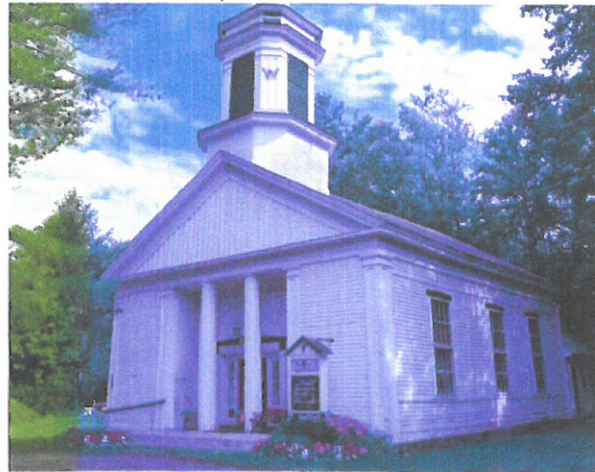


ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019



Photos by Andrea Rand

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
(Please bring this report with you)

Informational Meeting and Meet the Candidates
Monday, February 24, 2020 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 3, 2020

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 3, 201920 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
Town Clerk	Three years
Town Treasurer	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
Cemetery Commissioner (remainder term)	One year
Southern Valley Unified Union School Director	Three years
Southern Valley Unified Union School Director	One year

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town of Halifax enter into a communications union district to be known as Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Chapter 82?

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ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to support The Whitingham Free Public Library.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to exempt the Halifax Community Club from property taxation for the ensuing five years pursuant to Title 32, V.S.A. Section 3840.

ARTICLE 27: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

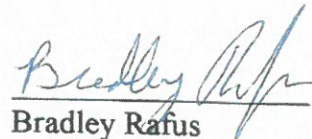
Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 27th day of January A.D. 2020.



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 3, 2020

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 and cross (X) 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 L. BLAIS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Selectman</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LEWIS L. SUMNER <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>PAUL G. BLAIS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Town Clerk</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PATRICIA DOW <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>Town Treasurer</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>PATRICIA DOW <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For <u>Cemetery Commissioner</u>, for 1 year Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>For <u>Lister</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>TINA BLAIS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Southern Valley Unified Union School District Director, For 3 years. 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>Auditor</u>, for 3 years Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>SARAH BARNETT <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>_____ Write-In <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>For Southern Valley Unified Union School District Director, For 1 year. Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>JESSICA COONEY <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>	<p> </p>

OFFICIAL ANNUAL BALLOT
SOUTHERN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWNS OF HALIFAX AND READSBORO
MARCH 3, 2020

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

For 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 School District will authorize the Select Board to pay the School District Clerk \$20 per hour not to exceed \$375 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 VI To see if the voters of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$ 3,381,021, 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 \$ 16,960 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 23.6% higher 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 FY21 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

Acct. #	Acct. Description	Budget FY19			Budget FY20			Proposal	
		Budget FY19	Spent FY19	Budget FY19	Budget FY20	Budget FY20	FY21	FY21	
6100 Total	Wages**	\$ 83,400	\$ 103,389	\$ 83,400	\$ 83,400	\$ 79,400			
6200 Total	Employee Benefits	\$ 2,406	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,406	\$ 2,406	\$ 2,406			
9700 Subtotal Town	Payroll Exp--Soc. Sec.- Town	\$ 26,259	\$ 30,582	\$ 26,259	\$ 26,259	\$ 26,442			
6250 Total	Town Office Expenses	\$ 30,600	\$ 56,051	\$ 31,600	\$ 31,600	\$ 31,500			
6270 Total	Town Expenses	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,273	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300			
6300 Total	Professional Services	\$ 12,750	\$ 10,188	\$ 12,750	\$ 12,750	\$ 12,750			
6400 Total	Town Meeting Expense	\$ 3,650	\$ 2,755	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,250			
6450 Total	Bridges**	\$ 60,000	\$ 175,497	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000			
6570 Total	Cemeteries	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,306	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000			
6600 Total	Halifax Fire Company & Ambulance	\$ 37,702	\$ 37,643	\$ 38,086	\$ 38,086	\$ 38,509			
6700 Total	Environmental Expenses	\$ 26,335	\$ 23,027	\$ 25,003	\$ 25,003	\$ 24,800			
6750 Total	Taxes and Interest	\$ 8,200	\$ 12,564	\$ 8,603	\$ 8,603	\$ 8,700			
6800 Total	Town Share of School Exp.	\$ 15,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000			
6850 Total	Insurance	\$ 40,188	\$ 35,353	\$ 40,188	\$ 40,188	\$ 25,746			
6900 Total	Bank Charges and Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
6000 Total	Selectboard Account	\$ 353,791	\$ 543,129	\$ 348,995	\$ 348,995	\$ 331,803			
9300 Total	Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Total 7475	Supplementary Road Assistance (Audits; Town's share)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Municipal Subtotal	\$ 353,791	\$ 543,129	\$ 348,995	\$ 348,995	\$ 331,803			
	Paid by Eames Fund	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500			
	Fees & Interest Earned	\$ 18,000	\$ 21,261	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 20,000			
	Other Funding (VY Grant)	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
	Total Municipal	\$ 319,291	\$ 520,368	\$ 329,495	\$ 329,495	\$ 310,303			
	Highway Dept. Total (from other pg)	\$ 849,135	\$ 1,123,404	\$ 860,363	\$ 860,363	\$ 935,078			
	Total SB and Highway	\$ 1,168,426	\$ 1,643,771	\$ 1,189,858	\$ 1,189,858	\$ 1,245,381			
	Incomes against expenses								
	Raise & Appropriate								

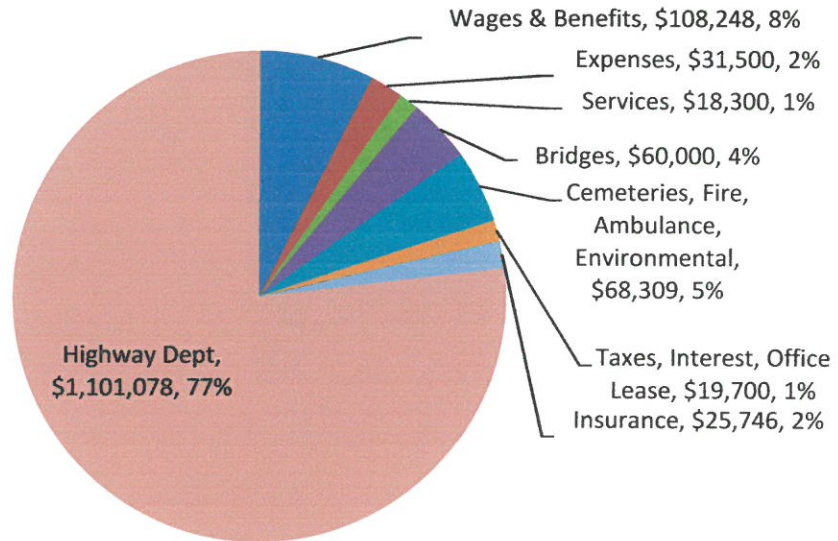
Highway Proposed Budget FY21 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

Acct #	Acct. Description	Budget FY19	Spent FY19	Budget FY20	Proposal FY21
7100 Total	Salaries and Wages	\$ 259,857	\$ 273,673	\$ 261,169	\$ 266,248
7200 Total	Employee Benefits & Costs	\$ 127,648	\$ 122,513	\$ 127,730	\$ 135,730
7300 Total	Garage Expenses	\$ 35,080	\$ 36,223	\$ 26,480	\$ 63,680
7410	Sand	\$ 40,000	\$ 100,280	\$ 65,000	\$ 95,000
7420	Salt	\$ 22,000	\$ 36,582	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
7430	Gravel	\$ 60,000	\$ 66,986	\$ 60,000	\$ 95,000
7431	Gravel & Stone (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7435	Stone	\$ 10,000	\$ 49,972	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000
7440	Chloride	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,624	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,000
7450	Const. - Other (salt shed)	\$ -	\$ 10,167	\$ -	\$ -
7451	Guardrails (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7460	Resurfacing - Other	\$ 160,000	\$ 242,026	\$ 160,000	\$ 130,000
7461	Resurfacing (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7462	Cold Patch & Culverts	\$ 10,000	\$ 14,996	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,000
7463	Cold Patch & Culverts (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7470	Roadside Mowing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7475	Supplementary Road Assistance*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7480	Road Signs	\$ 3,000	\$ 785	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
7481	Road Signs (SRA)*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7490	Safety Gear	\$ 500	\$ 955	\$ 500	\$ 500
7400 Total	Road Supplies & Applications	\$ 314,500	\$ 527,372	\$ 347,500	\$ 372,500
7600 Total	Equipment & Equip. Op. Costs	\$ 267,517	\$ 307,094	\$ 252,484	\$ 252,420
6550 Total	Garage Bond	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,698	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,500
	Highway Subtotal	\$ 1,015,601	\$ 1,278,573	\$ 1,026,363	\$ 1,101,078
Incomes	Scott Fund	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
Against	State Aid	\$ 141,000	\$ 141,169	\$ 141,000	\$ 141,000
Expenses	Other Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
	Raise and Appropriate Highway	\$ 860,601	\$ 1,123,404	\$ 860,363	\$ 935,078

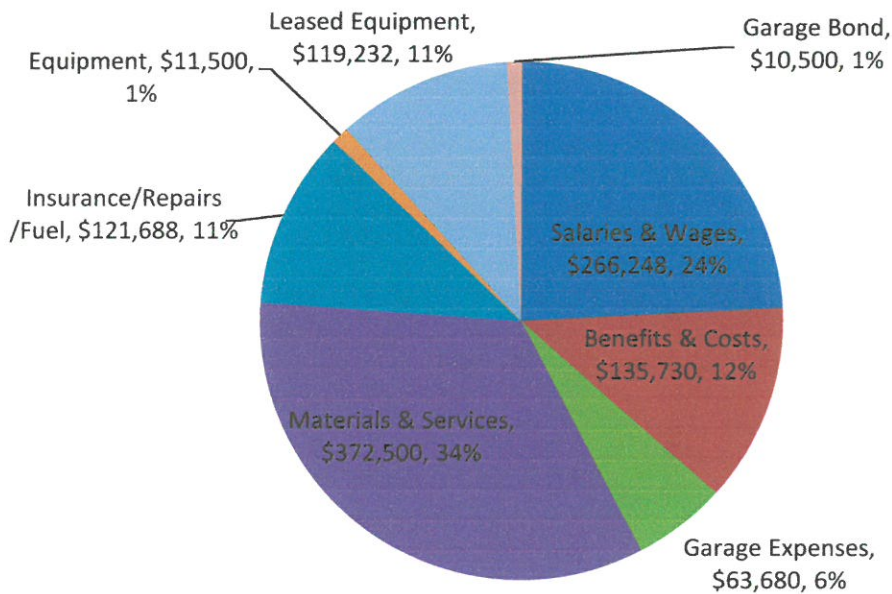
Town of Halifax Equipment Schedule 1/2021

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
2020	WesternStar Single-Axle Dump Truck #4	\$190,000	L	10	2030	\$250,000
2014	Ford F550 Truck #5	\$79,000	L	7	2021	\$65,000
2015	GMC Pickup #6	\$33,000	L	7	2022	\$55,000
1994	Morbark Wood Chipper		Own	15	2016	\$30,000
2008	Caterpillar Excavator	\$151,000	L	15	2024	\$175,000
2009	John Deere Loader	\$106,000	L	15	2025	\$135,000
2012	Caterpillar AWD Grader	\$288,745	L	15	2027	\$350,000
2014	New Holland Tractor	\$78,000	L	15	2032	\$120,000
Town of Halifax Equipment Lease and Reserve Plan 1/2021						
Lease	Description	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Lease	2014 New Holland			\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
Lease	Caterpillar AWD Grader	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232	\$34,232
Lease	2017 Int'l WorkStar Tandem	\$28,596	\$28,596	\$28,596	\$28,596	\$28,596
Lease	2020 WesternStar Dump Truck #4				\$40,000	\$40,000
Total Lease Payments:		\$62,828	\$62,828	\$79,828	\$79,828	\$119,828
						\$91,232
						\$57,000
						\$40,000
						\$40,000

FY21 Town & Highway Proposal



FY21 Highway Expenses Breakdown



TOWN OF HALIFAX
TAX RATE
FISCAL YEAR 2020

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	\$1,289,401.00
+/- Tax Appeals/Abatements	
NET MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	\$1,289,401.00
 MUNICIPAL BUDGET	
SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	\$1,189,858.00
TREASURER'S BUDGET	\$19,000.00
OTHER VOTED NON-PROFITS	\$19,890.00
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET	\$1,228,748.00
 STATE HOLD HARMLESS PAYMENT	(\$115,000.00)
 TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET MINUS HOLD HARMLESS	\$1,113,748.00
 TAX on LOCAL AGREEMENTS (Town Voted Exemptions)	\$7,158.79
 TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$1,120,906.79
 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	0.8638
 LOCAL AGREEMENTS TAX RATE	0.0056
 TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	0.8693
 SCHOOL TAX - HOMESTEAD RATE	1.1682
 SCHOOL TAX - NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.5161
 TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	2.0375
 TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	2.3854

APPROVED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON JULY 2, 2019

Lewis L Sumner

Lewis Sumner, Chairman

Mitchell Green

Mitchell Green

Bradley Rafus

Bradley Rafus

MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 5, 2019

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 5, 2019 for the 242nd Annual Meeting of the Town of Halifax.

Moderator Paul G. Blais called the meeting to order at 10:02 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.....	Bradley Rafus
LISTER – three years.....	Mary Brewster
AUDITOR – three years.....	April Dupuis
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES – one year.....	Laura Sumner
TOWN AGENT – one year.....	Tina Blais
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS – three years.....	Stephen Cohen
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER – three years.....	Clifton Inman
SOUTHERN VALLEY SCHOOL DIRECTOR – three years ...	Homer “Chum” Sumner

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote by Australian ballot to adopt the amended Town Plan, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 4385 (c)?

The results of the Australian Ballot question were as follows:

YES	94
NO	26
BLANK	42
SPOILED	0
TOTAL VOTES	162

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, 2018.

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, 2019 payable to the Town Treasurer. Taxes will become delinquent after September 30, 2019 and payable with penalties and interest to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

- ARTICLE 5: Voted to apply any budget surplus from the current fiscal year (FY19) to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year (FY20).
- ARTICLE 6: Voted to approve Selectboard and Highway expenditures of \$1,375,358 of which \$1,189,858 shall be raised by taxes and \$189,200 by non-tax revenues to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Town for FY20.
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- ARTICLE 9: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of:

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\$ 4,000	Halifax Fire Department (First Responders)
\$ 2,500	Wings Community Programs
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
\$ 2,000	Halifax Community Club
\$ 500	Deerfield Valley Food Pantry

ARTICLE 10: Discussed the following non-binding business:

Mary Brewster spoke about the Healing Arts program run in Halifax. This program is neighbors helping neighbors and it is run by Paul and Tina Blais.

Patricia Pusey reminds us all to contact our Representatives to help small towns.

Linda Rice stated how lucky we are to have such a great volunteer fire department.

Paul Blais spoke on behalf of the celebration Committee.

Joe Tamburrino gives thanks to the Road Crew.

Linda Copeland congratulated the first and second graders for a job well done at the senior meal.

Ray Combs reminded everyone not to forge the Firemans clambake.

Marshall Case spoke with no objection from the room. He spoke about the Nature Adventure Camp.

NOTE: The foregoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 5, 2019 Annual Town Meeting which is recorded in Volume 6, Pages 181-183.

**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 (SVUUSD) met at the Twin Valley Middle High School Auditorium in Whitingham, Vermont, on the evening of Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Valley Unified Union School District.

Moderator Paul G. Blais called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 – Tina Blais, Chairman of the Board, Homer Sumner; Stephanie Powers; Mary King; Sue Bailey and Caroline Sprague. At this time Principal, Sandy Pentak-Cohen; Superintendent of Schools, Barbara Anne Komons-Montroll; and WSWSU Business Manager, Karen Atwood were also introduced. 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 the school district officers were as follows:

ARTICLE I Moderator – Paul Blais

ARTICLE II Clerk – Tina Blais

ARTICLE III Treasurer – Patricia Dow

ARTICLE IV To elect (2) School Directors for three (3) years terms each, by Australian Ballot.

Halifax Director Elected: Homer Sumner

ARTICLE V To see if the voters of the SVUUSD 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.

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

YES	214
NO	70
BLANK	27
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	312

ARTICLE VI To see if the voters of the SVUUSD will authorize the school board to pay the School District Clerk \$20 per hour not to exceed \$250 annually for his/her duties with the School District, by Australian ballot.

ARTICLE VII To see if the voters of the SVUUSD approve the School Board to expend \$2,819,314, 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 on by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE VIII Lewis Sumner moved that the towns hear the reports of the SVUUSD Officers and act thereon. Marylou Parkhurst seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion Moderator Blais moved on to Article IX.

ARTICLE IX Lewis Sumner moved that the SVUUSD will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Patricia Dow seconded the motion. Article IX was so voted and Moderator Blais declared Article IX so passed.

ARTICAL X Larry Hopkins moved to pass over to see if the SVUUSD will vote to authorize the School directors to deposit into a reserve fund, anticipated surplus funds at June 30, 2019, for the purpose of maintaining the facilities and/or emergency repairs, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2804. Moderator Blais explained that this is called suspend the rules and a second is needed as well as two thirds vote. Dave Marchegiani seconded the motion. The motion to suspend the rules for Article X was so voted and declared defeated by Moderator Blais. Lewis Sumner moved to see if the SVUUSD will vote to authorize the School Directors to deposit into a reserve fund, anticipated surplus funds at June 30, 2019, for the purpose of maintaining the facilities and/or emergency repairs, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2804. The motion was seconded by Patricia Dow. Marylou Parkhurst asked for an explanation/clarification of the reserve fund. Sumner explained that there is no fund yet but if there is a fund balance part of that fund balance could be established into a reserve fund on its own to be used in case of building repairs or emergencies. Parkhurst asked if it would be able to roll over from year to year. Sumner replied that yes it would roll over from year to year. Hopkins raised his concern over the Article, it seems as if it is giving the board a blank check to do whatever they want with. Thinks that the Board would have to establish fund, report the fund to the voters, and then put it into an article to be voted on each year at the annual meeting. Thinks the reserve fund is a good idea article just needs to be written in a different order. Moderator Blais explained that he talked with JP Isabelle, from the Vermont Secretary of State's office, to get a better understanding of the Article. It was explained to him that the Article could be amended to two parts and he was pointed to the VLCT Model Article. If it were an Australian ballot, it would have to be worded as one Article to both create the account and to fund the account. For a floor vote an amendment is still permissible to split the article into two parts. It is up to the discretion of the moderator as to whether they would permit the amendment. There is no law that requires a dollar amount. A new Article would have to be voted on each year as it is only good for one year.

Dave Marchegiani brought up how the Readsboro Select Board handles their

happen during the year that is why it is anticipated. Hopkins asked if they knew they were going to have this fund why didn't they just put a dollar amount in such as \$50,000 and make it clear and simple? Moderator Blais asked if he was still referring to the Article that was written by DA J.P. the answer was yes. Sumner went on to explain that Halifax had never had a reserve fund before and that he was going into it blind. If you have a fund balance and you do not put it into a reserve fund by June 30, as of July 1 it turns into revenue because you have missed the deadline. Paul N. Blais motioned to call the question and Patricia Dow seconded ending Debate. It was voted to end the debate on Article X. Article X was so voted and Moderator Blais declared Article X so passed.

Article XI

Patricia Dow moved to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Paul N. Blais seconded. Hopkins expressed his concern over the fact that the numbers in the warrant had changed from the time it was posted in Readsboro, to the Readsboro informational meeting and they were even different when read by Moderator Blais at the Annual meeting tonight. Also, that the warrant was not correctly posted in Readsboro. Moderator Blais asked what he read wrong and was told that is was the total for the expenditure in Article VII. Also, that the School report said that we would be discussing Articles VII, VIII, IX, X, and XI. We only discussed VIII, IX, X, and XI. Hopkins also stated that there were errors on page 11 of the School Report. Hopkins read out examples for the people. Parkhurst asked Sumner if a postcard could be mailed out with the date and time of the informational meeting, as they were not aware of it. That is something that the board will consider next year. Sumner asked Marchegiani if the Readsboro Select Board sent out informational post cards to the voters for their annual Town Meeting and Marchegiani said no they just post in the legal places required. Marchegiani explained how the Readsboro Select Board has handled reserve funds in the past but understands that the select Board and School Board operate differently. More discussion ensued about Article X with members sharing ideas as to how to handle it. Sumner tried to clarify details. At this time moderator Blais read 24 VSA § 2804. Hopkins asked how the tax payers would know if they were getting good results from the students for their tax money. Homer explained that at the E Board meeting he just attended, he heard very positive results. Sandy Pentak-Cohen explained about the schools having a flier that goes out weekly with information on the projects the students were involved in as well as a Principals report that gives little more info into about the academic side. She stated that anyone could sign up for it to be either emailed or mailed to him or her.

NOTE: The forgoing is a summary of the certified record of the minutes of the March 5, 2019 annual Southern Valley Unified Union School District Meeting which is recorded in volume 6, Pages 190-192.

ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX, VERMONT
For the Fiscal Year 2020

TOWN OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES
TOWN MODERATOR (1 yr)	Paul G. Blais	2020
TOWN CLERK (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2020
TOWN TREASURER (3 yrs)	Patricia Dow	2020
SELECTMEN (3 yrs)	Brad Rafus	2022
	Lewis Sumner, Chair	2020
	Mitchell Green	2021
LISTERS (3 yrs)	Tina Blais	2020
	Mary L. Brewster	2022
	Patricia Dow	2021
AUDITORS (3 yrs)	April Sumner Dupuis	2022
	Diane Longe	2021
	Sarah Barnett	2020
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES (1yr)	Laura Sumner	2020
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 yrs)	Steven M. Cohen	2022
	Howard Smith	2020
	William J. Moore	2021
TOWN AGENT (1 yr)	Tina L. Blais	2020
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS (3 yrs)	Clifton Inman	2020
	Bradley Rafus (resigned)	2021
Appointed:	Michael Fournier	2020
	Jeff DeForest	2020
SVUUSD DISTRICT MODERATOR (1 yr)	Paul G. Blais	2020
SVUUSD DIRECTORS	Stephanie Powers, Resigned	2021
Appointed:	Jessica Cooney	2020
	Homer "Chum" Sumner	2022
	Paul G. Blais	2020
TRUSTEE TO THE WHITINGHAM LIBRARY	Catherine Bell	2021
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (2 yrs)	Joan Wonsey-Courser	2021
	Patricia Pusey	2021
	Kaitlin Stone	2021
	Craig J. Stone	2021
	Malcolm K. Sumner	2021

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
For the Fiscal Year 2020

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 2022 Alice Aldrich (resigned) - Term Expires 2020 Jason Ashcroft – Term Expires 2021 William Pusey - Term Expires 2021 Kaitlin Stone – Term Expires 2022
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HALIFAX CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Stephan Chait – Term Expires 2023 Laurel Copeland – Term Expires 2023 Jessica Cooney – Term Expires 2022 Linda Huebner – Term Expires 2020 David Towler – Term Expires 2021
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HALIFAX CELEBRATION COMMITTEE	Patricia Dow Paul G. Blais Tina Blais Joan Courser Gary Rand Andrea Rand <i>(position open)</i>
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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)	<i>(position open)</i>
WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS (1 yr)	Stephan Chait Everett Wilson

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs)	William Moore - Term Expires 2020
ACTING ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (4 yrs)	Rick Gay - Term Expires 2023
WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPS (1 yr)	Lewis Sumner and Cara Cheyette
LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (1 yr)	Allan Dacey and Andrew Rice
ADA COORDINATOR (1 yr)	Robert Leete
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)	Robert Leete
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	Bi-Monthly on 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays 7:00 P.M. at Town Office
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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, 2019. 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, 2019 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

Halifax Cemetery Report 2019 Fiscal Year

Equipment - \$562

Labor - \$484

Mondell Legal Fees -\$260

2019 \$1306 Total Spent

2020 Goals - Add to Niles Cemetery

Add to West Halifax Cemetery

How We Can Get True High-Speed Internet in Halifax

State statistics confirm what we all knew: our DSL, wireless, and satellite Internet options don't come close to providing decent, reliable high-speed service. In fact, Halifax is among the worst-served towns in Vermont. We rank dead last among all towns in Windham County with only one exception: the unincorporated township of Somerset. This limits the kinds of educational, business, vocational, healthcare, and entertainment opportunities that Halifax residents—young and old—can enjoy.

But there's good news. The newly reconstituted Broadband Committee is exploring ways to get high speed Internet to every home and business in Halifax. How? By forming a consortium with other towns to build and operate a non-profit fiber network. This kind of consortium, known as a Communications Union District (CUD), would follow the successful blueprint of ECFiber, a group of 24 towns in central Vermont, and would use newly available non-tax dollars (state and federal grants and low-interest loans) to finance the start-up costs.

With the support of our Selectboard, state legislators, and Selectboards of neighboring towns, the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is studying how to build a successful CUD here in order to draft a realistic business plan. A working group of individuals from area towns is assisting.

Town Meeting Vote on the CUD

Residents will decide in a Town Meeting floor vote whether Halifax should be a founding member of the Deerfield Valley CUD.

If Halifax and at least one other town vote YES, they will form the CUD. These towns will work with the WRC to form the business plan. They will decide which other towns can join.

By law, the CUD cannot tax the town or residents. The CUD must apply for grants and loans. Fees from those who choose to subscribe will pay back the loans.

If we vote NO now, we could apply to join the CUD later but the founding towns could turn us down. We can't be turned down if we vote YES now. As an underserved town, it is in our interest to be a founding member.

If we don't like the way the CUD plan is shaping up, we will be able to withdraw. If another CUD is formed that works better, we can apply to join that one.

Broadband Committee Recommendation: We have everything to gain and nothing to lose by voting YES at Town Meeting.

Complete The Survey!

To develop the plan for bringing high-speed Internet to Halifax, we need accurate information about our current Internet service, a good estimate of how many homes and businesses would sign up for high-speed service, and a clear sense of what would be affordable.

In February/March 2020, the Broadband Committee will distribute a WRC survey to every household in town. Look for it on the town website and Facebook pages, at the town office, and elsewhere.

Please complete your survey by the mid-March deadline. This is our opportunity to make our voices heard so our needs are crystal clear. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to do the survey too. A high completion rate will increase confidence that the results are accurate. Participation in the survey does not obligate you to subscribe in the future.

Committee members will be available to help and answer questions.

HALIFAX CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

The Town Celebration this past September 2019 was our third Celebration day and it was a huge success!!.

The day started out with a delicious breakfast, Children's Parade with a superhero theme, Lawn Tractor Pull, Fireman's Waterpolo, Potluck Pig Roast and ended the evening with dancing in the street to Groove Prophet. We also enjoyed a bounce house and Ninja Warrior activity center, corn hole and ladder ball lawn games and fun energetic music from Alex Montgomery DJ.

We started out this celebration fully funded by donations from the breakfast, pig roast, hydration station and raffles. Through additional fund raising activities throughout the year we were able to completely replenish our celebration account. We also sent out a sponsor letter to local Halifax Businesses asking for a donation to sponsor and event during the day. This was a great success. Thank you to everyone who donated to the celebration.

It was well worth all the countless volunteer hours put in to make this day amazing and we look forward to coordinating future celebrations. There are some improvements that will be made and new additions to the line-up. If you would like to help with future celebrations or have an idea of an activity, friend us on Facebook or stop by my office.

2020 will be the 270th Old Home Day Celebration for Halifax. We are deep in the planning for this multi-day event. This year Old Home Day will be July 17, 18 and 19. With the possible addition of a couple evening activities during the week. Just a sneak peek....we will have a bird demonstration, sheep shearing, Jaws of life, multiple musical entertainers throughout the day for your enjoyment, ice cream social, movie night, game night and many other great ideas to come.

We are looking forward to planning and participating in Old Home Day 270th celebration this year and we hope to see all of you there. We are getting a lot of suggestions on what YOU would like to see for this special celebration of Halifax's 270th year. Please keep them coming. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the day, it cannot be made possible without your generous help. We try to make the day as FREE as possible for everyone to enjoy. So encourage your neighbors and friends to come and join in on the festivities. If you can donate to our day, fantastic!!! But if you cannot afford it...no worries there either. Our mission is to have something for everyone to enjoy no matter what.

Thank you for allowing us to create these super fun and special days for your enjoyment.

**COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES
REPORT FOR FY2019 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)**

	Parcel ID	Beginning Balance	Del. Taxes Collected	Ending Balance
TAX WARRANTS ISSUED BY TOWN TREASURER				
Tax Warrant for FY2015 (07/01/14-06/30/15)		\$232.59	\$232.59	\$0.00
Tax Warrant for FY 2016 (07/01/15-06/30/16)		\$1,505.30	\$1,393.18	\$112.12
Tax Warrant for FY 2017 (07/01/16-06/30/17)		\$8,780.83	\$7,234.96	\$1,545.87
Tax Warrant for FY 2018 (07/01/17-06/30/18)		\$26,971.99	\$17,772.14	\$9,199.85
Tax Warrant for FY 2019 (07/01/18-06/30/19)		\$124,549.76	\$89,051.21	\$35,498.55
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAXES		\$162,040.47	\$115,684.08	\$46,356.39
Delinquent Taxes Collected				\$115,684.08
Tax Commission Collected				\$9,076.07
Interest Collected				\$10,471.54
Miscellaneous Costs Collected				\$149.15
TOTAL DEL. TAXES, COMMISSION, INTEREST & MISC. COSTS COLLECTED				\$135,380.84
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED DELINQUENT TAXES				\$46,356.39
DELINQUENT TAX LIST				
FY 2016 (07/01/15-06/30/16)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
SUB-TOTAL FOR FY2016		112.12		
FY2017 (07/01/16-06/30/17)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
SUB-TOTAL FOR FY2017		1,545.87		
FY2018 (07/01/17-06/30/18)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
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			
Isles, Guy	grr.3112			
Valin, Gaston and Susan Charnok	vtr.6649			
Wheeler, George E. and Marion S. et al	wht.0434			
SUBTOTAL FOR FY2018		9,199.85		
FY2019 (07/01/18-06/30/19)				
Anderson, Aaron	mcm.0062			
Blaine, William	whl.0015			
Boyd, Jr. Kenneth William & Cassandra Ivanovsky Boyd	bro.0104			
Boyd, Leonard III and Jennifer Derby	cln.1358			
Creagh, Diane and Ralph Dickinson III	pen.1843			
Crosby, Gary F.	gxx.0080			
Crosby III, Frederick A. and Melanie L.	brn.0195			
Cunningham, Charles E. and Sandie L.	clk.0065			
Dickinson III, Ralph	pen.1749			
Dupuis, Aaron	brn.0022			
Gutierrez, Dafne C.	whl.0180			
Isles, Guy	grr.3112			

Nugent, David A. and Cynthia L. Marble	spr.0299			
Pike, Mary E.	hub.0501			
Russ, Kattie M. and Mario T. Sanchez III	ost.0107			
Valin, Gaston and Susan Charnok	vtr.6649			
Wheeler, George E. & Marion S. et al	wht.0434			
SUBTOTAL FOR FY2019			35,498.55	
TOTAL FOR FY15, FY16, FY17, FY18, FY19			46,356.39	
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED AS OF 01/27/2020			25,454.64	

Report of the Halifax Conservation Commission

In January 2019 the Selectboard established the Halifax Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission held its first meeting in April 2019.

Mission Statement

The Halifax Conservation Commission, through education, advocacy, and action, is dedicated to the preservation, protection and restoration of the natural environment and wildlife in balance with the surrounding cultural resources.

Meetings

The Conservation Commission meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Halifax Town Office. Agendas and minutes are available on the Town website, halifaxvermont.com. The Conservation Commission's email address is halifaxvtconserv@gmail.com. All are welcome to attend and participate in our meetings.

The early meetings of the Conservation Commission were used to understand our mandate, to elect officers - a chair, a clerk and a treasurer - and to explore a range of topics.

Recycling

At our September meeting Athena Lee Bradley, the Program Manager at Windham Solid Waste Management District, discussed properly disposing of household hazardous waste (HHW), recycling of bottles, cans, plastics and paper, and composting food scraps. The purpose of the presentation was to provide useful information to Halifax residents about these topics.

Signage at Town's Recycling Location

As a follow-up to the recycling discussion, the Conservation Commission is working with the Selectboard to improve the signage at the Town's recycling location, which will also include a bulletin board for town information.

Wildlife Connectivity

The Conservation Commission is working with the Selectboard and the Planning Commission to organize a presentation by The Staying Connected Initiative about wildlife habitat, corridors and connections within Halifax, Windham County, Vermont and New England. The Staying Connected Initiative is working to ensure "connectivity across our landscape is essential for the health and wellbeing of both our human and wildlife communities".

Stephan Chait, Chair
Conservation Commission



To The Town of Halifax,

From the Green Up Coordinators, Jessica Cooney & Hope Phelan - "Green Up Day 2019 was a Success!"

About a dozen Halifaxians lent a hand to 'Green Up' our beautiful, rural town. It was wonderful seeing residents come out on May 4th and help each other on a lovely spring day. Volunteers chose their area to clean and recycled as many items as they could. Many bags of garbage were ultimately filled and disposed of properly. Thank you!

Started in 1970, Green Up Vermont has been picking up litter by volunteers like you! Every first Saturday in May, the community comes out to clean up trash from roadways, waterways, and public places. But the tradition doesn't have to take place on just one day annually. Cleaning up can happen throughout the year, on your own or as a group. If needed, Green Up bags are always available at the Halifax Town Clerk's Office. Please remember to Green Up safely!

2020 will be Green Up Day's 50th Anniversary, so we are looking forward to making this event even bigger and better! Let's encourage others to participate - individuals, families, groups, schools, and businesses so that we can have a Litter-Free, Healthy Halifax Environment. Look out for more information about Halifax's upcoming Green Up Day being held on May 2nd.

Sincerely,

Halifax Green Up Coordinators

Halifax Fire Co, Inc.
P.O. Box 27
W. Halifax, VT 05358

82 Total calls

It is hard to believe that 2019 is over and were starting a new year. This past year we responded to 82 calls. Many auto alarms, mutual aid to other departments, a lot of medical calls, and we received rescue aid from other departments. Our savings account is near zero because we installed a new heating system in the fire station. We also bought a newer pumper that has a 4 door cab, great for four firefighters and a driver. Many thanks for your donation in the past it really helped.

Halifax Fire Co., Inc.,
Wayne Courser, Chief

Halifax Listers' Report

In 2019 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.

In July 2019 we began 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.

Mary L. Brewster

Tina Blais

Patricia Dow

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment Report

The Planning commission had eleven meetings and three public hearings in fiscal year 2018-2019. (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019) The new Halifax Town Plan was voted on and passed by the town in March and accepted by the Windham Regional Commission in May 2019. The commissioners also recommended to the Select Board that they form a Conservation committee and are currently working with Bob Leete who is the Commissions primary contact person when working with the Windham Regional Commission on the Enhanced Energy Project.

The Board also said a fond farewell to Robbin Gabriel as the Acting Planning Commission Secretary and welcomed Tina Blais as their permanent Secretary.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held no meetings in Fiscal year 2018-2019.

Regular Planning Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office. Agendas and minutes are available on the town web site, www.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

6551	Garage Bond Interest	\$1,698.00	
6552	Garage Bond Payment	\$10,000.00	Total \$11,698.00
7000	Highway		
7110	Road Crew Gross Wages	\$216,406.60	
7115	Road Crew Overtime Wages	\$49,466.03	
7120	Road Commissioner Salary	\$7,800.00	Total \$273,672.63
7200	Employee Benefits and Expenses		
7210	Training and Education	\$30.00	
7220	Health Insurance	\$101,662.88	
7230	Life Insurance	\$623.25	
7260	Retirement Town Share	\$15,049.08	
7270	Uniform Clothing Allowance	\$3,819.37	
7280	Hiring Cost/Drug Test	\$1,328.30	Total \$122,512.88
7300	Garage Expenses		
7310	Electric	\$2,148.00	
7320	Heating Fuel	\$5,266.00	
7330	Telephone	\$2,028.00	
7340	Building Repair & Maintenance	\$10,602.00	
7360	Office and Cleaning Supplies	\$1,503.00	
7370	Trash Collection	\$1,123.00	
7380	Shop Supplies	\$13,554.00	Total \$36,224.00
7400	Road Supplies and Applications		
7410	Sand	\$100,280.00	
7420	Salt	\$36,582.00	
7430	Gravel	\$66,986.00	
7435	Stone	\$49,972.00	
7440	Chloride	\$4,624.00	
7450	Construction	\$10,167.00	
7460	Resurfacing	\$242,026.00	
7462	Cold Patch and Culverts	\$14,996.00	
7480	Road Signs	\$785.00	
7490	Safety Gear	\$955.00	Total \$527,373.00
7600	Equipment Expense Account		
7696	Lease Payments	\$134,849.59	
7680	Repairs and Maintenance	\$85,928.41	
7685	Diesel Fuel	\$62,804.00	
7670	VLCT Property & Casualty/Equipment	\$16,093.00	
			Total \$299,675.00

Highway Total \$1,271,155.51

Town of Halifax Selectboard Report for FY 2019

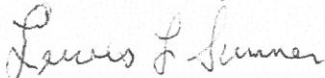
The Halifax Selectboard held 33 regular and special meetings and two public hearings in FY19 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019). One public hearing addressed proposed road reclassifications; a Board decision following the hearing changed portions of Aldrich and Hall Roads from Class 4 to Class 3, and a section of Old County Road North from trail to Class 4. At the second hearing, the Selectboard heard public comment on a proposed update to the Halifax Town Plan. The revised Plan was approved by the voters at March 2019 Town Meeting.

In other business, the Board worked with Health Officer Sue Kelly to resolve two health code violations, notified several property owners of junk code violations, and initiated legal proceedings to establish a lien on a property to recoup zoning violation fines. They sent a letter to the State Agency of Transportation highlighting the deteriorating conditions on the Halifax portion of Route 112. Interviews were held with a number of applicants for a Highway Department position, and a new employee was hired in May. A winter requiring unusually high sand and salt output, coupled with a heavy spring mud season, created a budget deficit. To assist in covering the shortage, the Selectboard extended the Town's existing line of bank credit for another year and postponed the FY20 paving project. The Board also created a Halifax Conservation Commission and appointed five members to serve on the Commission.

The Selectboard urges all residents to participate in the U.S. Census this year because the results will determine how more than \$675 billion is distributed each year to states and localities for key programs during the next decade. The Census is short, easy to complete, and important for this town.

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



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Cael Fund (& School Funds)

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

<u>Cael Fund</u>		<u>School Accounts</u>	
July 1, 2018		<u>Mary P. Butterfield (Citizenship \$10.00)</u>	
Brattleboro S/L CD #900021802	\$30,500.00	Bratt. S/L CD #21802	\$200.00
Brattleboro S/L CD # 900019972	\$27,000.00	Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$17.28
Brattleboro S/L CD # 900019980	\$10,000.00	July 1, 2018 Total	\$217.28
TD Bank Core Checking	\$305.33	Interest Earned	\$4.00
Brattleboro S/L Money Market	\$4072.46	June 30,2019	\$221.28 - \$10 = \$210.28
Subtotal	\$96,177.79		
Interest Earned	\$1,579.57	Hank Wonsey (Outstanding Poet)	\$10.00
Subtotal	\$97,757.36	Bratt. S/L CD #21802	\$200.00
Checks Cashed	\$1,075.00	Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$16.55
Total	\$96,682.36	July 1, 2018 Total	\$216.55
		Interest Earned	\$4.00
		June 30, 2019	\$220.55 - \$10 = \$ 210.55
June 30, 2019		<u>Elizabeth Stott (Willingness Award \$5.00)</u>	
Brattleboro S/L CD #900021802	\$30,500.00	Bratt. S/L CD #21802	\$100.00
Brattleboro S/L CD #900021799	\$24,300.00	Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$15.58
Brattleboro S/L CD #900019972	\$27,000.00	July 1, 2018 Total	\$115.58
Brattleboro S/L CD #900019980	\$10,000.00	Interest Earned	\$2.00
Brattleboro S/L Money Market	\$4,882.36	June 30,2019	\$117.58 - \$5 = \$112.58
Total	\$96,682.36		
		<u>Sam Maltese (Writing Award \$10)</u>	
		Bratt. S/L CD #21799	\$300.00
		Bratt. S/L Money Market	\$5.22
		July 1,2018 Total	\$305.22
		Interest Earned	\$5.96
		June 30,2019	\$311.18
		<u>William Ashcroft (Academic Progress Award \$50.00)</u>	
		July 1, 2018 Bratt. S/L MM \$400.00; Bratt. S/L MM June 30, 2019, \$400.00 - \$50 = \$350.00	

H.M Scott Fund July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Assets held at Edward Jones & Co. L.P.	
Value of Fund July 1, 2018.,	312,095.60
Income	
Dividends and Interest	14,275.54
Disbursements	
Town of Halifax	14,500.00
Securities purchased	3,428.88
Foreign Tax	<u>72.97</u>
	18,001.85
Increase in Value of Securities	16,415.82
Value of Fund June 30, 2019	324,785.11

Stocks

Shares	Stock	Value
300	AT&T Inc	10,053.00
210	BCE Inc	9,550.80
13	Chemours Co	312.00
160	Corteva Inc	4,597.60
45	Crown Castle INTL Corp New	5,865.75
48	Dominion Energy Inc	3,711.36
16	Dow Inc	7,889.60
145	Duke Energy Corp New	12,794.80
160	DuPont De Nemours Inc	12,011.20
150	Emerson Electric	10,008.00
383	Ford Motor Co	3,918.09
109	Glaxo Smith Kline PLC Spons ADR	4,362.18
100	Iron Mountain Inc Reit	3,130.00
108	Johnson & Johnson	15,042.24
103	Oneok, Inc	7,087.43
400	Pfizer Inc	17,328.00
262	Physicians Realty Trust	4,569.28
190	Procter & Gamble Co	20,833.50
200	Southern Co	11,056.00
80	Ventas Inc	5,468.00
67	Verizon Communications	3,827.71
36	Vodafone Group PLC New	587.88
100	WP Carey Inc	8,118.00
155	Welltower Inc Reit	12,637.15

Limited Partnership

Martin Midstream Partners	6,961.50
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Bonds

NJ St Edl Facs Auth Re	25,810.75
Univ VT&St AgricCollege Rev	5,041.00
AT&T Inc Global Note	6,186.85
Deere & Co Debenture	7,174.90
Ford Holdings Inc Debenture	20,770.80
Goldman Sachs Group Inc MTN	5,890.70
Prudential Financial Inc MTN	12,876.50
Prudential Financial Inc MTN	14,026.00
Verizon Communications	12,821.10

Cash

<u>12,465.44</u>
324,785.11

Wicks Cemetery Fund

Fund invested in 96.32862 shares of AT&T, Inc.

Interest earned for upkeep of cemetery \$193.61

Fund balance June 30, 2019 3,277.10

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Accrual Basis

Town of Halifax Cemetery Fund

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2019

	<u>Jun 30, 19</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · TD Bank North	10,698.85
10001 · TD Bank Savings	5,971.67
Total Checking/Savings	<u>16,670.52</u>
Other Current Assets	
18700 · Stock Investment	4,080.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>4,080.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>20,750.52</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>20,750.52</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	14,634.50
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	5,787.08
Net Income	328.94
Total Equity	<u>20,750.52</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>20,750.52</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

Eames Fund

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2019

	<u>Jun 30, 19</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Brattleboro S&L - Savings	434.65
Brattleboro S&L CD	69,449.01
BS&L 5yr StepUp CD	59,399.15
Total Checking/Savings	<u>129,282.81</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>129,282.81</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>129,282.81</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	126,211.44
Unrestricted Net Assets	2,848.83
Net Income	222.54
Total Equity	<u>129,282.81</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>129,282.81</u></u>

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Appointments Made By Town Clerk

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

Vital Records Filed

Marriages	16
Deaths	6
Births	3

Land Records Recorded

Act 250 Disclosure	3
Affidavit of Merger	2
Boundary Line Adjustment	3
Cemetery Deed	1
Certificate of Highway Mileage	1
Certificate of Non-Redemption	2
Certificate of Trust	3
Confirmation Order	2
Current Use Value	5
Death Certificates Recorded	2
Decision on motion	1
Disclaimer of property interests	1
Drilled Well	1
Easements	7
Engineer Designer/Installer Certificate	1
Final Order & Decree	1
Foreclosure Judgment & Decree	4
Incumbency Certificate	2
Land Use Withdrawal	2
Mobile Home Bill of Sale	1
Mortgage Assignments	6
Mortgage Deeds	27
Mortgage Discharge	33
Permit for Driveway	4
Permit for New Parcel	2
Permit for Renewal	2
Permit for Sign	1
Permit for Zoning	20
Power of Attorney	20
Property Transfer Tax Return	51
Quit Claim Deed	6
Release of Tax Lien	3
Right of First Refusal	1
Road Reclassification	3
Site Management Activities	1
Subordination Agreement	2
Supplemental Indenture	2
Survey Map	3
Tax Lien	1
UCC Financing Statement	1

Warranty Deed	40
Wastewater & Potable Permit	1

Total Documents Recorded: 275 Total Pages Recorded: 750

Town Clerk Fees Turned Over to Town Treasurer

Recording Fees	\$ 5,540.00
Examination of Records & Copies	\$ 1,352.74
Notices for Posting of Land	\$ 135.00
Fish & Wildlife Licenses	\$ 103.00
Map Sales	\$ 30.00
Marriage Licenses	\$ 170.00
Green Mountain Passports	\$ 4.00
Burial Transit Permits	\$ 5.00
Dog Licenses (Town Clerk Fees)	\$ 350.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	<u>\$ 920.00</u>
TOTAL TOWN CLERK FEES	\$ 8,609.74

Total Dogs Licensed 175 Dogs Total Fees Collected \$ 1,719.00

Accounting of All Dog License Fees Collected 2017

State Rabies Fund	175 Dogs @ \$ 1.00 per dog	\$ 175.00
State Neutering & Spaying Fund	175 Dogs @ \$ 4.00 per dog	\$ 700.00
Town Clerk Fees	175 Dogs @ \$ 2.00 per dog	\$ 350.00
Balance Remitted to Town Treasurer		<u>\$ 494.00</u>
Total Dog License Account		\$ 1,719.00

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/18 - 6/30/19

Prepared by:
 Patricia Dow, Treasurer

CASH BALANCES	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019
1100 General Account	-147,084.64	-137,504.12
Peoples Line of Credit	-327,933.00	-283,319.20
Accounts Payable	-42,241.85	-78.30
Payroll Liabilities	-2,552.43	-1,998.36
1110 Scott & Eames Fund - New Town Garage	21,866.57	27,643.18
1120 Equipiment	-74,600.28	-41,198.35
1125 Resurfacing Fund	109,526.03	27,500.51
1130 Record Restoration Fund - TC fees funded	10,432.70	10,030.20
1135 Halifax Celebration Fund	6,192.80	5,788.00
1140 Niles	2,453.62	2,453.62
1150 Municipal Planning Grant	1,461.07	-1,550.00
1160 ReAppraisal Project - outside funding	74,302.21	79,920.71
1170 Office equipment Fund - TC fees funded	4,853.79	5,116.79
1180 Cemetery	11,477.22	14,221.22
1190 Vt Emergency Mgmt - Reserved Funding	8,712.46	9,294.39
1191 New Town Garage - Reserved Funding	7,806.14	7,806.14
1192 Bridge Fund - Reserved Funding	75,370.00	0.00
TOTAL CASH BALANCES	-259,957.59	-275,873.57

SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

REVENUE

Selectboard & Highway Revenues

5100 Property Taxes (Town Share)	1,205,385.60
5200 Licenses, Permits and Fees	9,924.74
5600 Interest Income	11,362.62
5400 Special Project Funding	16,500.00
5700 Miscellaneous Income	36,325.25
5800 Highway Department	200,642.57

Self Funded & Independent Accounts

5650 Cemetery	50.00
5501 Self Funding Accounts	420,880.79
5300 Annual Projects	8,018.50

TOTAL REVENUE

1,909,090.07

EXPENDITURES

6000 Selectboard Account	540,385.66
7000 Highway Account	1,320,867.00
8000 Self Funding & Independent Accounts	63,753.39

TOTAL EXPENSES

1,925,006.05

Surplus/(Deficit) -15,915.98

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Beginning Cash Balance 7/1/18	-259,957.59
Plus Surplus(Deficit)	-15,915.98
Ending Cash Balance 6/30/19	<u>-275,873.57</u>

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/18 - 6/30/19

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REVENUES - Selectboard & Highway	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
5100 · PROPERTY TAXES		
5110 · Residential & Land Property Tax	2,425,345.89	
9910 · Vermont Education Property Tax	-194,891.17	
9900 · School Portion/Taxes pd school - Other	-1,292,313.00	
6951 · Property Tax Overpayments	-21,009.86	
5120 · Delinquent Tax Payments	104,957.34	
5130 · Current Use Reimbursement	120,260.00	
5140 · HS-122 State tax adjustment	62,375.40	
5180 · Equalization Study	661.00	
Total 5100 · PROPERTY TAXES		1,205,385.60
5200 · LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES		
5280 · Special License, Permit, & Fees	315.00	
5230 · Town Clerk Fees	9,489.74	
5250 · Driveway, Right of Way permit	120.00	
Total 5200 · LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES		9,924.74
5400 · SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDING		
5430 · SCOTT or EAMES FUND	16,500.00	16,500.00
5600 · INTEREST INCOME		
5622 · Delinquent Tax Interest	10,561.66	
5611 · General Account	800.96	
Total 5600 · INTEREST INCOME		11,362.62
5700 · MISCELLANEOUS		
5757 · Halifax Celebration income	4,273.00	
5740 · Refunds	377.42	
5730 · Miscellaneous	31,599.83	
5720 · Bank Charge Recovery	25.00	
5710 · Fines	50.00	
Total 5700 · MISCELLANEOUS		36,325.25
5800 · REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
5860 · Insurance Claims	43,983.33	
5850 · Refunds, Rebates & Discounts	15,122.21	
5810 · State Highway Aid	141,169.23	
5820 · Materials Sales & Services	262.80	
5830 · Excess Weight Permits	105.00	
Total 5800 · REVENUE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		200,642.57
5501 · SELF FUNDING		
5595 · Delinquent tax sale Exp Recover	145.85	
5590 · Delinquent Tax Penalty	8,409.10	
5510 · Emg Response	409,955.84	
5210 · Zoning	2,370.00	
Total 5501 · SELF FUNDING		420,880.79
5650 · CEMETERY INCOME		
5656 · Cemetery Plots	50.00	50.00
5300 · ANNUAL PROJECT FUNDING		
5310 · Planning Grant	2,400.00	
5320 · Reappraisal	5,618.50	
Total 5300 · ANNUAL PROJECT FUNDING		8,018.50
COMBINED REVENUES		<u>1,909,090.07</u>

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
Fiscal Year 7/1/18 - 6/30/19

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SELECTBAORD EXPENSES	EXPENSE	TOTALS
6100 · SALARIES & WAGES - Town		
6113 · Selectboard Assistant	12,000.00	
6180 · Assistant Treasurer	1,000.00	
6152 · EMD Compensation	29,779.22	
6121 · Town Clerk Assistant	1,904.00	
6112 · Selectboard Secretary	2,496.00	
6110 · Selectboard Salary	5,400.00	
6120 · Town Clerk Salary	24,000.00	
6130 · Lister Wages/ Regular	17,407.00	
6140 · Plan/Zone Secretary Wage	1,935.00	
6160 · Auditor Wages	3,500.00	
9410 · Constable Salary	2,600.00	
Total 6100 · SALARIES & WAGES		102,021.22
6200 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
6210 · Workshops/Conferences/Training	150.00	
6240 · Retirement-Town Share-Town Cler	1,350.00	
Total 6200 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		1,500.00
9700 - Payroll Expenses		30,582.24
6250 · TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES		
6265 · Lease Agreements	2,765.24	
6262 · EOC Emergency Supplies & Exp	8,541.37	
6251 · Repairs & Maintenance	780.66	
6252 · Telephone	2,383.43	
6253 · DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,837.00	
6254 · ADS & LEGAL NOTICES	674.05	
6255 · Office Supplies	3,006.88	
6256 · Lister Supplies	2,910.15	
6261 · PLAN COM EXP	658.99	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-296.00	
6260 · Selectmen Expenses	30,643.20	
9420 · Constable Expenses	1,367.80	
Total 6250 · TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES		57,272.77
6270 · TOWN EXPENSES		
6271 · Street Lights	1,973.01	1,973.01
6300 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
6340 · VT Law Enforcement Services	542.61	
6320 · Legal Services	5,194.69	
6330 · Internet & Computer Services	4,451.02	
Total 6300 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		10,188.32
6400 · TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS EXPENSE		
6425 · Town Meeting Expense - Misc	491.35	
6435 · Town Mtg Postage	77.21	
6410 · MODERATOR	200.00	
6420 · Ballot Clerks	1,296.00	
6430 · Printing	690.60	
Total 6400 · TOWN MEETING/ELECTIONS EXPENSE		2,755.16
6450 · BRIDGES		
6452 · Bridge Construction	175,497.28	175,497.28

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6600 · FIRE COMPANY		
6650 · Contracted Ambulance Services	15,571.48	
6640 · Equipment & Gear	6,780.00	
6610 · Dispatching Fee	13,702.00	
6620 · Special UL Fuel	735.91	
6630 · Fire Company Insurance & Dues	854.00	
Total 6600 · FIRE COMPANY		37,643.39
6850 · INSURANCE		
6855 · VLCT-Unemployment Insurance	341.00	
6851 · VLCT-Employment Practices Liabi	2,415.75	
6852 · VLCT-Public Officials Liability	1,061.75	
6853 · VLCT-Workers Comp	12,860.50	
6854 · VLCT-Property & Casualty	18,674.00	
Total 6850 · INSURANCE		35,353.00
6700 · ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSES		
6715 · Contracted Recycling	11,068.15	
6710 · WSWMD	6,335.24	
6720 · Landfill Closure	5,603.12	
6730 · Other	29.00	
Total 6700 · ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSES		23,035.51
6750 · TAXES & INTEREST EXPENSES		
6751 · County Tax	8,603.00	
6753 · Short Term Interest	3,960.76	
Total 6750 · TAXES & INTEREST EXPENSES		12,563.76
6800 · TOWN SHARE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES		
6820 · RENT	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total 6000 · SELECTBOARD ACCOUNT		540,385.66
 7000 · HIGHWAY ACCOUNT		
6550 · NEW TOWN GARAGE		
6551 · BOND INTEREST PAYMENT	1,697.89	
6552 · BOND PAYMENT	10,000.00	
Total 6550 · NEW TOWN GARAGE		11,697.89
7100 · Salaries & Wages		
7150 · Road Crew Comp Time	1,659.30	
7115 · Road Crew Overtime Wages	49,466.03	
7110 · Road Crew Gross Wages	216,406.60	
7120 · Road Commissioner Salary	7,800.00	
Total 7100 · Salaries & Wages		275,331.93
7200 · Employee Benefits & Expenses		
7210 · TRAINING & EDUCATION	30.00	
7220 · Health Insurance	101,662.88	
7230 · Life Insurance	623.25	
7260 · Retirement-Town Share	15,049.08	
7270 · Uniform Town Contribution	3,819.37	
7280 · Advertisements	1,328.30	
Total 7200 · Employee Benefits & Expenses		122,512.88

TREASURER'S TOWN ACCOUNT
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7300 · Garage Expenses		
7310 · Electric	2,148.11	
7320 · Heating Fuel	5,265.92	
7330 · Telephone	2,027.54	
7340 · Building Repair & Maint	10,601.68	
7360 · Office & Cleaning Supplies	1,503.32	
7370 · Trash Collection	1,122.50	
7380 · Shop Supplies	13,554.31	
Total 7300 · Garage Expenses		36,223.38
7400 · Road Supplies & Applications		
7435 · Stone	49,972.25	
7410 · Sand	100,279.70	
7420 · Salt	36,581.85	
7430 · Gravel	66,985.79	
7440 · Chloride	4,624.05	
7450 · Construction	10,167.25	
7462 · Cold Patch & Culverts	14,996.22	
7460 · Resurfacing - Other	242,025.52	
7480 · Road Signs	784.75	
7490 · Safety Gear	955.00	
Total 7400 · Road Supplies & Applications		527,372.38
7600 · EQUIPMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT-FUND		
7696 · EQUIPMENT LEASE PAYMENTS	34,231.56	
7695 · Interest on loan	6,004.23	
7685 · DIESEL FUEL	62,804.10	
7680 · REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	220,777.65	
7670 · VLCT Property & Casualty/Equip	16,092.50	
7645 · SHOP SUPPLIES & TOOLS	7,419.50	
7650 · POWER SAWS	399.00	
Total 7600 · EQUIPMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT-FUND		347,728.54
Total 7000 · HIGHWAY ACCOUNT		1,320,867.00
9000 · INDEPENDANT FUNDED ACCOUNTS & FUNDS VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING		
9100 · MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT		
9120 · Municipal Plan Grant Wages	5,411.07	5,411.07
9200 · TOWN OFFICE-TC fees funding		
9210 · Restoration Fund	665.50	665.50
9500 · TREASURER		
9510 · Salary	15,000.00	
9520 · Expenses	4,127.94	
Total 9500 · TREASURER		19,127.94
8200 · COMMISSIONS & EXPENSES		
8210 · Delinquent Tax Collector	7,077.01	
8310 · Delinquent Tax Coll Expense	1,333.07	
8220 · Zoning Admin/Permit Fees	1,515.00	
Total 8200 · COMMISSIONS		9,925.08

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9600 · SPECIAL FUNDS-voted at town mtg		
9637 · Halifax Celebrations	4,677.80	
9636 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	
9635 · Deerfield Valley Community Part	500.00	
9632 · American Red Cross	250.00	
9631 · Green Up Vermont	50.00	
9630 · The Gatherine Place	500.00	
9629 · SEVCA So.East VT Comm Act	790.00	
9627 · Halifax Community Club	2,000.00	
9626 · Youth Services	200.00	
9625 · Halifax EMS/Fire Company	6,250.00	
9623 · Wings Community Program	2,500.00	
9612 · VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE	1,900.00	
9614 · Brattleboro Area Hospice	200.00	
9615 · Council on Aging for SE Vt	550.00	
9617 · Healthcare & Rehab Services	750.00	
9618 · Whitingham Free Library	4,000.00	
9619 · Women's Crisis Center	700.00	
Total 9600 · SPECIAL FUNDS-voted at town mtg		26,317.80
6570 · CEMETERY ACCOUNT		
6571 · Other	260.00	
6572 · Equipment Rental	1,116.50	
6573 · Wages	929.50	
Total 6570 · CEMETERY ACCOUNT		<u>2,306.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>58,342.32</u>
TOTAL COMBINED EXPENSES		<u><u>1,919,594.98</u></u>



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Vermont Region

Windham County Service Delivery

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Disaster Response

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to **9 disaster incidents**, assisting **44 residents** of **Windham County**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave men and women of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disasters	Individuals
Brattleboro	3	19
Dummerston	1	11
Guilford	1	2
Jamaica	1	3
Marlboro	1	6
Putney	1	1
West Townshend	1	2

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout **Windham County** to educate residents on fire, safety and preparedness. We installed **154 free smoke alarms** in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **17 of Windham County's Service Members, veterans and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, **Windham County** hosted **37 Blood Drives** with the American Red Cross, collecting an impressive total of **1,214 pints** of lifesaving blood.

Training Services

Last year, **Windham** hosted **50 courses**, where **409 residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Volunteer Services

Windham County is home to **20 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.



Brattleboro Area Hospice
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www.brattleborohospice.org

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 400 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 close to 1000 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 7 Halifax residents. Two Halifax residents serve 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 celebrating 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:

**Monthly Community Meetings on Opioids:* Monthly meetings to address community needs around drug prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts in the Deerfield Valley. Work includes education on stigma around substance abuse disorders, misinformation regarding addiction and opioids, and access to resources.

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

**Policy work:* Smoke free parks & business entrances, 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.

**Community Events:* Family Halloween Event, Parents Night Out, Choose sNOw events (collaboration with Mount Snow for student/parent educational presentations and student season passes), Family Fun Event during Blueberry Festival, and open gyms/game nights for families.

**Sticker Shock-* Collaboration with local retailers to inform the public about Vermont laws and penalties for providing alcohol minors.

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 Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT), middle school prevention group (Above the Influence), and sponsoring middle and high school students' attendance at the Eastern States Youth to Youth Leadership conference held at Bryant University in Rhode Island.

**Substance Abuse Prevention Curriculum* for all students in grades 5-8.

**Student Assistance Program:* Screening and referrals for substance abuse and mental health issues, in addition to support for students whose personal issues may interfere with their capacity to function effectively in the educational process.

**Project Graduation:* Substance free event for high school students on TVMHS graduation night.

**Smoking Cessation (Not on Tobacco-N.O.T):* In-school program to support students to quit smoking. Facilitated by the Student Assistance Program Counselor.

**School Presentations/Speakers:* Presentations on a variety of topics including substance use prevention, risk-taking, peer pressure, making healthy choices, etc.

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

Many initiatives are funded by state and federal grants. Town funds assist in paying for 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. The office is now located at the Old School Community Center at 1 School Street, Wilmington.

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 Annual President's Report

The Deerfield Valley Food Pantry continues to provide supplemental food assistance to our neighbors in need. We averaged over 80 families, representing about 200 individuals, each month, with increased usage during the fall and winter holiday seasons. We are able to provide about a week's worth of non-perishable foods as well as fresh produce, dairy, meat and bread at every monthly distribution. We also try to meet other personal needs by providing toilet paper, laundry detergent and personal care items as often as possible.

Our donor base continues to grow and we are ever grateful to our members, local businesses and non-profits, and local and second-homeowner donors whose support supplements annual donations from the towns we service and many of the local churches in the area. We introduced new membership recruitment forms that were distributed to local businesses and churches and generated a significant increase in our annual membership dues income.

Our volunteer base continues to be strong and we added a few new volunteers this year. The enthusiasm and satisfaction of people helping others is obvious and heartwarming. Local school children continue to provide many hours of sorting and shelving assistance. We are sincerely grateful for increased assistance and donations from other area non-profits, especially the Rotary and Lions clubs. We gratefully received a grant from the Rotary to replace one of our upright freezers.

We held our usual yearly fundraising events. Our August Motorcycle Ride was the most successful so far, generating almost \$5,000 from fees, donations, sponsors and raffle proceeds. Our annual Holiday Concert at Memorial Hall is always a joyous addition to the season and we were heartened to know that although we mourned the loss of Skip Morrow who was instrumental in its creation, the other musicians were willing and able to carry on in his memory.

All members of the Board and the many others who volunteer are sincerely thanked for their service to the hungry in our area.

DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE

In October 2019, Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. Celebrated its 45th year of service to the Deerfield Valley. Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a combination paid and volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community.

This past year has been more challenging than past years, with the volunteer ranks shrinking, our remaining volunteers have put in many hours of call time and training. Although our amazing volunteers continuously rise to meet the challenges additional help is greatly needed. If you have ever thought of joining now is the time you can make a difference in the lives of others. DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE IS HERE WHEN YOU NEED US....NOW HELP US TO HELP YOU! The core of our agency is made up of approximately 16 active volunteers, and four full time paid staff. 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.

We moved into 22 Stowe Hill Road Wilmington location in November of 2017. Over the next several years we will continue to raise the money for this new location. Our Goal is \$625,000.00 to date we have raised \$390,000.00 from your generous support. We sent out proximately 10,000 letters for our annual appeal and subscription drive. We received back 700. If EVERYONE that received this subscribed we would reach this goal. This 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.

DVR has responded to 752 calls and 82 no transports in 2019. 38 in the Town of Halifax. Our volunteers spent 16,169 hours on call. WE NEED YOU!! YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT (send in your subscription) YOUR VOCAL SUPPORT (tell everyone you know to send in their subscription) AND YOUR PHYSICAL SUPPORT!!! (come volunteer)

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. 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



GREEN UP VERMONT

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Green Up Day marked its 49th Anniversary on May 4, 2019 with 22,000+ volunteers participating and over 43 tons of litter collected statewide. Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's support to execute the 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 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. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org for full details.

Support from cities and town's is essential to our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating costs. Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 65,000 Green Up trash bags, education, 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 up-to-date with Green Up Vermont by joining our newsletter, liking us on Facebook (@greenupvermont), following us on Instagram (greenupvermont), and by visiting our website.

Join us: Green Up Day, May 2, 2020 and help Celebrate our 50th Anniversary.



Halifax Nature Camp 2019

Nature Adventures offered by Marshal Case and Trust for Wildlife (TFW), at Woodard Nature Camp-Johnson Memorial Nature Preserve, celebrated its 41st anniversary in 2019! Children have gathered together from Halifax, Readsboro, Whitingham, Wilmington, and surrounding towns since the Camp's startup. Marshal has also given

nature presentations at the three-room schoolhouse (upon request of science teacher Bill Ackerman). The programs have been geared toward students from grades one through eight.

Nature Adventures focuses on exploring woods, fields, and waterways, and learning about native plants and animals with a concentration on food chains and habitats of the natural world. The field studies include important "tools" for each student including use of nets, microscopes, binoculars and field identification books.

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. Another stipulation from Mrs. Johnson was to continue to manage the land for wildlife as well as selective forest management. TFW has honored this with a management approach that compares selective cutting (logging) every 20 years with half of the land left untouched as “old growth” forest. This enables students to visually understand how the “management” of our forests and fields both negatively and positively effect the flora and fauna on the property.

This all unfolded due to an article in a local paper announcing the gift. William Ackerman, science teacher in the Halifax three room schoolhouse, saw the article and contacted Marshal Case, volunteer president and naturalist of 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 teaching/principal, got involved after Debbie retired. The past several 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/nature 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 THANK YOU 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, while providing all the outdoor equipment for field studies for each camper.

P.S. A very important aspect of the 2019 Nature Camp was the inclusion of three brothers from Germany along with their mother Barbara and grandmother, Robin Sagurna. Robin has Halifax “roots”, having spent her childhood summers in Halifax and now maintains a small cabin near her old family property.

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services
Narrative Report for FY19 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 FY19, HCRS provided 222 hours of services to 8 residents of the Town of Halifax. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Halifax.

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

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 13 clients, five from Halifax, four from Marlboro, and four from Whitingham, with current loans amounting to \$124,855.00 in principle. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$210,818.00

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

Andy Rice, Chair
257-7982

Al Dacey
257-5879

Don McKinley
368-2376

T. Hunter Wilson
464-5129

Patty Webster
464-8153

Linda Donaghue
368-2313



Our dedicated staff of 78 medical and rescue personnel responded to 6500 requests for service this year, an 8% increase from last year. Our fleet of nine ambulances responded to 100% of emergency calls in our 500 square mile coverage area for the third consecutive year! These calls included medical and traumatic emergencies, fire scenes, motor vehicles accidents and countless public assists. Our technical rescue team of volunteers answered calls for water rescues, flood response, missing person searches, drone searches and a cliff rescue. Our training staff taught more than 100 emergency medical providers in this region as well as stop-the-bleed and CPR to most of the region's firefighters and teachers. We are proud that our system has been recognized for reliability, response and cost effectiveness by agency leaders and legislators. We are recognized as a model of ambulance service delivery.

As your non-profit regional ambulance service, we cannot overstate the importance of community support and volunteer time to our success. Annually, we receive grants and donations that support our emergency response and education program; we could not succeed without them. Our staff and volunteers donate hundreds of hours of labor in support of emergency response, planning and education. As the areas only ambulance service provider we work hard to be an industry leader in the delivery of emergency medicine. This year we are pleased to be the first service in Vermont with bedside ultrasound, a new technology that will help diagnose internal injuries, reduce wait times, reduce costs, and improve care to our patients. This is a 100% grant-funded study that will shape the future in EMS in Vermont.

Significant changes will be happening to EMS systems nationwide as a result of federal legislation. The effect of this legislation on Vermont is still unknown, however we look forward to the future and will ensure the reliable, efficient patient-centered care you deserve does not change.

~Drew Hazelton

Chief of Operations

Rescue Inc



Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont

38 Pleasant Street, Springfield, VT 05156

ANNUAL REPORT

Senior Solutions-- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging. This is a summary of services provided to **Halifax** in the last year (2018-2019).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered **81** 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 **12** residents with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan enrollment and other Medicare-related questions.

Senior Nutrition: In partnership with local volunteers, **1686** 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 **13** elder residents with **70.50** 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

(802) 885-2655 Fax (802) 885-2665 Toll Free (866) 673-8376
Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119

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 Resolution, (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (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 FY2019:

Weatherization: 2 homes (7 people) were weatherized at a cost of \$1,818

Emergency Heating System Replacement: 2 homes (3 people) received heating system repairs or replacements at a cost of \$1,689

Emergency Home Repair: 1 home (2 people) received services to address health and safety risks, repair structural problems, and reduce energy waste, valued at \$3,980

Family Services: 12 households (26 people) received 30 services valued at \$534 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)

Fuel & Utility Assistance: 7 households (13 people) received 7 assists valued at \$8,612

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

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
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The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities of Windham County since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro and 3 Mountain Park Plaza in West Dover. Seniors and adults, age 18 and over with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and/or need for socialization, 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 centers are open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

TGP Adult Day'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, and 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://www.gatheringplacevt.org>.

Town of Halifax

The MOOver

We celebrated our 23rd anniversary in 2019. We're so fortunate to have the support of the town of Halifax, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Federal Transit Administration, Senator Patrick Leahy, and the businesses, residents, and guests in the Deerfield Valley. Few people thought we'd survive the first year, but with the support of those above we have provided over 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 third 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



Local Health Report for Halifax

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in Brattleboro at the address and phone number above. We provide a wide range of resources and services to the community and local partners with the goal of promoting health and wellness for all Vermonters. A small snapshot of what we have done in 2019 is below.

Supported health in the community: Through our 3-4-50 program, the Old School Enrichment Center in Wilmington was awarded \$19,742 to assist with the creation of a multi-generational community center focused on health and wellness. The Brattleboro Local Health Office supported the work of the Windham County Consortium on Substance Use, which received a 3 year, \$1 million federal Health Resources and Services Administration grant as well as a Vermont Department of Health Community Action grant to work on a multi-faceted community driven response to the impacts of substance use, with a focus on rural Windham County.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: We continued to serve an average of 650 Vermonters through the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program, which provides individual nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables.

Ensured emergency preparedness: We worked with over 20 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.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: We responded to 138 infectious disease cases in our region. We held a total of 12 Hepatitis A and B vaccination clinics for at risk populations. We worked to educate the public about tickborne disease prevention and helped statewide and national health partners understand the risk of vaping and e-cigarette use.

Student health and youth empowerment: We collaborated with schools and providers to help improve student health and youth empowerment by participating in school district specific Wellness Committees

Substance Use Prevention: Regional substance use prevention consultants worked with community groups, schools, human service agencies, hospitals, and law enforcement to implement trainings and provide assistance to coalitions to implement substance use prevention strategies.

Learn more at <https://healthvermont.gov/local>

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric 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, 2018 and June 30, 2019 VNH made 147 homecare visits to 13 Halifax residents. This included approximately \$8,372 in unreimbursed care to Halifax residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 91 home visits to 9 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 13 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:** 43 home visits to 3 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

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

U.S. Census Bureau

Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires an enumeration of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as The Census. For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than \$675 billion will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and more. This year, you will have the option of responding online, on the telephone, or with a traditional, short-form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. It is critical that *everyone* participate and that all household members be included. The 2020 Decennial Census begins in March. Make sure that *your* community counts!



Whitingham Free Public Library 2019 Year in Review

Our Mission

The mission of the Whitingham Free Public Library is to promote the benefits of life-long learning and to expand the horizons of the community by filling its educational, recreational, and technological needs.

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It takes a Village! (or a Valley!)

Partnerships and collaboration within a community are created to reach more people and make a bigger difference than any one organization could accomplish on its own.

Reaching out to more children and adults in our community, and "thinking outside the library" is our goal.

- A Community Guided Snowshoe Walk with volunteer, Karen Hein, was offered through our partnership with the Vermont Department of Health in Brattleboro.
- Partnering with Pettee Memorial Library for the past several years, we participate in Vermont Reads, a grant program with Vermont Humanities inviting people across the state to read the same book and participate in a wide variety of community activities related to the book's themes.
- As part of the Annual Twin Valley 2nd Grade field trip to The Eric Carl Museum, we provide books to all the students while partnering with TVES and Pettee Memorial Library to provide the admission and transportation.
- 2019 Summer Reading Kick-off performance with Musician Stephen Coronella was held at Twin Valley Elementary School, in partnership with Pettee Memorial Library, and Halifax School.
- Free lunch was available to all children in our community on Mondays for 6 weeks during summer camp. Through the USDA Summer Food Program, organized by the WINGS Community Programs, Rotary Volunteers delivered lunch to our location.
- We provided two summer programs partnering with WINGS Summer Camp:
 1. Mad Science Stage Show: "Destination Moon" with Pettee Memorial Library
 2. Summer Encore Theater: "The Sun, The Moon and the Stars".
- We partnered with our Town Select-board & Almira Aekus, Town Clerk, to provide two composting programs and present the new composting regulations for 2020.
- Together with Whitingham Economic Development Group and the Deerfield Valley Blueberry Festival we organized a "Street Market" during the Jacksonville Blueberry Festival.
- Partnering with the Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club, our annual Halloween Pizza Party continues to increase in participants and volunteers each year.
- Other Community Partners include The Whitingham & Halifax Historical Societies, SASH (Support And Services At Home), and Senior Meals.

If your organization would like to be a Library Partner please contact Kristine 368-7506

- The Stats : ✓ approx 9,000 patrons visited our library ✓ 2,030+ people attended 185 events and programs
✓ Library Summer Camp participation increased by 75% ✓ 8,460+ items were circulated including EBooks and audio downloads ✓ The library has 11,425+ books, audio books, dvd's and 20 periodical subscriptions ✓ over 27,000 audio books and eBooks are available through Listen Up! Vermont (LUV) ✓ 1,000+ publications available through VT Online Library ✓ 500 online classes available for free through Universal Class ✓ 616 monthly Wi-Fi log-ins on average
✓ Over 70 interlibrary loans were sent to other Vermont libraries ✓ approximately 260 Halifax members



The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local governance and to work collaboratively 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 have submitted an application for a VT Public Service Department Broadband Innovation Grant in collaboration with Valley Net and the Center on Rural Innovation to develop a feasibility analysis and business plan to improve access to high-speed broadband to underserved communities for the region as a whole. This work will be done in collaboration with towns. We've established a regional Emergency Management Directors (EMD) Roundtable, and have worked with EMDs and assistance agencies to create a Vulnerable Population Phone Tree to facilitate outreach to those most at risk during a disaster. We continue to help towns apply for grants to support compliance with the state's Municipal Roads General Permit compliance. 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 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 \$2.32 million budget for FY 2020, a substantial portion of which includes our brownfields revolving loan fund and modern wood heat and renewable energy grant funds. 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 \$1,649. To see our detailed Work Program and Budget for FY 2020, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

**2019
ANNUAL REPORT
TO MEMBER
TOWNS**

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Transfer Station: WSWMD operates a regional drop-off center for landfill materials; recyclables; organics; construction & demolition debris; scrap metal; white goods; electronics; and year-round collection of certain hazardous waste such as paint products, batteries, and used motor oil. The transfer station diverts 76% of all the materials delivered to the transfer station to recycling and composting. WSWMD Board of Supervisors voted to limit use of the transfer station to residents and businesses from

member communities only and require the purchase of an access sticker.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 6th year of operation and is the 2nd largest facility in Vermont. In calendar year 2019 WSWMD composted 1,400 tons of food scraps, of which about 50% was from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program, and the balance from commercial and institutional sources brought to the compost site by private trash haulers. Total tons of organic materials processed, including leaves, wood chips, and paper fiber was 3,200 tons. The District sold more than 2,000 cubic yards of "Brattlegrow" compost in 2019, primarily through 8 retail distributors. In addition, WSWMD donates compost for school, and community gardens.

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

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

Solar Array: WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital who operate a 5 mega-watt solar array on the landfill. It is the largest group net metered project in the state, and has contracted for 20 years with the towns of Brattleboro, Wilmington, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, Dummerston, Halifax, and Newfane, schools in Brattleboro, Vernon, Putney, Marlboro. In addition, Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the

District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished year-end FY 2018/2019 within budget estimates.

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

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

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

ATHENA:

WSWMD is responsible for managing SWIP requirements. Highlights from 2019 include:

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

Programs:

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

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

Grants:

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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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.

Updated 11/30/19

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 60 homeowners in 2019 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 2019, 80 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 2019, WWHT completed the new construction of the Snow Block in Downtown Brattleboro, with 23 mixed income apartments and a new commercial space. WWHT is also in the planning phases of a similar mixed use, mixed income development located in Downtown Bellows Falls, revitalizing a prominent building in the northern gateway to Downtown Bellows Falls.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 867 rental apartments and 16 commercial properties with 1349 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



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 had another successful year serving the youth within our communities. Across the 2018-2019 school year, Wings served 60 out of 68 students, grades K-8, at Halifax Elementary School. Co-site coordinators, Merritt Youmell and Hope Phelan, along with their dedicated programming staff, designed and implemented 67 academic, enrichment, and wellness programs and numerous hours of tutoring services over the course of the school year. The collaborative efforts of the Halifax Wings' staff resulted in dynamic and enriching opportunities for all students.

This was also a year of transition for Wings. Director, Andy Hauty, embarked on a new and exciting journey with his family moving to France. Maria Stewart and Katie Boyd have stepped into the leadership role as co-directors of Wings. In collaboration with the committed Wings staff, Maria and Katie aspire to soar to new heights for afterschool and summer programming. In addition, Hope Phelan resigned as co-site coordinator in August in preparation of becoming a new mother. Sandy Crowningshield joined Merritt as co-site coordinator and program leader.

Program highlights include:

- Halifax celebrated the highest percentage of student participation compared to all the Supervisory Union's Wings' programs with 88% of the total student population participating in Wings during the 2018-2019 school year.
- In 2018-2019, Halifax's popular P.A.W.S (Proactive Academic Wings Support) program accumulated 681.75 student hours while helping students solve math problems, edit and revise compositions, complete hand-on-projects, and more.
- Thanks to Judy Anyan, Wings is participating in its tenth year of Math Olympiads, an international program that strengthens and fosters strategies for problem solving and an overall love for mathematics. In 2018-2019, Halifax's team studied VT covered bridges and built their own covered bridges using a variety of construction designs. Halifax had great results since, out of approximately 150,000 students taking part internationally in the 5 tests, our team of 6 students had 1 student score in the top 30%, 2 in the top 40% and 1 in the top 50% of all the participants!
- Over the 2018-2019 winter, the "Hangry Huskies" honed their cooking skills in preparation for the statewide Jr. Iron Chef competition with their mouth watering dish "Maple Ginger Sesame Noodles."
- Thirteen Halifax students kicked off summer 2019 with the Performing Arts Camp (PA), Celebrate Summer Camp (CS) and the brand new Outdoor Adventures Camp (ODA) for middle schoolers. PA Campers rehearsed for and ultimately performed classic tales with a new... "SPIN," filled with dance, acrobatics, circus arts and laughs. CS campers experienced farming at Boyd's Farm in Wilmington, designed and created claymation videos, learned to follow a compass home, danced to a story line, tie-dyed socks, and more! From paddle boarding and kayaking to rock climbing and hiking, ODA campers took full advantage of summer's sunshine and nature's beauty!

Wings is deeply appreciative of the support of the town, school district, parents, administrators, building support staff, and the community at large. In addition, Wings is especially grateful for the dedicated and committed professionals who share their own talents and passions with the children of Halifax.

Halifax Co-Site Coordinators - Merritt Youmell and Sandy Crowningshield

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Stewart & Katie Boyd, Project Co-Directors

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

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

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

During the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the Freedom Center worked with a total of 524 survivors and their 471 children and responded to 1,622 crisis telephone calls, figures that include 1 survivor and their 2 children from Halifax. In addition, we provided access to legal representation, community education, school presentations and workshops, outreach, and emergency advocacy throughout Windham County.

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

Regards,

Vickie Sterling
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Women's Freedom Center

Report to the Town of Halifax

Youth Services was established in 1972. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and development for young people and families in Windham County Communities. We assist over 1,200 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:

- Intervention and support services to teens running away from home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- 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
- Full substance abuse counseling services for young adults
- Therapeutic case management services for youth and young adults
- 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 for families

This year, we respectfully request \$200 from the Town of Halifax to help fund our agency's services. We 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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