % were library card members
35% visit the library weekly
90% happy with customer service
80% satisfied with our collection of books, dvds, and other materials
80% content with hours of operation

Our Goals

Continue to provide a variety of quality programs, a diverse collection, and access to information.
2019-2023 Strategic Plan

We would like to thank all of our volunteers, without you we would not be able to do all we do!

Betty Witt – Circulation, Maryann Cheveralls – Circulation, Martha Phelps - Ping Pong, Johanna Robohm - Book Group, April Horton - Herbal Group,
Edie Brigham – Playgroup, Pat Kidney - Tax Assistance

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 – Maryann Cheveralls, 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 and river corridor bylaw assistance; natural resources, including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; Act 174 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 the WRC.

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 may 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 two-year process, is developed in consultation with member towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Past year highlights reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We've begun a pilot study in collaboration with the Rich Earth Institute to explore innovative technologies that can help address village wastewater capacity and groundwater quality issues. We continue to support the development of watershed collaboratives, and participate in efforts like the Confluence Project, which bring together diverse stakeholders and citizens to better connect with their shared watersheds to improve water and habitat quality. 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 conduct road erosion work. We assist towns with local emergency operations planning. 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 5% of a \$2.25 million budget for FY 2019. 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 \$1,650. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2019, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



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2018 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS

Brattleboro	Transfer Station: Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) operates a regional transfer station 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. The transfer station diverts 76% of all the materials delivered to recycling and composting.
Brookline	
Dover	
Dummerston	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 2 nd largest facility in Vermont, and in calendar year 2018 composted 1,357 tons of food scraps from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program and commercial/institutional sources. Total tons of organic materials processed, including leaves, wood chips, and paper fiber was 3,260 tons. The District sold 1,750 cubic yards of "Brattlegrow" compost in 2018, primarily through 4 retail distributors. WSWMD donates compost for town projects, schools, and community gardens.
Guilford	
Halifax	
Jamaica	
Marlboro	
Newfane	Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The MRF closed in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Eight towns utilize the District's recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities, with private haulers handling recyclable materials.
Putney	
Readsboro	
Somerset	Trucking: WSWMD retained one staff member with a Class A CDL license to haul recyclables, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.
Stratton	
Townshend	Solar Array: WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Sky Solar Holdings, who constructed a 5 mega-watt solar array on the landfill this year and began operating in July. It is the largest group net metered project in the state and has contracted for 20 years with: the towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Halifax, Newfane, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, and Wilmington; schools in Brattleboro, Marlboro, Putney, and Vernon; Landmark College, Marlboro College, Brattleboro Retreat, and WSWMD. Sky Solar has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$102,000/year for use of the landfill. The project is providing significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets.
Vernon	
Wardsboro	
Westminster	
Wilmington	

Financial Report: WSWMD finished year-end FY 2018 with a surplus of \$60,451.

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

Re-TRAC Reporting: WSWMD tracked tonnages of recyclables collected from member towns.

SWIP Annual Requirements: Towns and WSWMD are required to comply with VT ANR Materials Management Plan (MMP) policies.

WSWMD is responsible for managing SWIP requirements for member towns. Highlights from 2018 include:

- Free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion, was provided to over 200 businesses in 17-member communities;

- Implemented a multi-media public outreach campaign; and
- Provided event recycling containers to 20 public/private events.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: WSWMD held 4 household hazardous waste collection events (as mandated by VT ANR MMP) in the Towns of Brattleboro, Jamaica, Readsboro, and Westminster, with 283 households from 18 towns participating! WSWMD has signed agreements with the Rutland County Solid Waste District and the City of Keene, which allows residents, and conditionally exempt generators, to use those hazardous waste depots for a fee.

Grants:

VT ANR Organics Infrastructure Grant: WSWMD was awarded \$410,518, which requires a 60% match, to purchase organics processing equipment. The use of these funds or a portion thereof is under consideration.

Food Waste Anaerobic Digestion: Sky Solar Holdings, in conjunction with WSWMD, was awarded a \$100,000 grant from Windham Regional Commission Clean Energy Development Fund to construct a food waste anaerobic digester at WSWMD. The anaerobic digester is under consideration.

VT ANR Solid Waste Implementation Grant: WSWMD was awarded a \$39,442 grant from the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to assist the District with the expenses associated with its hazardous waste collection programs.

USDA Equipment Grant: WSWMD was awarded \$17,500 to go towards the purchase of a new front-end loader in July for the compost facility operations.

VLCT Equipment Grant: WSWMD was awarded a \$595 grant to purchase an ergonomically better desk and chair for the scalehouse operator.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Spencer
Executive Director



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 58 homeowners in 2018 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 2018, 75 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 2018, WWHT completed renovation of a historic apartment building and 18 new apartments in Putney, as well as completing 22 micro-apartments for the homeless in Brattleboro. In October of 2018, WWHT broke ground on a new mixed-income apartment complex in downtown Brattleboro.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 859 rental apartments with over 1140 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.homemattershere.org

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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 celebrating its fourteenth year at Halifax School with Merritt Youmell and Hope Phelan doing a great job as co-coordinators. Merritt and Hope share the credit for designing this year's popular programming. Merritt did an amazing job of ending school year 2018 with dynamic well-organized opportunities for students after Kate Milligan's resignation. A few noteworthy points from last year:

- ❖ Halifax had the highest rate of student participation compared to all of the Supervisory Union's Wings programs, with 87% students participating in Wings last year.

- ❖ The Family at Cemetery Ridge, last summer's district musical, an adaptation of "The Addams Family" continued our Supervisory Union's ability to produce a play with many examples of collaboration. The level of expertise in the troupe's dance skills amazed the dance choreographers Maria Stewart, Lauren Sumner and Cyndal Ellis. Dancers quickly learned their moves and were ready to go on performance nights. Julia Sloan, vocal coach raised the bar with her work on all the singers and the level of cooperation and energy the troupe brought to the production was again, something that made the entire experience a total pleasure. 62 student thespians from Halifax, Twin Valley, Dover, and Readsboro schools, as well as BAMS and homeschoolers lit up Memorial Hall stage. The project was also wonderfully supported by Karen Horton, Shelley Park, Renee Galle, Peter Boyd, Jobi Dan'Sy, the Wings Charitable Foundation and many, many parent volunteers. The circus cast had the opportunity of utilizing the new truss system that was donated by Wilmington Works, through a Paul Pabst \$12,500 donation. The audience was thrilled to hear the voices of Wings thespians loud and clear thanks to the \$2,000 grant from the Bermil Foundation which allowed Wings to purchase enough wireless microphones bringing a professional-like feeling and sound to our stage.

- ❖ We keep on saying this but Celebrate Summer (CS), had another fantastic 4 weeks of camp this last summer resulting again in progressively increased enrollment for each consecutive week. Word that this popular and affordable camp was so exciting spread, marking the final week with seventy six youth participating, now the watermark of the highest attendances in Wings summer camp history! By the time the dust settled on the last day of camp, program leaders and student counselors took a well-deserved rest. Congratulations to the team, especially Missy Jutras, TVES first grade teacher and Angel Colford, TVES special educator, and Katie Boyd who ensured the program was a memorable experience for all. Celebrate summer offered six exciting hands-on science programs, TaeKwonDo classes, Fencing, four dance programs, Circus silks, a Renaissance Fair, art classes with Doodle Bots, gymnastic classes and still left time for making new camp friends. A super breakfast and lunch meal was provided each day by Lonny Paige and delivered by the wonderful volunteers of the Deerfield Valley Rotary Club.

Wings at Halifax continues to thrive, the dedication of the teachers, staff and administration have made Halifax the program one to emulate. When you have all the professional staff and near 100% student participation over the years, you can't help but know the program is a vibrant, important aspect of the town's community.

Wings could not do its job without the support of the town, school district, parents, building support staff, the Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley, and the community. Thank you very much.

Andy Hauty, Project Director

Merritt Youmell & Hope Phelan, Co Halifax Site Coordinators

**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, children and other survivors 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 1974, 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018, the Women's Freedom Center responded to 1,700 hotline calls, sheltered 173 people (121 adults and 52 children) and had 3,500 contacts through which we provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,205 people** (713 women, 31 men, 2 gender non-binary individuals and 459 children) who were abused. These figures include at least 9 survivors from Halifax (4 adults and 5 children). In addition, we provided community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops throughout Windham County with the goal of educating for the prevention of future violence.

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 the 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

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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 1,200 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 programs with one-on-one mentoring for high school students and young adults
- Substance abuse prevention for youth and adults
- Supervised visitation 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 four residents from Halifax during Fiscal Year 2018 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

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