

# TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT



**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

## TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

This year we mourn the loss of the Town of West Rutland's oldest resident, Christine Carlson, and dedicate this year's Annual Town Report to this incredible lady.

### **Christine A. Carlson**

**December 5, 1916—December 29, 2018**



Christine A. Carlson was born in Proctor, Vermont to Alex Sule and Julia Horvath Sule. She married Eric Carlson in 1937 and moved to West Rutland. She lived on the Whipple Hollow Road for over 80 of her 102 years. Christine had six children: Janet (John) Socinski, Evelyn (Albert) Bania, David (Deanna) Carlson, Christine "Tina" (the late Richard) Hebert, Esther (the late Robert) Pietryka, and Paul (Elaine) Carlson.

She was a quiet lady known for her apple pies, cinnamon buns, and sugar cookies. Over the years, she made many handcrafted items for family members and friends. She picked many quarts of raspberries from her raspberry patch which she shared with everyone. Her little white house was host to Sunday afternoon tea with multiple family members and friends in attendance.

One of her greatest pleasures was sending every member of the family a special birthday card every year, often with a \$5.00 bill tucked in for the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her legacy is the large and close knit family that she leaves behind.

## ON THE COVER

The Town of West Rutland held its first annual Marble Street Block Party on September 15th, 2018. The large crowd enjoyed food and craft vendors, games, and live music on a beautiful fall afternoon and evening in our special town of West Rutland. Mark your calendars—this year's date is September 14<sup>th</sup>.

# INFORMATION

**TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS:** 9:00AM – 3:00PM, Monday-Thursday, Friday by appointment

**TREASURER’S OFFICE:** 8:00AM – 4:00PM, Monday-Friday  
Summer Hours: 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM—Noon on Friday

**ZONING OFFICE:** 8:15AM – 4:00PM, Monday  
8:15 AM—Noon, Thursday

**SUMMER HOURS:** May 27th—September 6th

**OFFICE PERSONNEL:** Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager (438-2263)  
Treasurer’s Office (438-2263)  
Patricia Kulig, Treasurer  
Melissa Carlson, Bookkeeper  
Stan Jagodzinski, Assistant Bookkeeper  
Town Clerk, Chris Wener (438-2204)  
Zoning Administrator, Jeff Biasuzzi (438-2204)  
Listers: Patrick Trepanier, Robert Higgins, Lisa Wright (438-2263)

**FAX:** (438-5133)

**TOWN GARAGE:** (438-2854) 24-hour Pager Service

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:** (438-5633)

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** (438-5633)

**LIBRARY:** (438-2964)

Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

New Year’s Day	Martin Luther King Jr.	Presidents’ Day
Memorial Day	Independence Day	Day after Independence Day
Labor Day	Veteran’s Day	Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving	Day before Christmas Eve	Christmas Eve
Christmas Day		

**DUE DATE FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS:** April 15 and October 15

**DUE DATE FOR TAX PAYMENTS:** August 15, November 15, May 15

**Payment Methods:** Cash, Check, Credit Card, On-line

- **Online Payments:** A transaction fee of 2.65% of the payment amount will be charged (minimum \$3 charge) for use of this service. E-Checks may also be used through this service with a transaction fee of \$1.50 per E-Check. Select the **MuniciPay** Link on the our Website (<https://www.westrutlandtown.com/town-departments/treasurer/>)
- Payments can be mailed, paid in person, placed in the drop box in back parking lot or set up for automatic bank withdrawal.

**MEETING HOURS:**

SELECTBOARD

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in Town Hall Conference Room

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## **TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT**

### **WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall Auditorium on Monday, March 4th, 2019 at 6:30 PM for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 1, 2 & 3. And to meet on Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the West Rutland Town Hall, 35 Marble Street, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 4-22. Polls to close at 7:00 PM.

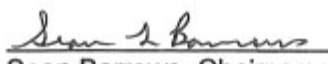
- Article #1 To act on the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article #2 To discuss the proposed Selectboard's Budget for the expenses of the Town and Highway Department.
- Article #3 To transact any other legal and proper business, not involving Town funds or any other articles on this warning.

#### **THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

- Article #4 To elect by Australian Ballot all necessary Town Officers:  
Town Moderator 1 Year, Selectperson 3 Years (1), Selectpersons 1 Year (2), Town Clerk 3 Years, Town Treasurer 3 Years, Lister 3 Year, Grand Juror and Town Law Agent.
- Article #5 Shall the Town approve the Selectboard's Budget for Fiscal Year covering July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$1,380,967 to be raised by taxes?
- Article #6 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for continuing repaving and sidewalk improvements?
- Article #7 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$400 to support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
- Article #8 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,800 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice? (\$300 to support Rutland Area Hospice and \$4,500 to support RAVNAH Home & Community Health Services)
- Article #9 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,304 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained?
- Article #10 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the Rutland Economic Development Corporation (REDC) for the purposes of development promotion?
- Article #11 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$1,200 to Vermont Adult Learning /Rutland County Adult Basic Education for providing direct educational services to adults to include teaching materials?

- Article #12 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to support the programs and services of BROCC – Community Action in Southern Vermont?
- Article #13 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$300 to support ARC – Advocacy, Resources and Community Opportunities for developmental disabled citizens?
- Article #14 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the support of the programs of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
- Article #15 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont?
- Article #16 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$750 for Housing Trust of Rutland County to assist the Town of West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?
- Article #17 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the services of the West Rutland Food Shelf?
- Article #18 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to support the services of the Marble Valley Regional Transit District?
- Article #19 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
- Article #20 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$250 to support the services of the American Red Cross?
- Article #21 Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the Carving Studio and Sculpture Center?
- Article #22 Shall the Town of West Rutland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$3000 for the support of Wonderfeet Kids' Museum to provide services to the residents of the town?

Selectboard: January 14, 2019

  
Sean Barrows, Chairperson

  
Chet Brown

  
John Harvey

  
Bill Kulig

  
Nick Notte

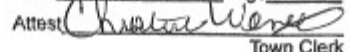
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15th day of January A.D. 2019

AT 9 O'Clock 00 Minutes A.M.

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Town Clerk



## **QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

### **Annual School District Meeting**

**February 26 and March 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District consisting of the towns of Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland, are hereby notified and warned to meet at Proctor High School in said town at seven o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, to transact any of the following business not involving voting by Australian ballot. Upon the conclusion of the business not involving Australian ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. at which time the polls open until 7:00 P.M. at which time the polls will close, to transact business involving voting by Australian ballot.

#### **February 26, 2019**

- Article 1. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 2. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 3. To elect a treasurer for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 4. To elect a clerk for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To hear a presentation from the School Board on the proposed 2019-20 budget.
- Article 6. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

#### **March 5, 2019**

- Article 7. Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District authorize a capital improvements and facility repair and maintenance reserve fund, pursuant to the provisions of 24 V.S.A. §2804, for the purpose of the capital improvements, repairs and maintenance projects?
- Article 8. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$17,617,200 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 \$16,477.27 per equalized pupil which is 5% more than last year.

#### **Informational Hearing on February 26, 2019**

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting on February 26, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Proctor High School, in Proctor, Vermont will also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Article 8 which will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 5, 2019.

#### **Polling Places for Australian Ballot Vote on March 5, 2019**

Poultney:	Poultney Fire House	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Proctor:	Proctor Jr. Sr. High School	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
West Rutland:	West Rutland Town Hall	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Dated at Proctor, Vermont, January 21, 2019.

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:

  
Jim Oberg, Chair

  
Lisa Miser, Vice Chair

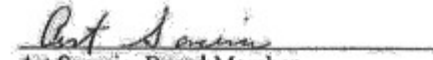
  
Linda Smith, Clerk

Tom Callahan, Board Member

  
Elizabeth Coltey, Board Member

  
James Mumford, Board Member

  
Kristen Ross, Board Member

  
Art Saceric, Board Member

  
Andy Shaw, Board Member

  
Tom Thacker, Board Member

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Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

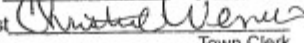
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25th day of January A.D. 2019

AT 10 O'Clock 00 Minutes A.M.

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## TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation which are integral to the ongoing successes and advancement of our Town. We look forward to 2019 and 2020 as we continue to make improvements to our transportation infrastructure, beautified our streetscape, revitalize and attract people to our area and enhance our recreational opportunities.

We are looking forward to the busy year ahead with the implementation of ongoing projects and the beginning of new initiatives. We have a number of pending construction projects which will finally be completed this summer. Therefore, much of Town will be in construction mode. Construction means progress and I can assure you this will be a significant upgrade to our village and the end result will be worth the inconvenience and traffic delays. We thank you in advance for your patience.

The budget increase is 1.8% which will result in a one cent increase in the tax rate. This equates to \$13.56 annual increase on a \$100,000 home.

### Projects 2019-20:

- Complete the Safe Routes to School sidewalk grant of \$850,000 to install 3,305 feet of sidewalks on Thrall, Campbell, Ross, Clarendon and Fairview. Construction summer 2019.
- State of Vermont Transportation Class 1 Road Paving of Main Street and Clarendon Avenue. Construction summer of 2019.
- State of Vermont Transportation redesign of the jug handle and signal upgrade. Construction summer of 2019.
- Recreation Building Renovation at the recreation area to include new bathrooms, kitchen and common area. Completion spring of 2019.
- Completion of the reappraisal will take effect for the 2019 Grand List. Vision, the appraisal contractor will send out a preliminary notice in May of 2019 allowing taxpayers to review the data upon which your final assessment will be based.
- Implement the plan to create a welcoming marble gateway into town, increase the safety of our pedestrians/vehicles and better connect the Main/Marble Street historic village with the Westway Mall. These improvements in conjunction with the State paving project of Main Street and Clarendon Avenue in summer of 2019.
- Construct a parking lot on a town owned lot on Marble Street across from Town Hall.
- Install a boardwalk to connect the Clarendon River bridge to the trail system in the Town Forest to provide more hiking, mountain biking and snowshoe opportunities. Complete Fall of 2019.
- Continue with special events such as Memorial Day Parade, outdoor movies and concerts and the new and popular Marble Street Block Party in conjunction with the schools' homecoming.

We encourage volunteers! Serve on a committee, coach a team, line a baseball field or march in a parade. Contact our office if you would like to contribute. We are a community with tremendous pride in everything we do. West Rutland's future is bright and the possibilities are endless!

Best Regards,  
Mary Ann Goulette

## 2018-2019 WEST RUTLAND TOWN OFFICERS

POSITIONS	OFFICERS	TERM	TERM ENDING
Moderator Town	*Michael Moser	1 year	2019
Town Clerk	*Christine Wener	3 year	2019
Treasurer	*Patricia Kulig	3 year	2019
Selectpersons	*Sean Barrows	3 year	2019
	Chester Brown	3 year	2020
	*William Kulig	1 year	2019
	John Harvey	3 year	2021
	*Nicola Notte	1 year	2019
Quarry Valley Unified Union	*Tom Callahan	3 year	2019
School Directors	*Elizabeth Coltey	2 year	2019
	James Mumford	3 year	2021
Listers	Lisa Garcia	3 year	2021
	Robert Higgins	3 year	2019
	Patrick Trepanier	3 year	2020
Grand Juror	*Michael Moser	1 year	2019
Town Law Agent	*Michael Moser	1 year	2019
Library Board of Trustee	*Bill Harvey	3 year	2019
Police	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	
Health Officer	Jayne Pratt	By Appointment	
Town Service Officer	Jayne Pratt	By Appointment	
Animal Control Officer	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	
Emergency Management	Mary Ann Goulette	By Appointment	
Zoning Administrator	Jeff Biasuzzi	By Appointment	

***\*Positions to be voted in 2019***

***Updated January 23, 2019***

# **NOTICE TO VOTERS**

## **For Local Elections**

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by February 3, 2019. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 23, 2019.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election. You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to [olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us).

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at [mvp.sec.state.vt.us](http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us). The latest you can request ballots for the March 5, 2019 Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 1, 2019. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

### **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:**

You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.

Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail. Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

### **ON ELECTION DAY:**

**If your name was dropped from the checklist in error**, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

**If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document**, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

**If you have physical disabilities**, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

**If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place** let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

**If you have any questions or need assistance while voting**, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

## **NO PERSON SHALL:**

Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.

Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.

Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.

Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.

Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)**

**If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated**, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

**If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process**, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

**If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process**, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Paper Ballots**

### **CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:**

Go to the entrance checklist table.

Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.

Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

An election official will give you a ballot.

Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

### **MARK YOUR BALLOT:**

For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.

**WRITE-IN candidate(s).** To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

### **CHECK OUT:**

Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.

Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

**CAST YOUR VOTE** by depositing your voted ballot in "Voted Ballots" box.

**LEAVE** the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

**BUDGET PROPOSAL SUMMARY**  
**July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

	ACTUAL 2016	ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019	PROPOSED 2020	CHANGE
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>						
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,282,839	\$ 1,240,164	\$ 1,270,298	\$ 1,350,519	\$ 1,380,967	2.3%
OTHER	\$ 120,015	\$ 200,220	\$ 209,550	\$ 220,211	\$ 219,589	-0.3%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 1,402,854</b>	<b>\$ 1,440,384</b>	<b>\$ 1,479,848</b>	<b>\$ 1,570,730</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,556</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 332,653	\$ 314,921	\$ 339,636	\$ 354,830	\$ 369,808	4.2%
HIGHWAY	\$ 472,020	\$ 574,276	\$ 580,485	\$ 628,142	\$ 636,364	1.3%
FIRE	\$ 168,647	\$ 188,511	\$ 191,579	\$ 202,167	\$ 206,381	2.1%
STREET LIGHTS & LIBRARY	\$ 82,961	\$ 91,050	\$ 90,800	\$ 93,000	\$ 88,700	-4.6%
TOWN HALL	\$ 98,896	\$ 114,117	\$ 105,127	\$ 102,011	\$ 104,053	2.0%
LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 76,976	\$ 78,644	\$ 81,003	\$ 78,695	\$ 76,387	-2.9%
RECREATION	\$ 51,931	\$ 50,471	\$ 51,851	\$ 67,051	\$ 70,838	5.6%
COUNTY TAX	\$ 12,500	\$ 14,593	\$ 14,593	\$ 14,022	\$ 14,521	3.6%
OTHER	\$ 17,768	\$ 23,104	\$ 99,004	\$ 32,004	\$ 33,504	4.7%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,314,352</b>	<b>\$ 1,449,687</b>	<b>\$ 1,554,078</b>	<b>\$ 1,571,922</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,556</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

**MUNICIPAL TAX RATE**  
**PROJECTION Fiscal Year 2020**

Town Expenditures	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY 18	FY19	FY 20
General & Highway	\$ 1,364,414	\$ 1,412,941	\$ 1,440,384	\$ 1,479,848	\$ 1,570,730	\$ 1,600,556
Services Articles	\$ 29,308	\$ 29,308	\$ 29,308	\$ 20,104	\$ 20,104	\$ 22,504
Voted Town Articles	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Exemptions - Veterans, etc.	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780
<b>Town Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,466,502</b>	<b>\$ 1,515,029</b>	<b>\$ 1,557,472</b>	<b>\$ 1,662,732</b>	<b>\$ 1,678,614</b>	<b>\$ 1,710,840</b>
Less Other Revenues	\$ 209,795	\$ 204,359	\$ 204,859	\$ 209,550	\$ 221,403	\$ 219,589
<b>Expenses less Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,256,707</b>	<b>\$ 1,310,670</b>	<b>\$ 1,352,613</b>	<b>\$ 1,453,182</b>	<b>\$ 1,457,211</b>	<b>\$ 1,491,251</b>
<b>Grand List Value</b>	<b>\$ 1,855,760</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,179</b>	<b>\$ 1,871,278</b>	<b>\$ 1,919,653</b>	<b>\$ 1,903,393</b>	<b>\$ 1,910,103</b>
<b>Municipal Tax Rate per \$100 value</b>	<b>0.6772</b>	<b>0.7042</b>	<b>0.7228</b>	<b>0.757</b>	<b>0.766</b>	<b>0.781</b>

<b>ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATION - municipal tax only</b>						
	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	\$ change	
home value						
\$ 100,000	\$ 720.66	\$ 757.00	\$ 765.59	\$ 780.72	\$	15.13
\$ 150,000	\$ 1,080.98	\$ 1,135.50	\$ 1,148.38	\$ 1,171.08	\$	22.70
\$ 200,000	\$ 1,441.31	\$ 1,514.01	\$ 1,531.17	\$ 1,561.44	\$	30.26

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

	ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019	PROPOSED 2020
<b>REVENUES</b>				
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,321,308	\$ 1,334,478	\$ 1,350,519	\$ 1,380,967
STATE HIGHWAY AID	\$ 80,736	\$ 80,736	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,736
RAILROAD TAX	\$ 37	\$ 37	\$ 37	\$ 37
SEWER & WATER ADMIN	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500
ORDINANCE FINES	\$ 22,071	\$ 18,282	\$ 18,000	\$ 16,000
SCHOOL TAX BILLING FEE	\$ 5,379	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,300
CLERK FEES	\$ 15,867	\$ 13,420	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,000
ZONING FEES	\$ 2,882	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
COPIER	\$ 1,009	\$ 475	\$ 500	\$ 600
DOG LICENSES/T CLERK OTHER	\$ 2,195	\$ 2,068	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,000
TREASURER SALARY SCHOOL	\$ 4,521	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -
INTEREST	\$ 2,691	\$ 11,049	\$ 8,000	\$ 12,000
TOWN HALL RENT	\$ 4,123	\$ 2,460	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000
LIQUOR LICENSE	\$ 830	\$ 950	\$ 800	\$ 950
DEL. TAX INT/PENALTY	\$ 24,660	\$ 28,649	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
PERMITS	\$ 385	\$ 435	\$ 300	\$ 400
SALE OF PROPERTIES	\$ 17,798	\$ 61,900	\$ -	\$ -
PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 517	\$ 480	\$ -	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 4,684	\$ 1,784	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000
SPONSORSHIP	\$ 2,500	\$ 925	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
MISC. REC. PROGRAMS	\$ 3,882	\$ 2,955	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
REC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	\$ 2,540	\$ 2,515	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
PILOT PROGRAM	\$ 1,932	\$ 2,311	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,300
STATE LAND USE	\$ 8,863	\$ 8,066	\$ 8,066	\$ 8,066
REC SOCCER	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ 700
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 1,046	\$ 1,077	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SPONSOR	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,550	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,565,506</b>	<b>\$ 1,620,502</b>	<b>\$ 1,571,922</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,556</b>



**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

EXPENDITURES						
ADMINISTRATIVE		ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019	PROPOSED 2020	
MANAGER'S SALARY		\$ 70,661	\$ 72,500	\$ 76,090	\$ 78,221	
MANAGER'S EXPENSE		\$ 3,360	\$ 3,525	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	
TREASURER'S SALARY		\$ 8,530	\$ 8,898	\$ 9,500	\$ 10,500	
OFFICE BACK UP		\$ 1,059	\$ 1,674	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,000	
TOWN CLERK SALARY		\$ 34,409	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,880	\$ 42,025	
TOWN CLERK SUPPLIES		\$ 1,037	\$ 1,332	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,500	
COPIER LEASE		\$ 2,624	\$ 2,635	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
COMPUTER / SOFTWARE		\$ 1,302	\$ 1,002	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
TOWN OFFICIAL EXPENSE		\$ 3,455	\$ 3,663	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
EDUCATION		\$ 1,958	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
LISTERS		\$ 9,013	\$ 10,623	\$ 12,000	\$ 16,500	
SELECTMEN SALARY		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
PLAN/ZONING SALARY		\$ 215	\$ 956	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	
ZONING MILEAGE		\$ 63	\$ 281	\$ 200	\$ 250	
ZONING ADMIN. SALARY		\$ 11,154	\$ 9,701	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	
HEALTH OFFICER SALARY		\$ 1,048	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
BOOKKEEPER SALARY		\$ 49,703	\$ 51,455	\$ 54,964	\$ 55,380	
HEALTH & DENTAL		\$ 14,424	\$ 20,787	\$ 23,089	\$ 24,269	
FICA		\$ 18,781	\$ 17,266	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,442	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY		\$ 14,444	\$ 12,712	\$ 12,712	\$ 9,852	
WORKERS COMP		\$ 797	\$ 1,211	\$ 884	\$ 692	
RETIREMENT(VMERS)		\$ 7,926	\$ 9,418	\$ 9,539	\$ 12,179	
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE		\$ 3,790	\$ 3,701	\$ 3,701	\$ 3,250	
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		\$ 392	\$ 194	\$ 500	\$ 397	
DISABILITY		\$ 863	\$ 899	\$ 900	\$ 1,055	
PUBLIC OFFICE LIAB		\$ 4,268	\$ 4,386	\$ 4,386	\$ 3,810	
AUDITING		\$ 15,952	\$ 16,774	\$ 15,100	\$ 16,400	
SINGLE AUDIT		\$ -	\$ 5,367	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,000	
ELECTIONS		\$ 6,719	\$ 2,214	\$ 5,300	\$ 2,500	
TAX BILLING		\$ 695	\$ 710	\$ 800	\$ 800	
DATA PROCESSING		\$ 4,857	\$ 7,034	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	
LEGAL FEES		\$ 1,563	\$ 4,841	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	
LEGAL FEES - LISTERS		\$ 338	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
DELINQUENT TAX EXPENSE		\$ 10,478	\$ 6,590	\$ -	\$ -	
OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$ 3,906	\$ 4,227	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
POSTAGE		\$ 2,445	\$ 2,584	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	
TOWN REPORT		\$ 1,095	\$ 996	\$ 750	\$ 1,000	
ADVERTISING		\$ 893	\$ 1,597	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
TELEPHONE		\$ 2,271	\$ 2,148	\$ 2,200	\$ 3,000	
REGIONAL PLANNING		\$ 925	\$ 1,285	\$ 925	\$ 975	
VLCT DUES		\$ 580	\$ 3,632	\$ 3,710	\$ 3,811	
MISCELLANEOUS		\$ 1,318	\$ 2,746	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
GRANT ADMINISTRATION		\$ 447	\$ 1,066	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE		\$ 324,758	\$ 351,830	\$ 354,830	\$ 369,808	4.2%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

HIGHWAY	ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019	PROPOSED 2020	
EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	
LABOR	\$ 148,635	\$ 154,026	\$ 158,000	\$ 164,400	
FICA	\$ 7,900	\$ 10,842	\$ 9,603	\$ 10,193	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	\$ 8,075	\$ 9,050	\$ 8,519	\$ 9,453	
HEALTH & DENTAL	\$ 36,402	\$ 41,975	\$ 41,047	\$ 37,687	
WORKMANS COMP	\$ 11,122	\$ 12,826	\$ 12,282	\$ 12,456	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	\$ 9,164	\$ 6,762	\$ 6,762	\$ 5,568	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 246	\$ 122	\$ 400	\$ 243	
DISABILITY	\$ 1,460	\$ 1,704	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,704	
UNIFORMS	\$ 1,455	\$ 1,892	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
SALT	\$ 63,389	\$ 70,574	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	
SAND	\$ 5,413	\$ 9,447	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000	
MAG. CHLORIDE	\$ 4,342	\$ 4,369	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	
ENGINEERING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
CULVERTS	\$ 817	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
GRAVEL	\$ 13,264	\$ 15,500	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000	
HOT MIX	\$ 1,901	\$ 372	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
RESURFACING	\$ 28,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
DUST CONTROL/CHLORIDE	\$ -	\$ 595	\$ 500	\$ 500	
COLD PATCH	\$ 1,111	\$ 3,235	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
LAWN MAINTENANCE	\$ 7,565	\$ 6,291	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,500	
TREE WORK	\$ 1,950	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
TRAFFIC SIGNS	\$ 3,448	\$ 1,656	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
PAGER SERVICE	\$ 539	\$ 539	\$ 550	\$ 550	
TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 2,727	\$ 3,243	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
CHANNEL MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,175	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$ -	\$ 15,038	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
STREET CLEANING	\$ 995	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 16,586	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
PAVEMENT MARKING	\$ 6,320	\$ 1,396	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
TRAINING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 150	
GAS,OIL,DIESEL	\$ 16,328	\$ 18,884	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,000	
REPAIR PARTS	\$ 4,540	\$ 6,289	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	
OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 6,505	\$ 8,303	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
TIRES,CHAINS,BATTERIES	\$ 3,196	\$ 4,063	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	
PLOW BLADES	\$ 2,911	\$ 3,154	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,345	\$ 1,902	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
INSURANCE - AUTO	\$ 4,689	\$ 4,595	\$ 4,572	\$ 4,356	
RADIOS	\$ 204	\$ 259	\$ 200	\$ 200	
GARAGE HEAT	\$ 3,797	\$ 4,574	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	
BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	\$ 1,437	\$ 2,155	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TELEPHONE	\$ 498	\$ 519	\$ 600	\$ 600	
ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,871	\$ 1,627	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,800	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 1,036	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	
GARAGE LOAN BOND	\$ 22,006	\$ 24,079	\$ 22,351	\$ 21,317	
SAND & SALT SHED BOND	\$ 9,403	\$ 9,054	\$ 6,306	\$ 6,888	
Total HIGHWAY	\$ 540,767	\$ 563,053	\$ 628,142	\$ 636,364	1.3%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>BUDGET 2019</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2020</b>	
LABOR	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 472	\$ 453	\$ 500	\$ 500	
POSTAGE	\$ 62	\$ 80	\$ 50	\$ 100	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 595	\$ 613	\$ 600	\$ 600	
TOOLS	\$ 680	\$ 638	\$ 800	\$ 800	
VEHICLE FUEL	\$ 629	\$ 936	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$ 94	\$ 295	\$ 400	\$ 400	
PHONE	\$ 1,626	\$ 1,726	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,750	
TRAINING & DUES	\$ 706	\$ 1,306	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	
INS PROPERTY & CASUALTY	\$ 4,948	\$ 4,989	\$ 4,989	\$ 5,840	
INSURANCE AUTO	\$ 6,559	\$ 6,289	\$ 6,289	\$ 5,657	
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 4,960	\$ 7,716	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,065	
ACCIDENT & SICKNESS	\$ 1,793	\$ 2,093	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,100	
BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 3,586	\$ 5,706	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,000	
UNIFORMS	\$ 218	\$ 1,107	\$ 750	\$ 750	
ELECTRIC	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,837	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 2,580	\$ 3,138	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
CAP. EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 3,302	\$ 3,511	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,500	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,366	\$ 4,757	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,522	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	
SCBA FIT TESTING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 303	\$ 402	\$ 500	\$ 500	
TRUCK SAVINGS	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 81,165	\$ 76,672	\$ 85,389	\$ 81,719	
<b>Total FIRE DEPT</b>	<b>\$ 190,774</b>	<b>\$ 195,633</b>	<b>\$ 202,167</b>	<b>\$ 206,381</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>BUDGET 2019</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2020</b>	
STREET LIGHTS	\$ 37,413	\$ 33,336	\$ 38,500	\$ 35,000	
SOLID WASTE MGT	\$ 1,088	\$ 877	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	
LIBRARY	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
MEMORIAL DAY	\$ 3,282	\$ 1,260	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	
IRA TOWN TAXES		\$ 654		\$ 700	
<b>Total MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$ 91,783</b>	<b>\$ 86,127</b>	<b>\$ 93,000</b>	<b>\$ 88,700</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>BUDGET 2019</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2020</b>	
MAINTENANCE LABOR	\$ 6,421	\$ 8,803	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	
INSPECTIONS - ELEVATOR, ETC.	\$ 2,508	\$ 4,129	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,500	
JANITORIAL / ADDTNL LABOR	\$ 4,512	\$ 5,433	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
ELECTRIC	\$ 6,847	\$ 5,740	\$ 7,400	\$ 5,800	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 1,817	\$ 2,380	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	
FUEL OIL	\$ 6,943	\$ 8,977	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,000	
ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 58	\$ 1,128	\$ 500	\$ 5,000	
IMPROVEMENTS-RESERVE	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 9,403	\$ 9,054	\$ 6,306	\$ 6,888	
NEW BOND PAYMENT	\$ 48,372	\$ 47,672	\$ 50,305	\$ 48,865	
<b>Total TOWN HALL</b>	<b>\$ 96,881</b>	<b>\$ 103,317</b>	<b>\$ 102,011</b>	<b>\$ 104,053</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>BUDGET 2019</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2020</b>	
POLICE ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 8,284	\$ 7,326	\$ 2,908	\$ -	
CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY				\$ 600	
HUMANE SOCIETY		\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	
POLICE FORCE-LABOR	\$ 70,685	\$ 70,851	\$ 75,587	\$ 75,587	
Total LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 78,969	\$ 78,177	\$ 78,695	\$ 76,387	-2.9%
<b>RECREATION</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>BUDGET 2019</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2020</b>	
ELECTRIC	\$ 505	\$ 576	\$ 600	\$ 600	
TELEPHONE	\$ 594	\$ 131	\$ -	\$ 1,500	
LABOR	\$ 3,976	\$ 5,891	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,000	
WORKERS COMP / UNEMPLOY	\$ 14	\$ 9	\$ 10	\$ 10	
SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT	\$ 391	\$ 513	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	
BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 2,137	\$ 672	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS.	\$ 628	\$ 541	\$ 541	\$ 428	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 488	\$ 860	\$ 600	\$ 800	
GIRLS SOFTBALL	\$ 1,348	\$ 2,111	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
BOYS BASEBALL	\$ 2,208	\$ 2,711	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
SPONSOR BANNERS	\$ 110	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 500	
CONSTRUCTION	\$ 11,530	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
BABE RUTH	\$ 2,627	\$ 1,110	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,500	
MITEY MITES/T BALL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
SKATING RINK	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 1,284	\$ 1,274	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
MISC PROGRAMS	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
MARKETING / SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 3,094	\$ 2,400	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	
FIELD MOWING	\$ 6,115	\$ 5,408	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,000	
TOWN FOREST MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	
MARBLE STREET PARK	\$ 154	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,250	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
Total RECREATION	\$ 48,707	\$ 38,517	\$ 67,051	\$ 70,838	5.6%
<b>COUNTY TAX</b>	\$ 14,593	\$ 14,593	14,022	14,521	3.6%
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>BUDGET 2019</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2020</b>	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 3,253	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
REDEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ -	??	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
GREEN UP	\$ 86	\$ 128	\$ 200	\$ 200	
PROPERTY MAPPING REVISIONS	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,962	\$ 2,411	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	\$ 4,163	\$ 1,707	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	
RUTLAND REGIONAL AMBULANCE	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	
Total OTHER	\$ 20,268	\$ 18,550	\$ 32,004	\$ 33,504	4.7%
<b>BUDGET GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$ 1,407,500	\$ 1,449,797	\$ 1,571,922	\$ 1,600,556	1.8%

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We have audited the financial statements of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018.

The financial statements and our report thereon are available for public inspection at the Town Manager's Office.

*Sullivan, Powers & Company*

# DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2018

Name		Previous Years	2017-2018
Alberico	Darrell J		*\$1,643.49
Anderson	Loraine T		*\$235.25
Barker	Keith M		*\$783.83
Bartlett	Philip J	*\$2,289.82	*\$1,152.03
Bassett	Joseph	** \$2,365.23	** \$1,315.83
Belden	Patrick	** \$284.83	** \$1,379.10
Bennett	William D		*\$1,404.94
Bletz	Donald		*\$579.06
Bradley	Eric		*\$1,030.65
Brewster	Todd	** \$2,111.77	** \$3,462.66
Breznick	Joseph		*\$526.19
Brown	Anita		*\$11.85
Brown	Gertrude		*** \$243.69
Capen	Charlton		*\$181.74
Chamberland	George		*\$114.00
Clifford	Gary H		*\$1,526.12
Coombs	Francesca	** \$1,433.37	** \$1,509.36
Cox	Gregory		*\$1,771.52
Cox	Gregory J.		*\$284.17
Curtis	Glen		\$334.55
Daley	Richard F.		*\$1,876.80
Davis	Albert H.		*\$362.51
Davis	Jonathan M		*\$4,357.53
Dee-Cliff Farm		\$21.98	\$4,887.91
Ellison	Margaret W		*\$10.17
Fitzgerald	Scott	** \$6,114.26	** \$4,909.20
Flory	John		*\$61.55
Fox	Robert Jr.		*\$239.49
Garcia	Danny	\$490.15	
Grandchamp	David		\$107.25
Grant	Erica	\$856.49	\$2,379.18
Harte	Michael P		*\$1,164.33
Henry	Michael, Jr.		*\$1,453.02
Higgins	Patrick C	*** \$729.02	** \$3,549.12
Higgins	Patrick C		** \$1,791.67
Hogan	Patrick		*\$432.59
Hyjek	Helen T		\$2,991.00
Jarrosak	Terry		\$671.73
Johnson	Laurie		*\$462.44
Kurant	John C, Jr.		** \$635.58
Larson	Robert J		*\$442.30
Lebo	Sandra	\$568.09	\$3,877.47
Lloyd	Debra		** \$4,102.17
Long	Stephen P	*** \$9,927.67	*** \$2,793.21
Lynch	Marcia A		*\$743.15
Mayne	Christopher		*\$144.63
McDermott	Karen		*\$1,226.39
McDevitt	Patrick		\$1,233.78
McGrath	Gail R		*\$435.01
Michaud	Jeffrey E		*\$868.20
Nayla LLC			*\$1,591.02
Nayla LLC			*\$1,856.97
Pierce	Brian R		*\$2,589.43

\* Paid as of 1/15/19

# Tax Sale

\*\* Payment Agreement

Note: Totals do not include interest



# DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2018

Name		Previous Years	2017-2018
Poczobut	Eric H		*\$1,036.35
Poploski	Michael J		*\$923.76
Prevendoski	Charles		** \$1595.41
Ray	Mary V		\$2,366.04
Reed	Rebecca L	** \$1594.50	** \$432.42
Reed	Rebecca	** \$2057.57	
Sanford	Dylan		*\$1,427.18
Sawyer	Elizabeth		\$743.05
Serrani	Patricia		*\$860.35
Sheridan	Lisa C		*\$1,199.35
Sherman	Cecil		*\$291.40
Shull	Richard L		\$1,106.95
Sienicki	Phil	*** \$187.06	** \$1700.08
Smith	Dennis	*\$2,484.36	*\$1,999.47
Thompson	Lori M	*** \$478.64	*** \$2327.55
Thornton	Michael A	*** \$3211.55	*** \$3977.34
Trepanier	Leo H, Jr.		*\$277.72
Trigo	Linda		*** \$151.28
Wilk SJ Property L			*\$749.03
Wing	Bartley J		\$672.59
Wortman	Clayton J	*\$3,292.73	*\$2,934.33
Wright	David		*\$998.49
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,499.09</b>	<b>\$101,506.97</b>

\* *Paid as of 1/15/19*

\*\* *Payment Agreement*

# *Tax Sale*

*Note: Totals do not include interest*

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>BUDGET 2019</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2020</b>	<b>change</b>
SALARIES	49,685	55,749	62,140	68,024	
ASSISTANT LABOR	8,402	4,473	1,000	1,000	
ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,500	
FICA	4,305	4,508	3,853	4,217	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	662	610	700	700	
DATA PROCESSING	-	-	500	500	
ADVERTISING	42	-	200	200	
CONTRIBUTIONS & SUBSIDIES	350	360	350	350	
HEALTH/ & DENTAL INS	9,842	11,048	14,781	15,167	
RETIREMENT VMERS	3,046	3,883	3,180	3,911	
DISABILITY INS	418	444	418	444	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,826	2,565	2,164	1,285	
WORKERS COMP INS	3,914	3,662	3,662	3,967	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS	91	45	100	100	
TESTING & SAMPLING	1,480	748	1,500	1,500	
PERMITS	5,371	5,236	5,600	5,600	
POSTAGE	-	-	200	200	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	103,934	106,831	113,848	120,665	6.0%

**WELL & LINE OPERATIONS**

PUMP & WELL SUPPLIES	57	-	500	500
CHLORINE & CHEMICALS	709	578	500	500
PHONE	404	413	400	500
PAGER SERVICE	258	258	300	500
CONTRACT SERVICES	-	-	1,500	1,500
WELL/PLANT MAINTENANCE	4,949	8,807	5,000	5,000
TANK MAINTENANCE	200	-	1,500	1,500
METER PURCHASE/REPAIR	9,618	2,820	2,000	2,000
LINE MAINTENANCE	23,768	18,377	25,000	25,000
PROPANE-WELL	459	558	1,000	1,000
ELECTRIC-WELLS	37,310	40,446	38,000	38,000
ELECTRIC-PINE HILL	2,225	2,114	2,200	2,200
PROPANE-PINE HILL	200	196	400	400
PHONE-PINE HILL	412	398	500	500
ELECTRIC-CLARK HILL VALVE VAULT	908	981	1,000	1,000
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE	-	31	100	100
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVE	20,000	20,000	25,000	25,000
VEHICLE INSURANCE	757	757	738	1,082
VEHICLE FUEL	906	1,038	900	1,000
VEHICLE MAINT.	806	1,916	500	500
UNIFORMS	633	644	660	660
TRAINING	731	1,500	1,000	1,000
ENGINEERING	-	620	2,000	2,000
PUBLICATION EXPENSE-CCR	-	-	200	200
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	850	850	1,500	1,500

Total WELL & LINE	106,160	103,302	112,398	113,142
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BOND PRINCIPLE & INTEREST	186,519	179,812	190,512	186,375
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Total Water Department	396,613	389,945	416,758	420,182	0.8%
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**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND  
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

<b>WASTEWATER EXPENSES</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>BUDGET 2019</b>	<b>PROPOSED 2020</b>	<b>change</b>
SALARIES	100,524	102,992	104,524	107,935	
HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE	19,920	22,784	26,568	27,255	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	849	888	850	888	
WORKMAN'S COMP	2,016	5,493	5,493	5,951	
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	182	90	200	200	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	5,338	5,614	4,868	4,283	
F I C A	7,407	7,575	6,076	6,692	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	5,366	6,816	5,390	6,206	
UNIFORMS	1,002	1,161	1,140	1,140	
ASSIST LABOR	-	-	1,000	1,000	
ADMIN REIMBURSEMENT	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	
DATA PROCESSING	739	590	500	1,000	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000	58,500	55,000	55,000	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	1,968	6,953	1,000	1,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	1,569	1,530	1,530	1,082	
VEHICLE-FUEL	1,019	963	1,300	1,300	
LAB CHEMICALS	2,493	911	1,200	1,200	
LAB EQUIPMENT	2,919	6,936	1,500	1,500	
INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL	4,138	406	3,000	3,000	
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	1,734	1,786	1,700	1,700	
LAB TESTING	3,001	3,233	3,500	3,500	
SODA ASH	1,001	-	1,200	1,200	
SODIUM ALLUMINATE	13,002	9,431	7,000	10,000	
UV BULBS	3,758	4,771	2,500	4,000	
TELEPHONE	1,413	1,289	1,400	1,500	
MODEM PHONE EXPENSE	1,358	1,558	1,400	1,500	
PAGING SERVICE	258	258	300	500	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,219	1,127	1,200	1,200	
MISCELLANEOUS	1,093	1,124	1,000	1,000	
TRAINING / EDUCATION	705	448	1,000	1,000	
PLANT MAINTENANCE	10,462	12,963	12,000	13,000	
ENGINEERING/PLANNING	-	-	5,000	5,000	
HEATING FUEL	5,115	6,553	8,000	8,000	
UV ROOM HEAT	720	1,379	1,500	1,500	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	350	-	2,000	2,000	
LAWN SERVICE	1,305	1,147	1,500	1,500	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	1,800	3,600	1,800	1,800	
SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE	14,958	4,763	10,000	15,000	
SLUDGE MANAGEMENT	51,927	27,752	30,000	30,000	
ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	
MANHOLE MAINTENANCE	-	-	3,000	3,000	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>339,978</b>	<b>330,734</b>	<b>335,489</b>	<b>351,882</b>	
PLANT - ELECTRIC	18,218	21,064	20,000	22,000	
PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE	428	1,360	6,000	6,000	
ELM STREET	4,827	6,543	5,000	6,000	
ELM ST FUEL	428	284	800	800	
HARRISON AVENUE	2,212	2,570	3,000	3,000	
HARRISON AVENUE PROPANE	276	31	300	100	
BARNES STREET	898	741	1,000	1,000	
BAXTER STREET	390	1,167	500	1,000	
CLARENDON AVENUE	1,653	1,840	2,500	2,000	
CLARENDON AVENUE PROPANE	68	-	150	150	
MAIN STREET	1,081	1,110	1,200	1,200	
THRALL AVENUE	362	330	500	500	
ELECTRIC ROUTE 4	314	261	500	500	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>31,155</b>	<b>37,301</b>	<b>41,450</b>	<b>44,250</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>371,133</b>	<b>368,035</b>	<b>376,939</b>	<b>396,132</b>	
<b>BOND PRINCIPLE &amp; INTEREST</b>	<b>142,720</b>	<b>127,025</b>	<b>127,025</b>	<b>127,025</b>	
Total Wastewater Treatment Dept.	513,853	495,060	503,964	523,157	3.81%

# DELINQUENT UTILITIES

Balances Over \$10 as of June 30, 2018

Abatiell	Marc	*\$383.51	Lasante	William	\$668.36
Agard	John F	*\$836.11	Lawless	Christina	** \$ 474.74
Aprilliano	John	*\$602.69	Lehman	Cheri	** \$ 638.35
Austin	Charles	** \$ 1042.54	Lloyd	Debra	*\$1,147.94
Axelson	Renee	** \$ 606.00	Logan	Paul	*\$416.95
Belden	Patrick	\$390.35	Long	Stephen	** \$ 631.04
Bennett	William D	\$422.48	Loso	Gary	\$814.42
Bills	Dale	*\$404.52	Maksimovic	Sasa	*\$120.96
Borowy	Stanislaus/Krystyna	\$649.56	Martindale	Frances	*\$390.67
Boyd	Elizabeth	*\$393.65	Martucio	Margaret	** \$ 678.32
Burke	John	*\$343.05	McDevitt	Patrick, Jr.	\$662.20
Cain	William, Jr.	\$745.22	McGee	Sean	*\$456.04
Cardi	Heith	*\$307.83	McLaren	Paul	** \$ 924.40
Carlson	John	*\$647.80	Miller	Sean	\$850.41
Chadwick	Julie	*\$636.35	Miner	Richard	\$568.49
Chamberland	George T, Jr.	\$580.05	Molinari	Keith	\$416.95
Champine	Kirk K.	*\$190.55	Moore	Thomas	** \$ 662.03
Chandler	Holly	\$702.41	Mumford	James, Jr.	\$900.27
Chandler	Holly	\$517.21	Nayla LLC		** \$ 94.05
Coombs	Francesca	\$929.33	Nayla LLC		** \$ 348.11
Cushman	Steve	\$745.57	O'Grady	Justin	*\$423.74
Daley	Richard	** \$ 19.15	Pearo	Robert	\$427.76
Davis	Bettina	\$441.95	Pease	John R. Jr.	\$373.02
Dephillips	Robert C.	\$566.57	Peters	Hal Mitchell	** \$ 875.59
Dephillips	Robert C., Sr.	\$414.01	Picard	Jason	\$529.12
Desjardins	John Paul	*\$858.46	Poczobut	Eric H.	\$436.96
Duncan	Charles	** \$1,503.55	Poploski	Michael	*\$418.84
Fales	Chad	** \$ 818.78	Puhalla	David	\$206.88
Fitzgerald	Kathy	** \$ 637.20	Reed	Rebecca	\$680.44
Fleming	Jeremy	\$852.68	Reeves	Holly	*\$398.53
Furman	Zachary	\$599.40	Rivers	Michael	** \$ 795.58
Gallipo	Lawrence	\$16.52	Sawyer	Elizabeth	\$189.12
Gauthier	Lee	*\$399.27	Shull	Richard L.	*\$411.16
Gelbar	Edward	\$12.37	Sienicki	Phil	*** \$ 113.64
Geryk	Robert	\$452.32	Smith	Richard J.	\$620.90
Graham	Bonnie	** \$616.19	Smith	Robert	** \$ 1026.64
Grandchamp	Betty	** \$ 284.84	Soroka	Ronald L.	*\$792.53
Grandchamp	David	\$390.35	Sorrentino	John	** \$ 707.28
Grant	Erica	*\$1,226.78	Souza	Joshua M.	*\$419.75
Greene	Lauretta	*\$210.92	Sprague	Bethany	\$843.72
Greene	Lauretta	\$471.36	Therrien	Elizabeth	*\$406.96
Harrison	Rachel	*\$406.96	Therrien	Kyle	\$436.06
Henry	Michael, Jr.	*\$738.71	Thompson	Lori	*\$368.77
Hernandez	Simon, Jr.	\$191.85	Thornton	Michael	*** \$ 933.60
Hewitt	William	*\$396.55	Torres	Tina	\$963.70
Higgins	Patrick C.	*** \$575.91	Trepanier	Kathleen	\$635.98
Higgins	Patrick C.	*** \$972.88	Trigo	Linda	\$152.37
Jalbert	William	** \$747.39	Webster	Rick	\$975.17
Johnson	Dennis D.	*\$984.22	Welch	Daniel	\$664.41
Kearney	Kevin	** \$ 1,628.94	Whitt	Gary	*\$219.77
Kinsman	Rita	** \$ 807.26	Wilk	Christopher	\$743.61
Korzun	Constance	** \$ 775.68	Wilk	Christopher	\$743.61
Krohn	Michael	\$201.74	Wilk & Wilk Realty Inc.		\$356.94
Lacz	Jeffrey	*\$1,268.38	Wilk, SJ Property LLC		*\$173.34
LaFlam	Jody	** \$ 944.79	Wolk	Steven	** \$ 703.79
Lafond	Thomas	\$621.41			

**TOTAL**

**\$65,166.10**

\* Paid as of 1/15/19

\*\* Payment Agreement

# Tax Sale

# Annual Report of the Water and Wastewater Departments

In 2018 we treated and supplied 108,135,000 gallons of safe water for the customers on the water system.

We also treated 84,989,000 gallons of wastewater at the wastewater treatment facility. We shipped 370,654 gallons of sludge to the City of Rutland Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Both systems were operated well within the required regulatory parameters and there were no violations.

We work every day of the year including weekends and holidays to make sure that the systems are operating safely and in compliance with State and Federal regulations. We test the water and wastewater every day and record the numbers for the monthly reports that go out to the State and EPA. We have to keep up our certifications by taking a required number of training contact hours every year.

We are very proud of what we do and we want to thank Mary Ann and the select board for their continued confidence in our work.

This year we were able to sell two of our older vehicles and purchase a new service truck. We also purchased a new tractor to assist us with keeping the hydrants clear of snow and digging around curb stops and doing other small jobs. We will use it to maintain the areas around our storage tanks and it will be used for mowing and brush hogging where needed. (See photo below)

We found and repaired three significant water leaks. We want to thank the customers that brought the leaks to our attention. Please let us know if you see or hear anything unusual such as a noise in your water lines or a wet area in or near your property that is new.

We brought in a company to patch up some manholes that were letting ground water in to the sewer system.

Please remember not to flush any wipes that are not certified flushable. And never pour grease or fat down the drain.

Thank you for taking care of your fire hydrants when you can. Please continue to help us by shoveling away the snow and trimming the grass and weeds from around them.

If the weather gets below freezing and your water has frozen before, please remember to run the water about a pencil's width all the time.

Again, we want to say thank you to the road crew for all the help throughout the year.

As always, we are available for emergencies 24/7 at (802)438-5633.

We look forward to serving you in the coming year. If you have questions or comments about your water and wastewater systems and operations, we would be glad to talk with you about them.

Thank You,

**Edward J Savage**, Superintendent

**Frank Gorham**, Assistant Chief Operator, Wastewater Operator, Water

**Seth Pietryka**, Assistant Chief Operator, Water Operator, Wastewater

**Dave Zawistowski**, Operator, Wastewater Operator, Water



New Tractor purchased for general maintenance

# **WEST RUTLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

## **2018**

It's been a busy year, sweeping roads, painting crosswalks, hauling gravel, and grading roads around town. We washed bridge tops, fixed basins on North Lane and Pleasant Street. We also cleaned out basins with A-1 Sewer. Included in the jobs we worked on this year were road side mowing, cutting around guard rails, and trimming trees hanging over roadways.

The town received a paving grant which we used to pave numerous roads around town. We completed shoulder work related to the new pavement jobs. We did some work at Pleasant Street Cemetery which included cutting trees, trimming around stones, and installing a historical marker.

We combined work forces with the Water & Sewer Department to install a swing set at the Rec Center. A new walk path was also installed at the Rec Center with the help of a grant that the town received.

Maintenance continues on our equipment which includes undercoating.

As always, we would like to thank the residents of West Rutland for their support and patience as we continue to improve our town roads.

Frank Woolf, Road Supervisor

David Zawistowski, Assistant Road Supervisor

Steve Duprey



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### 2018

The Town Clerk's office is full of statistics. Here are a few:

- Recorded 1,287 pages in Land Records
- Town Clerk fees were \$13,420.00
- Restoration Fees and Digitizing Fees totaled \$3,383.00. These fees are for preservation of old records and scanning of new records.

Vital Statistics are as follows:

- 16 Births
- 17 Deaths
- 10 Marriages

We did 278 dog licenses totaling \$2,502.00 in fees:

- \$1,390.00 was paid to the state for their rabies and neutering program.
- License costs for spayed and neutered dogs are \$14.00. Unspayed/unneutered dog licenses are \$18.00.
- A dog and cat rabies clinic is held every spring for the pet owner's convenience. This year's clinic will be **Saturday, March 23, 2019** at the **Town Garage 10-12 AM**. Dr. Carini will be there again this year. Post cards will be sent out to remind everyone.

The Town Clerk's office continues to do vehicle registration renewals.

- This year we processed 63 renewals. These renewals generated \$189.00 in fees.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming March Election to be held on **March 5, 2019**. Poll hours will be **10:00am - 7:00pm**. There is plenty of Handicap Parking by the side door entrance. As always, the elevator is there for your use. Please call if you would like to request an **Absentee Ballot (802) 438-2204**.

The Town Clerk's Office has an open door, full service policy and we are here to serve you. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Friday office hours are by appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Wener, Town Clerk

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (ZA) REPORT – Fiscal Year 2017-18

The ZA reviewed 35 zoning permit applications in the past fiscal year; a 15% reduction in overall permit activity from the previous year. No permits for new single family homes were received. However, commercial activity was up, with several additional apartment units and small businesses receiving Permits to “set up shop” or expand existing facilities.

### Summary of permits requested:

Residential (attached to the residence): additions, decks, porches	6
Accessory (detached) Structures: garages, sheds, pools, fences	8
New Single Family Residences (stick-built, modular, panel, log, mobile homes)	0
Commercial Projects, Changes of Use, Home Occupations	9
Demolitions (Note that a VT Asbestos Certification may also be required)	1
Miscellaneous; Earthen Fill (greater than 2 dump truck loads)	1
Signs (business)	3
Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments	2
Barns, Agricultural Structures (to qualified farmers)	3
Denied, incomplete, or withdrawn Applications	2
<b>Total # applications</b>	<b>35</b>

In follow up to the 2016 Town Plan, the **Planning Commission (PC)** has started updating the Zoning Regulations to address new uses and clarify the rules. To accomplish this important work, the **Planning Commission welcomes your input!** In 2019, the **PC** will hold regular Meetings at Town Office on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:00pm. Agendas & meeting minutes are in the Post Office, Town Office, and on the Town’s website ([www.WestRutlandTown.com](http://www.WestRutlandTown.com)). Please attend and participate!

The **PLANNING COMMISSION REALLY NEEDS AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER**; joining current commissioners Denis Lincoln, Jayne Pratt, David O’Rourke, and Leona Minard. Requirements are a desire to contribute to the future of your community, common sense, and approximately three hours per month. A stipend and applicable training is offered. If interested, please contact Denis Lincoln (779-6060) or this Zoning Administrator for more information.

The **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD** holds Meetings as required on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, to decide on appeals and Commercial permits. Current Members include Mike Moser, Denis Lincoln, Jim Mumford, Tim Ponto, and Rick Hart. The Board reviewed and approved seven Commercial or Subdivision applications this past year. No applications were denied, or decisions appealed to VT Environmental Court.

F.Y.I, the Zoning, Flood Hazard, & Subdivision Regulations (as well as application forms) are available on the Town website. The Zoning Regulations identifies certain **EXEMPTIONS for a required permit**. If NOT on this list of Exemptions, a local permit is likely required. I am usually available to assist you on completing the permit or site plan on Mondays, or on Thursday mornings; and you are welcome to contact me at [zoning@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:zoning@westrutlandvt.org) or 438-2204 ext. 16 for additional information.

**Jeffrey Biasuzzi**  
**Zoning Administrator**

## **WEST RUTLAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

### **Report for 2018**

Our board consists of Rick Hart, Anthony Ponto, James Mumford, Denis Lincoln (Vice Chair), and Michael Moser (Board Chair).

The Board works with Jeffrey Biasuzzi, the West Rutland Zoning Administrator when cases for consideration are brought before the Board.

I'd like to thank the Board Members for their dedication of time and thoughtful attention to each case with which we were presented. Our goal is to examine each case brought before us by the Zoning Administrator, and to use as a "yardstick" the regulations with which we are provided to insure that a fair ruling can be equally applied.

Our challenge and desire is to provide equal judgement as we serve the citizens of West Rutland, Vermont.

Our meetings are open to the public on the third Wednesday of the month, as needed, and are held in the Conference Room of the West Rutland Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

If you have any questions concerning the Development Review Board, you can contact the Zoning Administrator, Jeffrey Biasuzzi at 438-2204 Ext. 16.

We look forward to continuing our service to the community and the cases brought before the Board in 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Moser – Chairman

West Rutland Development Review Board

## **REPORT FROM THE LISTERS' OFFICE**

### **Report for 2018**

The town of West Rutland Listers Office is staffed by three elected Listers: Lisa Wright, Chair, Murph Higgins and Patrick Trepanier. Our typical office hours are Tuesdays from 9 to 11 and by appointment and as needed. We can be reached at 438-2263 or by e-mail at [listers@westrutlandvt.org](mailto:listers@westrutlandvt.org)

We are currently completing a town-wide reappraisal for the 2019 Grand List Year. The town has hired Vision Government Solutions as our appraisal contractor. The appraisal team has been out during the summer and fall of 2018 to complete first attempts at inspections. A letter was sent out in early January to taxpayers who had not had an interior inspection of their property. This letter provided instructions for how to schedule that appointment.

We anticipate the appraisal contractor will send out informal notices as to change of assessments in May and the formal notice and notice of grievance hearings will be sent on the statutory deadline of June 4, 2019. Please refer to the town website for updates regarding the reappraisal. If you have any questions about the reappraisal process or your property assessment, you are welcome to contact the Listers.

The Listers would like to remind taxpayers to file your HS-122 Homestead Declaration and related Income Adjustment Form when you file your income taxes. Timely filing will avoid late fees and help ensure a correct tax bill.

## FRIENDS OF THE WEST RUTLAND TOWN HALL

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PO Box 591  
West Rutland, Vermont 05777

Balance July 1, 2017               \$    1084.88

### Receipts

Friendship Tree               \$    1050.00

Total Receipts               \$    **1050.00**

### Expenses

General Fund               \$       162.00

Friendship Tree               \$    1128.01

Total Expenses \$    **1290.01**

Balance June 30, 2018           \$       **844.87**

### Current Assets (Dec. 28, 2018)

Checking Account   \$    1,390.87

Heritage Fam. Svgs. \$       28.28

Heritage Fam. MM   \$  11,167.16

Total Assets               \$   **12,586.31**

We purchased a nice indoor tree for the Christmas celebration.

Our nice facility continues to be used and enjoyed by many people.

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If anyone would like more information about the Friends of the Town Hall, please call the town office at 438-2263.

# ***West Rutland Historical Society***

**P.O.Box 385 West Rutland, VT. 05777**

The year 2018 was an exceptional one for the West Rutland Historical Society when we were honored to help organize the September 8, 2018 dedication ceremony for West Rutland's first roadside Vermont Historic Preservation Marker in tribute to the Reverend Lemuel Haynes (1753-1833) at the Pleasant Street Cemetery. The Reverend Haynes was the first ordained African American minister in the United States and was a Revolutionary War soldier. In 1804, he received an honorary Master's Degree from Middlebury College, the first in the U.S. granted to an African American. He served the original West Parish Congregational Church community for 30 years. This historic marker will be added to the State of Vermont's Heritage Trail website.

Many thanks go out to Town Manager Mary Ann Goulette for her help with the permitting process, the Board of Selectmen for their sustained support of the project and the Highway Department including Frank Woolf, Dave Zawistowski and Steve Duprey for their time and effort installing the signpost and marker.

Most importantly, it was a great day for West Rutland community pride because of the participation of the West Rutland Legion Post #87 Color Guard, Boy Scout Troop #116, West Rutland School Band and Director, Reverend William Whiteman, Daughters of the American Revolution, Reverend John Weatherhogg and State and local representatives. Thank you to all who attended this special event.

Earlier in the year the Historical Society held its Annual Meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> with the election of a new slate of officers for 2018.

Elected to office were: Peter Kulig, President; Mary Reczek, Vice-President; Barbara Trepanier, Treasurer; and Deb Jasmin, Secretary. Members of the Board of Trustees are: Stan Jagodzinski, Margie Salengo, Don Sevigny, Chris Mathewson and Elizabeth Moser.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Tom Giffin, the President of The Vermont Old Cemetery Association who re-capped last year's restoration efforts by volunteers of the Association and other local volunteers at the Pleasant Street Cemetery in town.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> the Society sponsored the program "What's Been Happening at the West Rutland Marsh?" at the West Rutland Town Hall. Presenters Marv and Sue Elliot of the Rutland County Audubon Society delivered a slide show exhibit about their monthly Marsh monitoring walks, the various wildlife found there and the status of the habitat in and around the Marsh.

For the first time members of the Historical Society participated in this year's Memorial Day Parade and plan to be there every year hence.

The West Rutland Historical Society, Inc. is a 501©3 not for profit organization. The mission of the West Rutland Historical Society is to further the recognition of and interest in the history of West Rutland, Vermont.

The Society meets the second Tuesday of the months April, May, June, September, October and November at the West Rutland Town Hall. Our archives and rare collections are housed in the Henry "Red" Sutkoski Room for Historical Research on the ground floor of the West Rutland Town Hall. Contact us via e-mail:

**history@westrutlandtown.org**

Respectfully submitted,

*Peter Kulig*, President, West Rutland Historical Society



# **WEST RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY**

## **2018**

The West Rutland Free Library appreciates the support it receives from its patrons. We are always striving to make everyone feel like their library is a welcoming and safe place to borrow from or just to stop in and hang out.

Last year we signed up 119 new patrons bringing us to a total of 779 borrowers who checked out a total of 9834 items. We added 2775 items to our circulation which now gives out patrons a choice from over 13,000 items. Always available are our park and museum passes. And last year we even had snowshoes to borrow.

Our regular programs included Storytime, Lego Club, Craft Club and Adult Coloring. Also available were Star Wars Day, AARP visits, Dungeons & Dragons and First Day of School Coffee and Donuts for parents.

The library really is the hub of the town. Not only do we loan items but last year we also offered help with computer tutoring, creating resumes, job searches and applications, programming cell phones, research, contests, and laptops.

We were a place to get together for meetings, tutoring, free wifi or just quiet time.

Our Trustees are: Bill Harvey, Carl Wener, Barb Trepanier, Patty Kulig, Paul Kulig, Shelly Williams and Loreen Eddy.

Please join us all in thanking Joe Salengo for all his years as President of the Trustees. Joe stepped down this year and his hard work and dedication is truly appreciated by all who worked with him.

Please stop in, all are welcome! A library card is free and we enjoy finding something that everyone will enjoy. We are always open to suggestions for materials or programs that you would like to be offered. Don't forget about borrowing snowshoes!

***Rene Cressy***  
Director

## **LIBRARY BUDGET**

### **2019 Income**

Town of West Rutland	\$50,000.00
Proctor Trust Distribution	\$16,742.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$500.00</u>
	\$67,242.00

### **Expenses**

Adult Programs	\$150.00
Insurance	\$3,200.00
Office and Other Job Supplies including Software	\$1,500.00
Other Business Expenses	\$520.00
Copier Lease	\$324.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$2,500.00
Shipping, Freight and Delivery	\$810.00
Telephone	\$620.00
Utilities including Heat and Air	\$8,600.00
Salary and Wages	\$36,282.00
Payroll Taxes	\$2,776.00
Travel	\$200.00
Acquisitions	\$9,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$400.00</u>
	\$67,082.00



# West Rutland Fire Department

P.O. Box 206

West Rutland, VT 05777

## 2018 – 2019 Annual Report of the Fire Chief

It is my honor once again to provide the Annual Report of the Fire Chief to the citizens of the Town of West Rutland. The West Rutland Fire Department provides primary response to fire, hazardous material, and rescue incidents within our town.

In addition to responding to emergencies, we provided fire prevention safety education to West Rutland School's Kindergarten through third grade classes during Fire Prevention Week. We also hosted several community group tours at the fire station and provided stand-by service at public events such as the West Rutland School Pep Rally, Town Block Party, and the Town Christmas Tree Lighting.

Our department is currently served by 17 very dedicated members who spend hundreds of hours each year responding to emergency calls, enhancing their skills by training, and performing upkeep and maintenance on our facility and equipment. This year we recognized Firefighter Steve Czachor for 40 years of service, and Assistant Chief Michael Skaza and Firefighter Jeff Lacz for 25 years of service.

Our community is very fortunate to be served by all our dedicated firefighters who respond to your calls for assistance at a moment's notice. This includes the families of our firefighters for their continued patience, support, and understanding when we are called to duty. I would also like to thank the residents of West Rutland for your continued support of the fire department.

Any West Rutland resident who is interested in serving our community as a firefighter can obtain more information by contacting the fire chief. Applicants must have a willingness to serve their community, be a legal resident of the Town of West Rutland, have a valid driver's license, and be a citizen in good standing.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Skaza  
Chief

### Current Firefighter Roster

Name	Years of Service	Name	Years of Service
Joseph Skaza, Chief	46	Jeffrey Wos	13
Steve Czachor, Fire Warden	40	Tyler Alexander	7
Thomas Lacz, 2nd Assistant Chief	31	Andrew FitzGerald	4
Christopher Jakubiak	31	Tyler Bathalon	4
Pete Guay	27	Josh Webster	3
Jeff Lacz	25	David Joslin	3
Michael Skaza, 1st Assistant Chief	25	Dillon Notte	2
Lori Lyons, Clerk	22	Cliff Jagodzinski	2
Scott FitzGerald	18		

## 2018 Emergency Call Volume

Motor Vehicle Crash	32	Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation	2
Fire Alarm/Smoke Detector Activation	19	Smoke Condition in Building	2
Mutual Aid	16	Smoke/Odor Investigation	1
Hazardous Materials Spill	7	Water Emergency	1
Medical Assist	6	Utility Pole Fire/Wires Down	1
Outside Burning Complaint	4	Citizen Assist	1
Structure Fire	3	Unfounded Call	1
Motor Vehicle Fire	3		

### ***Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives!***

Make sure that you have working smoke detectors near your bedrooms and on every level of the home. You should have at least one carbon monoxide detector near your bedrooms. Test them monthly and change the batteries twice a year.

### ***Post your address number clearly.***

When an emergency occurs, it is important that emergency services can quickly locate the incident. Please be sure that you display your address number in a location that can easily be seen from the roadway. Posting your address number helps us to find both you and your neighbors quickly.

### ***Outdoor Burning Regulations***

Burn permits are required for outside burning within the Town of West Rutland and can be obtained by calling Forest Fire Warden Steve Czachor at 438-2840. Permits can only be issued for the burning of natural products when conditions are safe and burning will not create a nuisance. All outside burning must comply with Town Ordinance.

# WEST RUTLAND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## 2018 REPORT

This past year we have started and completed a new playground area, upgraded the Rec Building, and added a new trail at our Rec Area! Thank you to the Town Road Crew, Town Waste Water Crew, Select Board Members, and Town Manager for all your tireless work to get the jobs done.

The West Rutland Recreation Area had an exciting edition with the new Parks for Paws Dog Park. The response to the park has been overwhelmingly positive with upwards of 100 people and their canine companions visiting the park daily.

The Recreational Sports program has had another very successful year. This year's spring softball and baseball program (T-Ball, Mighty-Mites, Minors and Majors Baseball/Softball for grades pre-K – grade 6) had 91 participants. Teams were instructed by dedicated volunteer coaches who were instrumental in the season's success. Thanks and appreciation go to these volunteers who gave of their time to instill knowledge and love for the game. Many thanks also to Chris Hogan for raking and maintaining the ball field.

We would like to give special thanks and recognition to our generous sponsors, who provide vital support to our Recreational Baseball/Softball program. They are as follows: **West Rutland American Legion, Bailey Motors, Jiffy Mart, Fabian Earthmoving, H. Hirschmann LTD, Poultney Pools, SE Smith, and Stewarts Shops.**

The Recreational Soccer program was again managed by Ian Akin (IMX Football Club). The knowledge, skill and love he has for the game is an invaluable asset. IMX Soccer also offers many different programs that run throughout the summer, building on the skills their players develop during their regular season. Many thanks to Chris Hogan for hours spent brush hogging the field.

Rec Basketball Skills and Drills program expanded to include grades Pre-K through grade 6 this year. We had 66 participants and were thankful to have many parent volunteers. Special thanks to Don Dunchus, Jr. who instructed grades Pre-K through grade 2. Many thanks to Christie Wright, Melissa Guay, Kendra Hogan, Don Dunchus, Jr., and Pete Guay who graciously volunteered their time to our kids in grades 3-6. We are always grateful to Joe Harrington and the West Rutland School for their support of our programs.

A debt of gratitude is owed to all our volunteers! Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated. We need people to help with maintenance of our fields, coaches for our teams, gardeners for our grounds and people to help maintain our trails. Your time and talents can always be put to good use. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Town Hall at 438-2263.

Additionally, I would like to thank Mary Ann Goulette and the West Rutland Select Board for their continued support of Recreation programs for our community. I am certain with the continued support of the parents and the community, the recreation program will continue to grow and our recreation area will become one we all can enjoy.

***Mike Senecal***

**Recreation Director**

# Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2018 Overview

## *Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors that is elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is the only statewide organization devoted solely to delivering a wide range of services to local officials who serve municipalities of varying populations and geographic regions but face similar requirements with disparate resources. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts.

Local governments in Vermont provide essential services to residents and visitors alike. From managing budgets, conducting elections, assessing property and maintaining roads to providing public safety services, recreational programs, water and sewer infrastructure, street lighting, and libraries, the work carried out by appointed and elected officials and community volunteers is both critical and challenging. The demands on local government are complex and require resources that are not always available in every city, town or village in the state.

VLCT provides legal, consulting, and education services to its members, offering important advice and responses to direct inquiries, as well as training programs on specific topics of concern to officials as they carry out the duties required by statute or directed by town meeting voters. We represent cities and towns before the state legislature and state agencies, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and their needs are met. VLCT also advocates at the federal level, primarily through its partner, the National League of Cities, and directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.

VLCT offers opportunities to purchase risk management products and services that directly meet the specific and specialized needs of local government through the VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust and the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF).

During the 2018 calendar year, *VLCT News* converted to a magazine style publication from its newsletter format, with the intent to provide more content and diverse information in each edition.

VLCT also finalized the details of moving its digital data to the "cloud," thereby increasing operational efficiency and enhancing cybersecurity and redundant protection of information. This move also reduced the need to acquire, maintain, and replace costly capital equipment. Improvements to the website are ongoing, and in concert with this effort is the research into a new customer relations management system, designed to help VLCT provide important information to members, but also to simplify ways that members provide information to VLCT that is shared among all municipalities.

VLCT conducted a series of Listening Sessions in 12 communities around the state to hear directly from local officials about services received from VLCT and whether any changes are needed, including whether new services should be initiated or outdated ones eliminated. Further discussions will be held with the Board of Directors. Members will be kept apprised of progress in setting future goals and priorities.

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the continued progress being made in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

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## *Quarry Valley Unified Union School District*

*Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland Schools*

February, 2019

Dear Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland Community Members,

Greetings from your School Board! Town meeting day is fast approaching and in the last year many exciting things have taken place in our schools! Governance of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District (QVUUSD) has been merged and began operation effective July 1, 2018. The new district includes three PK-12 Schools: Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland. By merging governance, we have begun the process of finding ways to share resources and improve student opportunities.

We have worked to create a budget that is both mindful of the impact on our property taxes and the ever-increasing cost of goods and services. We have also worked hard to make sure our schools are able to provide the needed services and learning opportunities for our students. We continue to be mindful of our responsibility with your tax dollars and are constantly monitoring staff and student needs.

The QVUUSD budget warning defines total budgeted expenses of \$17,617,200. This translates into education spending of \$16,477.27 per equalized pupil and the proposed FY 2020 overall expenditure budget represents an increase of 5% from the FY 2019 budget. As a merged district, residents in our communities will avoid state tax penalties and take advantage of tax reductions over the next 3 years. We will continue to operate five schools and work towards offering expanded academic and extracurricular activities.

As we continue to transition and continue the merging process to our new school system, we welcome your feedback and continuing involvement in your local school. We are very proud of our students and their many accomplishments in the classroom, on the stage and on the athletic fields of play. Our graduation rates are high.

Your continued support means a great deal to the School Board, administration and staff. We are moving in the right direction and the work that has taken place in merging the district cannot be understated. Our school administrators provide a well-rounded, dynamic education to all our children. They work in partnership with parents, faculty and staff. Our schools are the focal point of our communities and we can accomplish many things if we all work together. Thank you for your support!

Quarry Valley Unified Union School Board

Jim Oberg, Chair  
Lisa Miser, Vice Chair  
Linda Smith, Clerk  
Tom Callahan, Member  
James Mumford, Member

Elizabeth Coltey, Member  
Kristen Ross, Member  
Tom Thacker, Member  
Art Saceric, Member  
Andy Shaw, Member



February, 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

This has been an exciting year! We are proud to introduce our newly unified Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union, which began official operation on July 1, 2018. Transitions have been our focus during the year as we implement the voter-approved governance unification resulting from several years of planning. Our new school system includes Ira, Quarry Valley, Rutland Town and Wells Springs School Districts.

We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to recognize the hard work of our school board members, in particular, our retiring school districts. As a result of GRCSU unification, the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and Rutland Central Supervisory Union concluded their oversight of their respective school districts on June 30, 2018. As a result of the merger of the Wells Springs and Quarry Valley School Districts, five town school boards concluded their work last June as well: Middletown Springs Town School District, Wells Village School District, Poultney Town School District, Proctor Town School District and West Rutland Town School District. The years of board member stewardship of our town schools represents a long history which we must honor as we transition to our new school system. While all of our schools continue to serve children and families in our communities, our school district board and supervisory union board governance has unified. We remain committed to achieving stronger schools and communities through newly forged partnerships across our communities. Together we are better!

Last year, our excellence in education was recognized by the Agency of Education as we were featured in a video demonstrating best practices in Vermont which is now posted on the state website. In December, we were honored by a visit of the Integrated Field Review Team from the Agency of Education. They are charged with providing us with feedback concerning our implementation of the Education Quality Standards which are required of all school systems in Vermont. We are pleased with their feedback. One area in which we received commendation was that of Safe and Healthy Schools. Here we were pleased to learn that students and parents across our supervisory union speak highly of teachers, support staff and administrators within their buildings and feel they are safe and well-supported. Staff embrace a growth mindset about addressing the changing needs of our students both academically and socially. Students in all our schools are cooperative and well-disciplined. They have performed many acts of kindness to help others in our communities. This overarching spirit of cooperation and generosity is the hallmark of our schools' cultures.

Last year during our transition work with school boards, teachers, support staff and administrators we developed our GRCSU vision and mission. ***Our GRCSU Vision is to L.E.A.D. - Learn, Explore, Aspire, Discover.***

***Our GRCSU Mission*** is to create an engaged learning community by empowering students to:

- Learn*** collaboratively and independently.
- Explore*** their own passions and choose their own pathways.
- Aspire*** to achieve success.
- Discover*** their own roles as contributing local and global community members.

***Instruction & Learning:*** Instruction in GRCSU schools is moving toward ceding agency to students by ensuring they have choice around how, where, and when to access and demonstrate evidence of their learning. Teachers are working to



provide opportunities for students to identify where they are and where they're going in their learning, self-reflect on their learning, and learn cooperatively with and from each other.

This year we are fortunate to have assembled a team of grant-funded Innovation Coaches to help teachers identify individual goals and entry points into transforming their instruction. They provide embedded, ongoing support for teachers to meet those goals while building in opportunities for them to reflect on new learning. Coaches are working with teachers to create project-based lessons, performance-based assessments, and self-directed learning opportunities. Unlike typical workshops or conferences, our coaches provide ongoing, personalized support to teachers, a professional learning model that is research-based and proven to help transform practice.

GRCSU teachers also draw on their unique areas of expertise and learn cooperatively with and from each other. Each Tuesday afternoon, they examine student performance data, identify student needs, and share strategies in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). These meetings are scheduled synchronously across GRCSU districts so that teachers from different schools can collaborate and share their experience.

**Future Planning:** Our excellent educational opportunities will grow and expand in our newly unified school system. We will continue to implement student-centered learning in proficiency-based, personalized environments where all students learn at high levels. New educational opportunities began as early as July 1, 2018, such as centralized technology and joint educational program offerings, and our future will continue to unfold in a positive and productive manner as our Board and administration engage in a process to build our collective future plan for years to come.

**Community Outreach:** As we build our new school system, we understand that community outreach and parent partnerships continue to be very important. There are several ways that we look forward to building these robust connections. First, we are updating our GRCSU websites and plan to embed our schools' social media and superintendent blog to allow for real time information sharing and feedback. We will continue to publish and distribute online our school principal monthly reports to keep our community apprised of the great work underway in our schools. Our principals are utilizing Twitter to share essential information concerning school and student success stories - and there are many! When you see an administrator at a school/community event (such as athletic matches, school music performances, parent teacher conferences and school board meetings), please feel free to reach out to any of us with your ideas or to ask a question. Of course, you may call or email any time!

**District Annual Reports and Budget Presentations:** Each school board will hold public meetings to present the annual education budget for voter approval. Mark your calendars for these important meetings: Quarry Valley Unified Union School District Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 26; Wells Springs Unified Union School District Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 27; Ira School District Town Meeting on March 4; and Rutland Town School District Town Meeting on March 4. Through our community outreach and engagement efforts, annual reports, forums and annual meetings, we hope all of you will become familiar with our school budgets and the important educational programs and plans they support. Our schools are an investment in our students and our future.

Thank you for your continuing support of all our students. Remember, we have a remarkable history and a promising future. We look forward to excellence in our schools and students into 2020 and beyond!

Yours in Education,  
*Debra J. Taylor*  
Debra J. Taylor, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

*Adam Rosenberg*  
Adam Rosenberg  
Assistant Superintendent

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Please remember to vote on Town Meeting Day, March 5, 2019. For more information visit our website: [www.grcsu.org](http://www.grcsu.org), call 802-775-4342 or email us at your convenience.

# West Rutland School

*A Vermont K-12 Public School  
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*We are pleased to submit this mid-year Town Report to the West Rutland Community. As the Principals at West Rutland School, it is our pleasure to share with you the significant achievements and accomplishments of our fine staff and students as they relate to our school and community. We have separated the report into four sections; Curriculum/Instruction, Athletics/Extra Curricular, School Community, and Plant Management/School Safety. Should you have any questions regarding any of this information, it would be our pleasure to speak with you.*

*Robert Johnson, Interim Principal*

*Joseph Harrington, Associate Principal*

**Curriculum/Instruction:** *The school continues its refinement of aligning our instruction to the Learner-Centered Model through professional development activities and extensive professional collaboration among grade levels, cross grade-level planning, inter-school collaboration and the use of District Coaches. In addition, we continue the use of Proficiency-Based instruction and refining our Proficiency-Based assessments consistent with the Vermont Education Quality Standards.*

*We have successfully implemented an extensive instructional support system for elementary students (K-6) with the acquisition of full time **Literacy and Mathematics Interventionists**. We hope to expand this model with the upcoming school budget. Collectively these two teachers have provided support for 90 students (in addition to 22 Pre-Kindergarten ELA interventions, both through instructional inclusion within the classroom and a pullout model.*

*Our **Pre-Kindergarten program** was expanded to two classrooms, full-day sessions, for a total of 23 students (14 four-year olds and 9 three-year olds). Teachers and Paraeducators participated in two-day Creative Curriculum inservice training to refine their work with these students.*

Four of our teachers participated in the **Orton-Gillingham** professional training, providing a multisensory approach to teaching reading, specifically the connection between sounds and letters (phonological awareness), to struggling readers. Additional teachers to follow.

Our Middle School staff continues to team with the **Tarrant Institute for Innovative Education at the University of Vermont**. They have researched the PLP (Personal Learning Plans) possibilities and have collected student feedback from 7-9th grades in order to determine a platform, purpose, and overall procedure for the PLPs. They created a template for the students' sites and presented at the Middle Grades Institute conference on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Plans are in place to implement the platform with students during the second semester.

As an extension to their **Social Studies program**, fifteen of our high school students recently visited Proctor High School to attend a session of the Vermont Supreme Court.

**Secondary Science and English students** collaborate by continuing their association with the Trout in the Classroom project, scheduling a release of fingerlings in the Clarendon River later this June.

Our **12th Grade "Publications" class** is charged with the completion of the yearbook and the monthly newsletter, "The Horde", which highlights both elementary and secondary special events, celebrations, and school/community activities. The prose and format follows the student-centered model.

The **West Rutland School Music Department** continues a very busy and educational year. The middle and high school performing ensembles did a number of community outreach performances prior to the holiday break: Jazz Band, Band, and Rock Lab played at the "Galactic Toy Drop" at Diamond Run Mall; Jazz Band played a holiday web concert broadcast; and Chorus, Jazz Band, and Rock Lab, a holiday sing along for the elementary students at WRS. Grades K-12 performed a school-wide evening Winter Concert including all grades and performing ensembles.

The new semester brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and perform, including 3rd and 4th grades playing recorders in the classroom, a Coffeehouse Concert with performing ensembles, music composition using technology in the middle school music classes, and several students participating in the Green Mountain Music District V festivals.

The **West Rutland Art Department** in collaboration with our primary classes and secondary art students created a "Sensory Path" floor mural in the Primary Wing to assist our youngest students to build more movement into their everyday routines.

From the **Guidance Office** we have the following information to share:

#### **Internships/TIPS**

We have 5 students currently working in internships in the Rutland area. Beginning in March through June we will have the Training Interns and Partnering for Success Program join 10th and 11th grade English classes. They will be covering various topics including workplace safety, employment laws, job applications, digital citizenship, interview skills, etc. The goal of this program is to set students up to be

successful in internships during their remaining high school years and for them to gain transferable skills that will help them be successful in future careers.

#### **Advanced Placement Courses**

We currently have 18/36 or 50% of 11th & 12th graders taking AP courses.

#### **Concurrent Enrollment Courses**

We have 12 students taking college-level courses offered at WRS for credit through CCV.

#### **Dual Enrollment Courses**

We have 5 students taking college-level courses outside of WRS.

#### **Virtual Courses**

We currently have 14 students taking online courses either through VTVLC or Educere.

#### **Stafford Technical Center**

So far this year we have had STC visit our 10th graders to share information on their programs. Our 10th graders also visited STC to visit programs of interest. We currently have student applications under review for the 2019-2020 school year.

#### **Class of 2019**

72% of our seniors have plans to attend college next year with the majority already having applied and received acceptances.

We have 2 of our seniors in the Early College Program at Castleton University completing their 12th grade year and freshman year of college simultaneously through the Act 77.

#### **Sophomore Summit**

In early October the Guidance Office took the 10th graders to a career-focused event where they completed a Financial Reality Fair and visited workshops where they listened to local professionals speak on various careers.

#### **PSAT**

In October, 10th and 11th graders took the Preliminary SAT as practice for the SAT assessment. It allows students to become familiar with test layout and questions. It also provides them with a good idea of how they will perform on the SAT, as well as whether or not they are on track to be college-ready. Each student has sat down individually with the Guidance Counselor to review their scores and discuss future plans.

#### **Athletics/Extra Curricular:**

There has been extensive student participation in athletics during the fall and winter sports season; approximately 65% of our student population in grades 5-12. The fall season was highlighted by successful playoff runs by both the girls and boys soccer teams, The girls making it to the semi-finals and the boys played in the State Championship game losing a well-played game that will be talked about for years. The winter basketball season again sees high numbers of participation across the grade levels and West Rutland continues to be one of the only Division 4 programs that continues to be able to field both junior varsity and varsity programs.

*Our partnership with the Booster Club provides ongoing support for our athletic department as well as an exciting community focused Homecoming Weekend and Glodzik tournament. Funds generated through fundraising were used to purchase a new ice making machine (benefiting the entire school community) as well as a new scoreboard for the athletic field.*

### **School Community:**

Numerous special events were scheduled to engage the community as a whole. **Special luncheons** (Veterans Day Lunch, Thanksgiving Lunch - each luncheon had over 30 participants) have been held as well as special grade level and classroom events.

*The National Honor Society of West Rutland School sponsored a Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit families in West Rutland and the food shelf. Students donated a total of 542 items. Faculty and staff made additional donations. Cash donations were used to buy turkeys and a ham. Members lead the Pledge of Allegiance every school day. They also volunteer in pairs to serve "Meals on Wheels" dinners to seniors at the Town Hall on the first Wednesday of every month. Members will sponsor a blood drive in conjunction with the Red Cross in the spring.*

**Antonette Stickney, Physical Education Teacher, was recognized as a Vermont Teacher of the Year** at a ceremony at UVM. "Tosh" Stickney has been a physical education and health teacher at West Rutland School for 36 years!

*This year, the elementary students at West Rutland School showed their holiday spirit by raising \$1,543.54 for the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)** to go toward cancer research! Students selflessly donated their tooth fairy money, their ice cream funds, or did extra chores at home to earn money for the kids with cancer. Some set up web pages and collected donations from family members online. Many classes also made holiday items to sell such as ornaments, cards, and dog treats, donating 100% of the proceeds to cancer research. The students presented their donation to a representative from the LLS at their holiday sing-along on Wednesday, December 19th. It was truly heartwarming to see the students working toward a goal of helping people in need. They make West Rutland proud.*

**West Rutland Tapestry** has been having a great school year so far! They have had an increase in attendance and currently serve 42 students on various days throughout the week. Their focus this school year is community careers, community service, and community enrichment. Their program has had the pleasure of expanding enrichment and extended learning opportunities. They spent September and October fostering a relationship with Vermont Farmers Food Center in a drama/theater opportunity. Their K-2 students spent time participating in swimming and water safety at VAC between November and December. They have a resident enrichment teacher four days a week that brings STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and literacy activities to their students. During January they headed to Head over Heels for Nerf Wars. On a daily basis students are busy with programming activities. From the time they come in the door until they leave at night they have a full schedule, beginning with expanded learning and tutoring, recess, snack, homework support, games, coloring/crafts, and free choice time. They look forward to their next few months when they hope to build upon community partnerships and have two students lead service projects!

*Our partnership with the Town of West Rutland, built on tradition and history, remains strong. Our **Kindergarten students** visited the West Rutland Fire Department during Safety Month (October) and were provided with valuable fire safety instruction. Our **Seniors** visited Town Hall Recently with their grade advisors to decorate the holiday tree. Tree lighting was held Saturday, December 1st with music provided by our own music department.*

**Plant Management/School Safety:** *This past summer a significant number of **security cameras** were installed both within and outside our school grounds. With a full complement of 38 cameras, we have visual access to all aspects of the school. Additional upgrades to the computer security software and installation of large screen monitors in the main office and principals' office provide immediate visual oversight and the capacity to record and assist investigations.*



## **Director of Student Support Services Annual Town Report**

**February, 2019**

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union (GRCSU) provides special education programming in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) and the Vermont Agency of Education Special Education Rules and Regulations, which ensures that all students with disabilities have available to them a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living.

As of December 1, 2018 our GRCSU Child Count for special education recognized 286 (Prek-12) eligible students with disabilities categories including Autism, Developmental Delay, Emotional Disturbance, Hard of Hearing, Learning Impaired, Other Health Impaired (such as chronic health impairments, attention deficit or attention deficit with hyperactivity), Specific Learning Disabled, Speech or Language Impaired and Traumatic Brain Injured.

GRCSU provides special education services for identified 3 & 4 year old students along with their regular education peers typically through grade 12, or in some instances through the time the student turns 22. Beyond direct instruction, many students also need to access related services such as speech and/or language instruction, occupational therapy, physical therapy and counseling.

Any one or a combination of services may be necessary to address the needs of the whole child. However, for a very small percentage of our students, specialized instruction may not be enough, and a special alternative program may be required. To be legally compliant, each eligible child is provided with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Depending on the need, a student may require any combination of the services detailed above. We are legally required to provide a free and appropriate public education to each student on an IEP and we must do so in the least restrictive environment possible.

Finally, we would like to recognize the efforts of all our Special Educators, Instructional Assistants and Service Providers. They are professionals dedicated to meeting the students' needs. They take their responsibilities very seriously and they consistently exceed expectations. If you have any questions, please contact the GRCSU central office at 802-775-4342.

Sincerely,

Christine Kamm  
Director of Student Support Services  
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union

Tammy Rescott  
Assistant Director of Student Support Services  
Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union



January 8, 2019

To whom it may concern:

The West Rutland School District audit of the financial statements for the year ended on June 30, 2018 by RHR Smith & Company has recently been completed. Copies of the report are available for review at the Town Hall or Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union office.

Sincerely

Louis Milazzo  
Business Manager



## **Notice to Voters of Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland**

The Quarry Valley Annual Report  
is available at the following locations:

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union

Poultney Elementary School

Poultney High School

Poultney Town Clerk's Office

Proctor Elementary School

Proctor High School

Proctor Town Clerk's Office

West Rutland School

West Rutland Town Clerk's Office

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**Stephen P. Benard**  
SHERIFF

## **TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S TOWN REPORT FOR 2018**

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to continue to provide law enforcement services to your town. We strive to give the highest quality services possible and assist all citizens and town officials with the issues that arise today.

Deputy Dan Pennington and Deputy Cpl. Lema Carter continue to be assigned to this patrol. Their connection with townspeople, town administration and the historical knowledge they have of the town continues to be an asset when investigating crimes and solving issues in the town.

Activity in the Town of West Rutland for the past year is as follows:

448	Traffic stops	434	Incidents
297	Traffic Tickets	28	Arrests
187	Traffic Warnings	\$51,251.00	Traffic Fines
6	Driving with a Suspended License		
3	Driving While Intoxicated		
41	Citizen Assists		
22	Agency Assists		
6	Family Fight		
26	Suspicious Complaints		
22	Welfare Checks		
48	Motor Vehicle crashes		
19	Motor Vehicle Complaints		
13	Service of Abuse Prevention Order		
7	Threatening Complaints		
25	Theft		
26	Animal Complaints		

I want to thank Jean Colutti and Dave Lewis, our County Side Judges, the Select Board, and the citizens for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen P. Benard  
Sheriff



Business: 802-773-1746  
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FAX: 802-773-1717

*R*EGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road  
Rutland, VT 05701

**35<sup>th</sup>**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018)

35 Years of Service 1983 - 2018

To the Honorable Citizens of West Rutland:

We are pleased to present our 35<sup>th</sup> annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-five years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 212,369 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2018, the service responded to a total of 9,299 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 185 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We congratulate Chris "Jake" Jakubiak, EMT for being honored as our "Star of Life" at the American Ambulance Association's Stars of Life celebration in our nation's capital.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have been able to level fund or lower our assessment rate for the past 34 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

This past year one new ambulances was put into service to replace an older ambulance with more than 100,000 miles of service. The 9 year old support vehicle was also replaced.

Our motto "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism" is demonstrated by our employees commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, ALS, BLS, Prehospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborn Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

RAS has been focusing on Critical Care Paramedic training and improving abilities for critical transfers to other hospitals.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,312 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are held Wednesdays at the Regional Ambulance building and 149 child car seat inspections were completed through this program.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Paul Kulig, President  
R.A.S. Board of Directors  
West Rutland Representative



## 2019 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY18

**TOWN OF: WEST RUTLAND AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$400.00**

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 18 years RSVP has implemented several "Signature Programs" aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include **RSVP TeleCare**, a telephone reassurance and safety check in program offered **FREE** to Rutland County seniors, a children's literacy and mentoring program called **RSVP Rutland County Reads**, and after school program called **RSVP After School Buddies**, an osteoporosis prevention program, **RSVP Bone Builders**, which provides **FREE** strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP/VC volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**, in which RSVP/VC volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls, toys books and games. Last year over 10,000 items were distributed to 2,000 children and over 50 organizations to share with clients.

Locally, **RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services** serving the people of Rutland County with **796 volunteers**. From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, RSVP/VC volunteers provided **172,712 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **\$4,451,686**.

Once again this year RSVP/VC is not asking for additional monies from the Town of West Rutland. The monies we request are used to help defray the costs of providing services that impact the lives of citizens of all ages throughout Rutland County.

**Currently in West Rutland, RSVP/VC volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations:** Rutland Regional Medical Center, West Rutland Elementary and High Schools, area nursing homes, Godnick Adult Center, Dismas House, Rutland Partnership, College of Saint Joseph, Rutland Town Elementary School, Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice, Northwest and Northeast Elementary Schools, Mount Saint Joseph Academy, West Rutland Free Library, One-2-One, Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce, Castleton Community Center, Chaffree Art Center, Kids on the Move, The Mission, American Red Cross, **RSVP Bone Builders**, **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**, **RSVP TeleCare** and **RSVP Rutland County Reads**.

**The volunteer services they provide include:** knitting and sewing items for children and elders, tutoring and mentoring in area schools, mailings, entertaining in the area nursing homes and schools, greeting people at RRMC and providing information at the front desk, clerical assistance, delivering and preparing meals, cooking assistance, friendly visitation, companionship and outreach, community relations, reading club moderator, library aides, community relations, board member, clowning, providing essential transportation, tax counseling, volunteers in **RSVP Rutland County Reads** and **RSVP Operation Dolls & More**, **RSVP Bone Builders** Exercise Trainer, and providing safety check in calls to homebound seniors through **RSVP TeleCare**. In addition, **RSVP Bone Builders** classes are offered in West Rutland **FREE of charge** to area residents.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center, I would like to thank the residents of West Rutland for their continued support. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers continues to increase. With your help, RSVP/VC will continue to respond to this need. We welcome the opportunity to speak to your Board to update you on our program.

Sincerely,

Nan M. Hart, Director

November 20, 2018

# VNA & HOSPICE

of the Southwest Region  
Serving Bennington and Rutland Counties  
*Our family caring for your family since 1946*

October 31, 2018

## Town of West Rutland

### TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF WEST RUTLAND:

In 2017, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

In 2017, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 147,928 visits to 3,342 patients. In the town of West Rutland, we provided 3,415 visits to 106 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

*Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director*

*Carrie Allen, President of the Board of Directors*





## Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2018, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of West Rutland assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2018, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 15,162 hours of services to 144 West Rutland residents. We value our partnership with the Town of West Rutland in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

*Dick Courcelle*

Chief Executive Officer  
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.



November 1, 2018

RE: Rutland Economic Development Corporation Annual Report (FY2018)

To the Residents, Businesses, and Communities of Rutland County:

We extend our gratitude once again to you, our partners, for your continued work advancing the region. With your help, together our efforts have furthered the major strategies established for REDC centered around strengthening the support structure for new and existing businesses in Rutland County. The overarching theme of our strategic effort remains the same: to increase Rutland County's population, specifically early- and mid-career professionals and skilled workers, to counter the current and projected trend of regional population decline and the resulting workforce challenges.

**Summary of Strategic Direction:**

- Focus on population growth.
- Leverage the presence of area schools, colleges, universities, and technical centers as economic drivers.
- Support the growth of current businesses and industries in the Rutland Region.

**Strategic Investments:**

*Focus on population growth.*

- Alongside the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and area partners, helped guide the Regional Marketing Initiative through its first year after raising \$200,000 from regional businesses and municipalities to produce a dynamic, long-term campaign focused on promoting our regional assets and opportunities; Year 2 fully funded and due to be rolled out in FY2019.
- Supported Rutland Young Professionals workforce attraction and retention programs.
- Continued to work with area developers and experts to establish residential housing goals and development opportunities.
- Helped plan and support the fourth annual Young Professionals Summit of Vermont, a statewide conference on Vermont's future, held in Rutland.
- Emphasized Rutland County as a place for career opportunities through [rutlandeconomy.com/careers](http://rutlandeconomy.com/careers).

*Leverage the presence of area schools, colleges, universities, and technical centers as economic drivers.*

- In partnership with the Rutland Region Workforce Investment Board through funding from the Department of Labor, designed and administered the pilot program Real Careers @ Rutland County to connect young adults to viable career plans that prepare them for one of the many high-skill, high-paying jobs in the region.

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- Began collaborative efforts to develop internship/work experience processes with area colleges and universities and the Talent Pipeline Management Project.
- Introduced college and high school students (locally and around the state) to local leadership and job opportunities.

*Support the growth of current businesses and industries in the Rutland Region.*

- Secured \$437,500 in new lending capital available to Rutland County businesses unable to access adequate sources of conventional financing, deploying \$76,500 to two area businesses.
- Continued to monitor commercial real estate inventory and trends to match businesses with the best properties available for their needs, and marketing commercial properties through [rutlandeconomy.com/property](http://rutlandeconomy.com/property).
- Continued to connect regional businesses with local, state, and federal resources they need to develop, and interfaced with government agencies to advocate on their behalf.
- Supported the continued growth of The MINT - Rutland's Makerspace with strategic planning, funding, and 8,000 sq. ft. of space in REDC's building on Quality Lane in Rutland Town.
- Continued strengthening of a business development pipeline designed to connect emerging businesses with expertise and technical assistance to support sustainable success.
- Through the joint REDC-Chamber Policy Committee, pursued regional policy objectives designed to fortify regional business growth and engaged with policy makers and administrators to further these objectives.
- Hosted free business advising and technical assistance through the Vermont Small Business Development Center, Vermont Procurement Technical Assistance Center, and the Center for Women & Enterprise.

At REDC, we are 100% focused on making the Rutland region the most collaborative, innovative, and friendly place in Vermont to live, work, play, and grow a business. With your support, and the support of all our members and partners, we are enabled to strive ever further towards our vision:

**The greater Rutland region is recognized as the most collaborative, innovative and friendly place in Vermont to live, work, play, and grow a business.**

Sincerely,

Tyler E. Richardson  
Executive Director

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## **Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report**

### **Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2018**

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), is a non-profit seven-county organization providing individuals 16 years of age and older with free, confidential, education and literacy services. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math, technology and Career Readiness. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence or a GED. We offer Citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen. We also offer instruction in **ESOL, English for Speakers of Other Languages**.

Our **Flexible Pathways** provide students with the opportunity to obtain a diploma with additional options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford Tech, internships and other creative options.

Vermont Adult Learning is a partner in a multi – year federal grant along with VT Technical College and CCV called **Strengthening Working Families Initiative or SWIFI**. The grant provides **parents and guardians the training and skills they need for success in manufacturing at no cost to qualified candidates. If you like working with your hands this could be for you.** There are many manufacturing jobs currently that need trained employees in Rutland County, so call 802-282-4310 for details.

Vermont Adult Learning served 1,580 students statewide in fiscal year 2018. 222 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided 11, 920 hours of education. We provided 1,315 hours of instructional service to 13 students from West Rutland. 9 students were between the ages of 16 and 21.

Providing high quality, respectful education and employment and career advisement continues to be our focus. This can't be done in isolation without all the support we get from the local Rutland agency's that we partner with.

Classes are 4 days a week, Monday-Thursday from 9am-3:30pm with two evening classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30pm-6:30pm. We also offer an evening class in Poultney at the LiHigh School on Wednesdays from 6pm -8pm.

We appreciate the support of the voters of West Rutland.

**Contact: Michelle C. Folger, Director**

**Email: [mfolger@vtadultlearning.org](mailto:mfolger@vtadultlearning.org)**

**Or call 775-0617**

**LIKE** us on Facebook at *Rutland Vermont Adult Learning* and *Vermont Adult Learning*

# BROC COMMUNITY ACTION

*In Southwestern Vermont*

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To the Citizens of the Town of West Rutland,

On behalf of BROC Community Action and the thousands of people with low income or living in poverty that we serve in Rutland and Bennington counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us through over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and help provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action has provided substantial assistance to residents in the Town of West Rutland. **205 individuals in 118 families were assisted** including receiving food at the BROC

Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, heating, and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling, starting or expanding a small business and resources and referrals.

Despite the significant outcomes BROC Community Action has achieved for the residents of the Town of West Rutland over the past year, there is still more work to do. People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

***Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming year remains \$1,250.00.***

We truly value our collaboration with West Rutland as we assist those most in need.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Donahue, CEO

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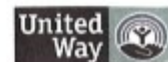
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# ARC

Advocacy \* Resources \* Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families



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**ANNUAL REPORT – WEST RUTLAND  
2017-2018**

*Mission Statement: To advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.*

**PROGRAMS**

- Representative Payee Program: In 2017-2018, ARC served 51 clients as a representative payee. This program provides financial management services to individuals with developmental disabilities who receive social security but are unable to manage their own finances. We currently have a waiting list for this program.
- Social Events: Six events were held this year, including our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The average total attendance for these events is 487 individuals per year. These events provide a safe space for individuals with developmental disabilities to build circles of support as well as physical exercise and recreation.
- Self-Advocates/Aktion Club: ARC facilitated twelve meetings of the self advocates in 2017-2018, and held five abilities awareness trainings. The self advocates set goals for themselves, learn how to advocate and communicate their needs and wants, and become leaders and teachers in the community. The Aktion Club, a community service club sponsored by the Kiwanis, held twelve meetings, several game nights, tended a garden and donated the produce to the Community Cupboard, visited nursing homes, donated back to school supplies to a local school, participated in Relay For Life, and will be adopting a soldier's family for Christmas.
- Rutland Family Support Network: We continue to maintain this listserve, which provides families and individuals with news, information, and answers questions pertaining to developmental disabilities.

**STAFF**

- Our executive director of twenty years, Lisa Lynch retired in June. Heather Kent has taken her place, and the position has now been made full time. We continue to have two other part-time staff members, a dedicated group of volunteers, our volunteer Board, and of course the community members.

**GOALS**

- We are moving to a larger space to be more accessible to the population we serve. Our current space is much too narrow to allow an individual using a wheelchair or other mobility assistance equipment to move safely and freely in our office. The new space will be on the fourth floor of the service building.
- Currently we are working on two new programs for next year. The first is for the purchase of a Sound Beam 6, technology that allows movements of the body to be translated into sound waves and thus, music. This will allow some members of our population with limited dexterity to create music for the first time in their lives. The second program's purpose is to expose our members to more of the great outdoors, which is essential to health, by visiting state parks. For some, this will be their first time away from the town that they live in. Stay tuned!

We offer our heartfelt thanks for your continued support! As always, we receive no State or Federal funding to accomplish our programming; we rely on the support of towns in Rutland County, grants, and fundraisers throughout the year. We recently celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which was attended by nearly one hundred people from our services area, including local politicians and two former executive directors. Our dedication to our mission statement will continue as strongly as it has in the last sixty years; on average over one thousand individuals in Rutland County take advantage of our services each year. Our funding request for this year is \$300. We look forward to continuing to serve you, and please visit us at [arcrutlandarea.org](http://arcrutlandarea.org), or like us on facebook.

Sincerely,

Heather Kent, Executive Director

## **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA)**

### **Report to the Citizens of West Rutland**

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in West Rutland in 2018:

#### ***Senior Meals:***

The Council helped provide 4,364 meals that were delivered to the homes of 37 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels.” In addition, 60 West Rutland elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 1,053 meals were provided.

#### ***Case Management Assistance:***

SVCOA case management staff helped 43 elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

#### ***Other Services and Support:***

- 1) “Senior HelpLine” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources;
- 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program;
- 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project;
- 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications;
- 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician;
- 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders;
- 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health;
- 8) Transportation assistance;
- 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance;
- 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.



## NeighborWorks of Western Vermont

110 Marble Street, West Rutland, VT 05777

### 2018 Town Annual Report

The mission of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and stable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services. NWWVT strengthens our communities, one home at a time.

We work to help Vermonters become educated about finances and the homebuying process, find homes to purchase, get the loans they need to buy homes, and renovate their existing homes to make them more livable and cost-efficient. We offer financial coaching; homebuyer education; home repair services to address health and safety issues; HEAT Squad energy efficiency services; and affordable loans for mortgages, home repair, energy upgrades, and down payment assistance. We believe that homeownership supports people and families in living healthy and stable lives.

2018 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. In **West Rutland**:

**1** resident used Energy Loans; **3** residents had HEAT Squad Energy Audits; **3** residents completed Energy Improvement Projects; **3** residents received Down Payment Assistance; **6** residents attended Homebuyer Ed; and **7** residents participated in Financial Coaching sessions

In our service area of **Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties**:

**295 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits** were completed on buildings; **102 Home Energy Improvement Projects** were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont; **60 Energy Loans** were issued, a total of \$969,503.10 to help homeowners make energy improvements

**50 Down Payment Assistance Loans**, a total of \$1,278,218 were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier

**22 Rehab Loans**, a total of \$576,182.90 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes

**263** homebuyers attended our Homebuyer Education Course

Assisted **18** households in finding their dream home with our RealtyWorks services

We look forward to your support of our organization and our work with the residents of West Rutland.

Sincerely,

Svea Howard, Communications and Outreach Coordinator





## YEAR 2018 ACTIVITY IN WEST RUTLAND

The **Housing Trust of Rutland County** is a local non-profit organization that works with communities and families to provide affordable rental housing throughout Rutland County.

During the past year, we have continued to invest in our West Rutland properties including Stanislaus Apartments on Barnes Street, Colonial Apartments on Marble and Barnes, and 259 Marble Street.

Over the past 25 years, we have provided over 1,500 people – seniors, families and people with disabilities - with a safe, attractive and affordable place to rent and call home. We have developed and maintain over 300 rental housing units in now eight of our local communities. Each year over 500 people directly benefit from our affordable housing.

Furthermore, the surrounding community benefits from improved neighborhoods, increased tax assessments and payment of property taxes, and work opportunities. Several West Rutland business owners work with us to manage our properties, and people working in West Rutland live in housing we've created throughout the region. We are pleased to have been working in West Rutland again and ask that on Town Meeting Day you vote in favor of the following question:

“Does the Town vote to raise **\$750.00** for the **Housing Trust of Rutland County** to assist West Rutland and its residents with their affordable housing needs?”

We thank you for your support last March, and appreciate your vote this year.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Kulas

Executive Director

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## WEST RUTLAND FOOD SHELF

This January 2019 marked the beginning of our eleventh full year of operations. The number of families coming through our doors is climbing. For the past few years the citizens of our town have approved a funding article to appropriate \$1,000 to support our efforts at making sure our neighbors do not go hungry. We are very grateful for the support and ask for your continued support this year (2019). Your appropriation is used to keep us going and our doors open.

It costs about \$14,000 a year to keep the food shelf amply supplied. This is an increase of \$3,000 over the last year. We are a small and generous town but we are unable to donate enough food items, so we turn to financial donations and purchase needed items. There are no employees at the food shelf so no one is out asking for donations as part of their job. We rely on people remembering we are here and could use some help.

Last year we saw a total of 897 families from West Rutland (an Increase over last year) including 439 children and 152 customers over 65. We saw 28 “new” families come through our door, families who had never been to the food shelf but whose situations had become increasingly challenging. Thanks to the support you give us through this appropriation, we were there to help them.

As I mentioned, the community continues to be supportive of our efforts with: food donations, cash donations, food and cash support from all four churches in town (including a highly successful Kotska Walk and food drive), support from the United States Postal Service drive in May and the willing carriers involved.. In addition there have been welcomed cash donations from businesses in the region such as: OMYA, and the Vermont Country Store. Additional financial support has come from the ever popular Soup Bowls for Hunger event with our own *Sweet Caroline's* donating soups for the benefit of our food shelf. We also have been the recipient of funds from the “Chocolatfest” organized by the Rutland United Methodist Church. We are also able to provide some help at Christmas with gifts donated from the Operation Dolls Program of RSVP.

There is always danger in making a list of whom to thank because someone is always forgotten by mistake and I apologize if I miss people but finally most important for us and a sign of this generous community are the silent “angels” who drop food off at the Town Hall, or those who come down our stairs on a Saturday with a bag of food or a cash donation or an offer to volunteer. Some donors wish to remain anonymous and they faithfully send a check at the beginning of every month. You are our lifeblood and we would not make it without you. Whether it was: one can, one bag, one hour or one dollar in our effort to ensure no one in our town goes hungry, thank you. If you have questions or know someone who needs help, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me at 282-5374 anytime. We appreciate your support. Thank You West Rutland.

**Tony Morgan, West Rutland Food Shelf**



## Marble Valley Regional Transit District

### "The Bus"

## 2018 Town of West Rutland, Annual Report

Jennifer Ellis, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty-second year of providing service to the residents of the greater Rutland area. The Bus is the largest, non-urban, public transportation system in the State of Vermont and provides transportation to the general public throughout Rutland County, as well as to social and human service agencies, the resort communities and area businesses. MVRTD provides an enhanced level of self-sufficiency for the elderly, disabled and transportation disadvantaged who rely on public transportation. System ridership was over 713,000 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 3,000 rides to West Rutland on the Fair Haven Route, a commuter service with stops at the Colonial Apartments, Marble Street, West Rutland High School, West Rutland Industrial Park, and Westway Mall. Other highly successful commuter routes operated by MVRTD both within Rutland County and beyond provide connections to three adjoining counties thus serving the growing population committed to the environmental benefits of public transit use as well as the savings realized in the cost of fuel.

MVRTD has provided service under the Elderly and Disabled Program to West Rutland for many years in partnership with the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging.

For more information about schedules and services please call 773-3244 x117 or visit MVRTD's web site at [www.thebus.com](http://www.thebus.com).

MVRTD thanks the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of public transit.

**Live Green – Ride the Bus**



## FY2018 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

### A sample of the activities the District was involved in during 2017/2018:

#### Education:

**Vermont Envirothon** - The District promotes this program through visits to area high school science departments to encourage participation. Teams of students are challenged to answer questions about conservation issues, and scores are calculated to determine the winning team. The District sponsored three teams from two high schools in the 2018 statewide competition.

**Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery** - The District organizes this event at the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery in Chittenden for local elementary schools. Topics that students learn about include: stream ecology, forests and tree identification, fish shocking and identification, soils and the different fish species raised at the hatchery and their life cycles.

**Real Estate Professionals Continuing Education** - The District coordinated this course approved by the VT Real Estate Commission. Attendees received credits learning about Septic Systems and Vermont's Shoreland Protection Act.

#### Organization:

**RNRCD Annual Meeting** - The Annual Meeting was held on May 14, 2018 in Clarendon. Kathy Beland, Consulting Forester and Kathleen Wanner, Executive Director of Vermont Tree Farm Program and Vermont Woodlands Association, provided a presentation regarding the Woods, Wildlife and Warblers program. This presentation featured the benefits to wildlife of a timber harvest. Russell Reay and Peg Andrews received awards for their years of dedication to the RNRCD Board.

**Local Work Group** - District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings to assist USDA in setting local priorities for Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

#### Programs:

**Land Treatment Planning** - The District works with a Land Treatment Planner providing technical assistance to farmers for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans.

**Portable Skidder Bridges** - Two portable skidder bridges are available for rent to loggers and foresters. These bridges reduce stream disturbance, minimizing the potential for erosion and sedimentation.

#### Outreach:

**Website** - Please visit our website: <https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/rutland> for more information about District projects and programs.

#### Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries:

With funding through grant sources, the District completed or is developing:

- Green stormwater practices at Rutland Town School. The Town's Highway Crew installed two rain gardens, rock swales and an infiltration trench.
- Green stormwater practices at Rotary Park in Rutland City, Rutland High School and Stafford Technical Center and publicly owned property on Easterly Avenue in the City of Rutland.
- Stormwater Master Plans in the Town of Wallingford and for the Moon Brook in the City of Rutland.
- A project to remove a berm and acquire easements in the Cold River Watershed in the Town of Clarendon, which will serve to restore floodplain function.
- Several workshops for farmers to expand awareness in programs designed to improve water quality and provide information regarding Required Agricultural Practices (RAP's).
- Broader services to landowners and the public to ensure participation in the development of the tactical basin plan for the Otter Creek.
- A stream equilibrium restoration and erosion reduction project in a historically altered reach of the Homer Stone Brook, a tributary to the Otter Creek in Wallingford.
- Water Quality Monitoring during the Summer of 2018 at eleven sites. Nine sites in the City of Rutland, one site in the Town of Pittsford and one site in the Town Chittenden. The District is interested in expanding this program for 2019 and is looking for additional volunteers to collect water samples.

For further information or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Nanci McGuire at 802-775-8034 ext. 117 or [nanci.mcguire@vt.nrcdnet.net](mailto:nanci.mcguire@vt.nrcdnet.net). You can also visit us at the USDA Service Center at 170 South Main Street in Rutland.



**American Red Cross**  
New Hampshire and  
Vermont Region



## **2018 AMERICAN RED CROSS REPORT - WEST RUTLAND, VT**

### New Hampshire and Vermont Region

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

2018 was especially busy across our region and the Red Cross provided vital services to our community.

- Responded to 269 disaster incidents in our region, providing essential support to 1,469 individuals. We did not respond to any disasters in West Rutland, but we were on the scene at 13 disaster events throughout Rutland County, and we provided services to 40 individuals.
- Collected 90,447 pints of blood and blood products at over 3,400 drives. 6 of these drives were in West Rutland, where we collected 95 pints of life-saving blood.
- Empowered more than 1,000 trained volunteers to assist their neighbors during times of need. 1 of our amazing volunteers calls West Rutland home.
- Trained 24,541 people in our various health and safety courses, including 79 courses throughout Rutland County, where 472 of your friends, neighbors, and colleagues were taught lifesaving skills, including First Aid and CPR.
- Installed 3,157 free smoke detectors in homes and worked with families to create fire-evacuation plans. Through this initiative, 52 new smoke alarms and 2 carbon monoxide detectors were installed in West Rutland.
- We connected 875 military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces department, including 18 Rutland County residents who are currently serving, as well as veterans and their families.
- We are proud to have an efficiency rating of 91%, meaning .91 cents of every dollar goes directly to support the programs and services provided by the American Red Cross.

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

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

Sincerely,

Rachel Zellem  
Development Specialist

# THE CARVINGSTUDIO & SCULPTURECENTER

January 2019

Dear Neighbors,

Your support helped us build on our sculpture education programs with a range of community art events in 2018.

- We hosted the creation of three more monuments for the Downtown Rutland Sculpture Trail, continuing the initiative begun the previous year. Three further commissions are planned for 2019.
- The Stone Bench Project celebrated 10 years with functional public art created by area teens, to be installed in the Town of Proctor.
- Gallery and outdoor exhibitions brought a variety of contemporary sculpture styles and media to West Rutland.
- Cultural and artistic exchange developed with our Artists in Residence from around the U.S. and other countries.
- We dedicated The Gordon Marshall Coping Shop, a renovated marble company building, for year round classroom, studio and exhibition space.

Thank you for all your help.  
We look forward to seeing  
you on Marble Street as we  
work to reinvigorate the  
stone working heritage of  
West Rutland.

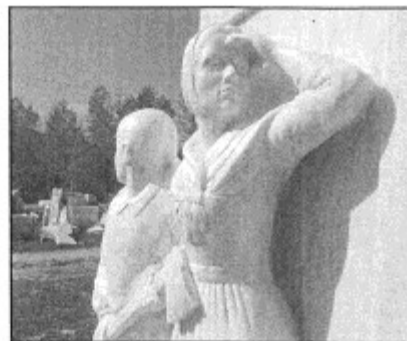
Sincerely,



Carol Driscoll  
Executive Director



Louise and Peter Kelly cut the ribbon at  
The Gordon Marshall Coping Shop dedication.



Ann Story, Wales Street, Rutland



Andrea Mead Lawrence,  
Merchants Row, Rutland



54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment,  
Center Street, Rutland



2018 Stone Bench, Proctor

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## Vermont Department of Health 2019 Local Report

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

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

- Donate almost 300 pairs of adult and children's snowshoes to loan out at 21 free public libraries throughout Rutland County through a **3-4-50** grant.
- Increase capacity to prevent underage and binge drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse and marijuana through **Regional Prevention Partnerships (RPP)** and our local **Partners for Prevention** community network.
- Prevent and control the spread of **infectious disease**. In 2018 we spent \$13,729,406 on vaccines provided at no cost to healthcare providers around the state to make sure children and adults are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. We also responded to 244 cases of infectious disease.
- **Promote wellness** by focusing on walking and biking safety, reducing tobacco exposure, and increasing access to healthy foods through the implementation of local projects and municipal strategies.
- Support **healthy families** by helping kids stay connected with providers and dentists following transfer into foster care.
- Serve families and children with the Women, Infants, and Children (**WIC**) Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program. In 2018, we served over 1300 families in Rutland County.
- Provide trainings on **Help Me Grow** to Healthcare and Early Childhood Education Providers to support improved access to resources and services for parents and families with young children.
- Share new data and reports including the **Vermont Lead in School Drinking Water Testing Pilot Report** which is helping Vermonters understand and address the risk of lead in school drinking water, and the **Injury and Violence in Vermont** report, which is shedding light on the risk of suicide among youths.
- Work with businesses in planning and starting **worksite wellness** strategies to improve on-the-job opportunities for health for local residents, including creating Breastfeeding Friendly locations to support growing families.
- Work with local partners, including, schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a **public health emergency**.
- Improve understanding of how to stay healthy at work, home, and in the community through initiatives and resources related to 3-4-50, Help Me Grow, WIC, Building Bright Futures, Be Tick Smart, 802Quits, and the Breastfeeding Friendly Employer project.



Learn more about what we do on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov)  
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### **The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You**

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.**

The most notable changes are:

Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy. An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.

An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.

Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.

Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.

Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.

Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to <https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>







*Rutland Regional Planning Commission is a resource for towns; is a platform for ideas; and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional growth for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.*

We enjoyed working with the town of West Rutland in 2018, especially with Mary Ann Goulette, with whom we produced numerous planning initiatives for the town.

Our Emergency Management planner assisted the town with the local Emergency Operations Plan update and worked to strengthen the town's overall local emergency management program.

RRPC assisted West Rutland with water quality projects by conducting a post-construction site visit to review the town's Grants in Aid work; by reviewing and submitting town invoices; by helping West Rutland get approved for the new round of funding; and by conducting a pre-construction site visit to assess which projects will be carried out. Additionally, RRPC helped the town launch a stormwater mitigation project at the West Rutland School.

RRPC also assisted the town with Municipal Planning Grant project administration and grant application; funded a transportation study for a potential roundabout; conducted traffic counts on Main Street and Clarendon Ave (Rt.133); and assisted the town with a Better Roads grant for Category A road erosion inventory work.

**RRPC is a resource for towns.** We provide the tools and information towns need to make informed decisions about land use, economic development, energy, transportation, emergency management, and more.

**RRPC is a platform for ideas.** We create opportunities through our monthly meetings and provide communal space for people to learn and share ideas.

**RRPC inspires a vision for the future.** A cornerstone of our work is the Regional Plan, which articulates a vision for the land use, development, and growth in the Rutland region. We are conducting a comprehensive update to this plan and are excited to unveil the new document in 2019.

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*Cooperative planning in the region*

## **Rutland County Solid Waste District Annual Report – Calendar Year 2018**

The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our seventeen member municipalities. Some services are also available to non-District communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate information is now available on our web site, [www.rcswd.com](http://www.rcswd.com).

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). The District complied with all the ACT 148 requirements and was able to have their SWIP Plan approved of in August of 2015. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and delineates how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the District towns for a five year period.

The District started to contact local businesses informing them about recycling composting and hazardous waste and the programs that we offer. The District will also be working with local schools on many of these same issues over the next few years.

**Waste Disposal:** During 2018, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 34,000 tons of municipal solid waste; nearly all of this was through the District's master disposal contract with Casella Waste Management. The cost of disposal, handling and transportation from the District Transfer Station at Gleason Road to the landfill was \$83.13 per ton. State taxes, district surcharge and the Rutland City Host Community Fee totaled \$26.97, for a final disposal cost of \$110.10 per ton.

**Recycling:** The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts seventeen recyclable commodities from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 35,000 tons of recyclables a year. The MRF had switched over to zero-sort in November of 2011. The equipment is designed to handle up to 15 tons an hour with the capability of expansion overtime.

**Household Hazardous Waste:** Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility, and scheduled collections at twenty town transfer stations through the spring, summer and fall. This was the first year in which we no longer provided collections for the Solid Waste Alliance of Towns (SWAC). The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials. In 2018 we shipped out 124,870 lbs. of paint, 17,100 lbs. of resins, 2,400 lbs. of aerosols, 1,045 gallons of used oil and 165 gallons of glycols. District also collects electronic waste in 2018 we shipped out 243,531 lbs. compared to 332,117 in 2017.

In July of 2014 the District started accepting latex paint as per the new Paint Care Recycling Program. Several local paint stores and hardware stores started accepting it as well. This has been very popular through 2017.

**Other Programs:** The District also offered other waste management, education and reduction programs, including construction and demolition waste, clean wood and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working with and providing recycling materials or information to various local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, and Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society.

In 2018 the District The District also sponsored the Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery with the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) and assisted in promoting their seedling tree and bush planting program.

James O'Gorman  
District Manager



## **ANNUAL REPORT TO The Town of West Rutland**

**2018**

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

RCHS Rutland County works with law enforcement to provide relief for victims of animal neglect and abuse. We provide information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,320 animals in 2018.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. We thank those who support our operations. We only save lives with your help.

In 2018, the Rutland County Humane Society took in 51 animals from West Rutland.

Please call us at 483-9171 or visit our website at [RCHSVT.org](http://RCHSVT.org) if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.





## RUTLAND COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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### 2018 ANNUAL MARSH REPORT

This report, from Rutland Audubon, follows from an agreement between the Town of West Rutland and the Rutland County Audubon Society regarding the West Rutland Marsh. Audubon agreed to do the following:

- Monitor the conservation easement restrictions
- Take steps to insure the goals of the easements are fulfilled
- Study the marsh and make recommendations for the benefit of the public
- Propose and implement educational programs

Here is a summary of our efforts:

- In August of 2018 we started our 18th consecutive year of monthly bird monitoring walks. During the history of the monitoring, we have observed 154 species. During the past year, 115 species were observed. Data from these walks are entered into Cornell University's eBird – a national online database of bird observations used by birders and scientists. Data are also posted on our RCAS Facebook page and the "You're from West Rutland" Facebook page.
- 1,485 observations, the majority of which were submitted by Rutland County Audubon members, have been posted to the Vermont Atlas of Life iNaturalist project. This represents 469 species of animals and plants, most of which were reported from West Rutland Marsh, the VELCO power line, and the West Rutland Recreation Area. Rutland County Audubon is a partner, along with several other organizations across the state, in the Vermont Atlas of Life project, sponsored by the Vermont Center for Ecostudies.
- We have increased our ability to advertise the monthly marsh walks through newspaper and online outlets. This has in part been responsible for the increased participation, but also increased awareness of the marsh and its importance.
- A bird feeding station adjacent to the visitor parking area has been continuously stocked with food and draws a large amount of bird activity easily observed by visitors.
- These monthly walks also provide educational and recreational opportunities for the public. This past year we averaged over 12 participants per walk with a record high 35 people enjoying the April walk.
- Marsh Education Day was held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. 24 students from Proctor Elementary school 5<sup>th</sup> grade participated, as well as four chaperones and five RCAS members.
- VELCO trails go through and above the marsh. RCAS uses these trails to participate in statewide monitoring programs for Golden-winged and Blue-winged warblers, as well as Field Sparrow, Towhee.
- We have had some vandalism at the kiosk and boardwalk this year.
  - ◇ The decking at the end of the boardwalk was ripped up and thrown into the marsh and
  - ◇ A small fire was started at the beginning of the boardwalk
  - ◇ There was some graffiti and damage to the kiosk
  - ◇ A couple of informational signs were pulled up.
  - ◇ As always, there is an abundance of dumped trash to deal with, but it seems a little lighter this year.
  - ◇ We are planning to replace the upper and lower guardrails on the boardwalk due to decay and weathering. The replacements will be thicker, clear cedar that won't warp as much as the original. The cost will be \$4,450 and we are looking into help funding this project.



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## 2018 ANNUAL MARSH REPORT

Some ideas for possible future activities:

1. Development of a new trail around the marsh, but on the outer edge, across the road. Many species of birds and other creatures live there and there is wetland continuance there.
- 2 Increase survey work to include other groups of organisms. Possible groups include plants, butterflies, and dragonflies.
3. Investigate the possibility of controlling invasive phragmites at the marsh. While the birds seem to tolerate them, there are questions about the ability of the phragmites to take over the cattails, leaving nowhere for the Rails and the Bitterns to nest.

Rutland County Audubon Society is a 501 (c)(3) non profit corporation. We have a website:

**[www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org](http://www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org)** and Rutland County Audubon Facebook page. If you would like a notification of our events you can signup by emailing Marv Elliott at **[birding@rutlandcountyaudubon.org](mailto:birding@rutlandcountyaudubon.org)**.

Rutland County Audubon Society

Nate Dansereau, president RCAS

Michael Blust, vice president RCAS, Prof. Emeritus, Green Mountain College

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Dear Regional Marketing Campaign Supporters!

We are writing to update you on the Regional Marketing Initiative and to thank you for your past support. Thanks to you and other funders, including businesses, communities and nonprofit groups, we have reached millions of people through the campaign, highlighted the beauty and opportunities that abound here, and started to change the way Rutland County is viewed and talked about in Vermont and the Northeast.

The Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and Rutland Economic Development Corporation are preparing to launch the third year of the Regional Marketing Initiative, so we wanted to update you on our plans, recent developments, and successes so far.

For the past two years, we have led the collaborative regional marketing initiative to promote the positive qualities and opportunities available in the area. The key goal is to grow the population over time by getting more people interested in moving to the area, thus reversing the trend of an aging and declining population.

By the fall of 2016, the serious need to reverse the population trend and bolster the workforce became apparent through research with area employers of all sizes and data from the Vermont Futures Project and the Vermont Department of Labor. There have been substantial initiatives to improve the quality of life in Rutland County, from Rutland's successful work to boost the Northwest neighborhood and reduce crime, development of new art galleries and sculptures, creation of a new makerspace, and vast improvements and national exposure at Killington and Pico, among many others, all of which provide opportunities to highlight our strengths.



In April of 2017, after raising \$200,000 in funding from the City of Rutland and 10 area businesses, a collaboration of the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and the Rutland Economic Development Corporation, as well as representatives from municipalities and businesses, created a steering committee and hired a marketing firm. Two objectives were identified: support the growth of area businesses, including those in the tourism industry, and increase the area workforce. The intent is a long-term project – a ten-year timeframe – to make an effective change in our population.

With these guiding objectives, the campaign strategy was built, and the messaging created. REAL RUTLAND became the name and RUVT became the symbol. Three subcommittees were created to enhance the marketing campaign. With the goal of brand awareness, by October 2017 the Real Rutland website was created and the first messaging was out on social media and cable channels.

Strategy for Year 2 continued to focus on the same objectives telling the authentic stories of the people of Rutland County, and answering the question “Why Rutland County?”. This year’s creative content revolves around six videos and 10 photography stories of people with diverse experiences as to how they became Rutland County residents. Some grew up here, moved away and came back, some came 40 years ago, and some came last summer. The stories are compelling and the sense of pride in the place we call home is apparent. In addition, we made a significant website design refresh with more interactivity that allows visitors to the site the ability to meet the people and explore the entire region. The content continues to be high quality and the distribution strategy sound (social media, cable television, VPR, Spotify platforms in Rutland County, the State of Vermont and Boston, Hartford and New York/New Jersey Metro areas).

The results of our marketing efforts have been remarkable so far, and we are excited to get Year 3 lined up. We have seen such a dramatic improvement in the way Rutland and the surrounding region is perceived around Vermont, which helps not only with our local image but with our image outside this area as well. We are also seeing a marked increase in real estate sales and prices, a trend we hope to help support going forward.

We have been able to generate national stories about Rutland County, including an outstanding piece that aired on NBC News this fall, and an equally wonderful story on National Public Radio just a few weeks ago. These pieces have been seen or heard by millions of people nationwide!

Meanwhile, the Real Rutland Campaign, part of the regional marketing effort, has produced targeted ads, social media posts and dialogues that have reached more than 4 million people. Nearly 40,000 people have engaged with the campaign on social media. Some of them have participated in the State of Vermont’s Stay to Stay program, entered the GMP Innovation Home Contest, and have or are making plans to move to Rutland County. We have ads and social media pieces developed and in place that will run through the first quarter of 2019 based on the current year’s plan.

Looking ahead to Year 3, we are preparing to issue a request for proposals after Christmas to invite marketing agencies to submit their ideas and capabilities for the initiative as we look to sign a new one-year contract for marketing services. Mondo Mediaworks, the agency that helped us create the campaigns currently in place, is changing its focus away from marketing to focus solely on video production. We have been thrilled with the quality of Mondo’s work, and will miss them, but we will retain all the assets we created and will continue to strategically deploy them. Those assets include video, images, data, and materials developed for the Regional

Marketing Campaign, and the RFP will seek ideas from potential vendors on how to build on the resources we have at our disposal.

We are looking for a new full service digital marketing firm to continue with our solid objectives and inject some fresh creative perspectives. We continue to work, through committees and partnerships, on collecting assets throughout the county to inform the campaign, on building career pathways for high school- and college-age students in industries right here in our county, and ways to enhance our economy through our outdoor adventure assets and the tourism industry. We will also continue to support PROJECT VISION, which has helped slash local crime rates and the STAY TO STAY PROGRAM, which has included 30 Participants in Rutland County, including two families that have already moved here, 14 who are actively in the process of moving here, and 8 looking for ways to move here. In addition, we continue to support The Mint – the local makerspace – as well as the sculpture trail project, a new artists' residency program, and ongoing efforts to revitalize the Chaffee and other galleries across the county.

In closing, we'd like to thank all our partners: business and municipal funders and the communities at large! We are excited about the momentum surrounding Rutland County and appreciate all that you do toward making Rutland County a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. Working together, we can reach our goals of reversing the population trend and bolstering the workforce for Rutland County employers.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call either of us.

Sincerely,

Mary Cohen  
Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce

Tyler Richardson  
Rutland Economic Development Corporation

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watershed for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, five employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; two Agricultural Outreach Specialists Jennifer Alexander and Stefano Pinna; Native Plant Nursery Manager and Stormwater Project Manager, Sadie Brown, and Part-time Agricultural Technician/Tree Planting Crew Leader, Anya Beale.

### **Stormwater Management**

The District is currently working with several towns on implementing potential ‘green stormwater’ projects. We are working in Castleton, Poultney, and West Rutland to implement stormwater projects with grant funds and in Poultney and Wells to identify stormwater runoff issues and propose high priority stormwater mitigation projects in the Lake St. Catherine area.

Through the South Lake Partnership, PMNRCD and Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), continue to assist with funding and implementation of flood resiliency projects in the Flower Brook Watershed shared by Danby, Tinmouth, and Pawlet. The District is working with local forestry groups and landowners in Danby and Pawlet on stormwater erosion and runoff issues, focused on high-quality woodland areas in the watershed.

### **Agricultural Programs**

The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields complete farm-specific, nutrient management plans through a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator, which help to improve soil health.

### **Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery**

PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney’s Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. In 2018, over 17 acres of restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on site. Visit our website for more information.

***The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.***



# Green Up Day

*First Saturday in May ~ May 4, 2019 ~ 49th Year*

- Join us on the Town Hall Green at 9:00am to divide and conquer!
- Hot Dog lunch served from 11:00am—Noon.
- Long pants, light colored clothing, boots and gloves are advised.
- Garbage bags are provided!!

## ***Green Up Day Appliance Pick-Up***

*If you have appliances that need to be disposed of and would like the town to pick them up, contact the Town Office at **438-2263** for rates and instructions.*

*Requests and payment must be made by **Thursday, May 2, 2019.***



TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND

# TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

**SATURDAY MAY 11, 2019**

**8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.**

**For more information or to rent a space call 438-2263**





TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND

# MEMORIAL ★ DAY ★ PARADE

**MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019 \* 10:00 A.M.**

Please Join Us in Honoring our Veterans and  
Celebrating Our Community!



*If you or your business would like to participate in the parade  
or be a sponsor of the event, please contact the  
Town Office at 438-2263*



# **Support the West Rutland Dog Park!**



**West Rutland Dog Park Bumper Stickers  
are still available at the Town Hall  
Treasurer's Office for \$5  
Proceeds benefit maintenance  
of the park**

<b>REMINDER</b>
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**THE QUARRY VALLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING AS FOLLOWS:**

**DATE & TIME:**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**PROCTOR HIGH SCHOOL  
4 PARK STREET, PROCTOR, VT.**

**THE BOARD WILL PRESENT THE PROPOSED  
SCHOOL BUDGET TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL BE  
AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.**

**Please join us in support of your schools!**

**For information on final West Rutland School District  
and Rutland Central Supervisory Union financials, please  
visit**

**<http://bit.ly/2FUvPqG>**



Am I ready  
for the 2019  
Tax Season?

The due date is April 15 for . . .

**Personal Income Tax Return for Tax Year 2018**

**Homestead Declaration**

**Property Tax Adjustment Claim**

**Renter Rebate Claim**

**E-filing is an easier, faster, and more accurate way to file!**

**65% of Vermonters qualify for Free File . . . do you?**

You may be eligible to file your federal IRS and Vermont income taxes through Free File. Do you qualify? Find out by visiting [tax.vermont.gov/freefile](http://tax.vermont.gov/freefile).

**Looking for free tax help?** You may be eligible for free tax help through the IRS, AARP, or MyFreeTaxes. Visit [tax.vermont.gov/individuals/free-tax-preparation-assistance](http://tax.vermont.gov/individuals/free-tax-preparation-assistance).

**Are you missing out on a 2019/2020 property tax adjustment?** You qualify if the total income for everyone living in your household is \$136,500 or less, so be sure to file a claim.

**Not sure about how to complete Schedule HI-144, Household Income?** See the fact sheet "Vermont Schedule HI-144: How to Determine Household Income" at [tax.vermont.gov](http://tax.vermont.gov).

**Need forms?** Find Vermont forms and instructions online at [tax.vermont.gov](http://tax.vermont.gov). To order forms, email [tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov) or call (855) 297-5600 (toll-free in VT).

**Need more time to file your taxes?** Request an extension by April 15 using Form IN-151. With an extension, you have until Oct. 15 to file, but you still must estimate your tax and pay by April 15 to avoid penalties and interest.

**Check the status of a tax refund, Homestead Declaration, Property Tax Adjustment, or Renter Rebate at**  
**[myVTax.vermont.gov](http://myVTax.vermont.gov)**

Email: [tax.individualincome@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.individualincome@vermont.gov)

Phone: (802) 828-2865 or (866) 828-2865 (toll-free in VT)

Website: [tax.vermont.gov](http://tax.vermont.gov)

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DEPARTMENT OF TAXES

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Manager	438-2263
Fax	438-5133
Town Treasurer	438-2263
Town Clerk	438-2204
Listers	438-2263
Zoning	438-2204
Town Garage	438-2854
Wastewater Treatment Plant	438-5633
Water Department	438-5633
Library	438-2964
School	438-2288
Recreation Department	438-2263
Neighbor Works of Western VT	438-2303
West Rutland Food Shelf	282-5374
Friends of West Rutland Town Hall	438-2263
FIRE/POLICE EMERGENCY	911
Fire Warden (Steve Czachor)	438-2840
State Police	773-9101
Ambulance	773-1700
Animal Control Officer (Rutland County Sheriff's Dept.)	775-8002