

TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT



Retiring West Rutland Fire Chief Joseph A. Skaza

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

Joseph A. Skaza

This year's Annual Town Report is dedicated to Joseph A. Skaza.

Joe joined the West Rutland Fire Department in 1972 and has continuously served our community since then. In his 47 years of service, Joe has served our town as Fire Chief for 28 years.

During his tenure, Joe accomplished many important milestones including the establishment of a modern fleet of fire apparatus, managing the renovation of our fire station to ensure that we had a facility that would serve us into the future, and by forming strong relationships with neighboring fire departments.

Holding the position of Fire Chief requires a knowledge of firefighting strategies and tactics, the ability to lead and manage personnel, and business management skills. Joe has all these attributes and has always acted in the best interest of the Fire Department and the town.

Joe has always made sure that the Fire Department was ready to serve our community when we needed them most. He taught many firefighters how to be safe and effective when facing situations that most people run away from. Most notably, after commanding thousands of emergency responses, Joe made sure that his firefighters returned home safely after every call.

Joe, we thank you for your decades of dedicated volunteer service to the Town of West Rutland. Although Joe has retired from the position of Fire Chief, he will continue to support and serve on the fire department in different ways, for which we are grateful.

In Memoriam....



Bernard F. Rogers 7/20/51 – 9/28/19

Bernie Rogers began working for the Town of West Rutland in 1979, as a truck driver and equipment operator for the highway department. Over the years, he became road foreman and displayed a high level of dedication to the town. We were like his family. He responded to the needs of the community without hesitation. From plowing snow on steep village streets, responding to citizen concerns, to working in the ditches, he has done it all. He knew the location of every culvert, water line or storm drain and the date it was installed. He worked thirty-three years of dedicated service with the highway department for the Town of West Rutland, retiring in 2013.



Stephen P. Long 5/17/63 – 11/12/19

Steve served the Town of West Rutland for over ten years on the Board of Civil Authority. He made himself available to work long days at many local and presidential elections. He also served on the appeal board for tax appeals. Steve was a dedicated volunteer and served the Town with a fair and honest approach.



Anthony E. Morgan 12/17/49 – 12/24/19

Tony single-handedly established the West Rutland Food Shelf over eleven years ago. Back then he saw the need in the community, found a location, gathered donations and volunteers. He had help but he spent many Saturdays in the church basement on Marble Street. With every year it was open, the number of families coming through the doors continued to increase. This year, the food shelf served 897 families from West Rutland. Without Tony, many of these families would have gone to bed hungry.

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 25th—September 11th

OFFICE PERSONNEL: Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager (438-2263)
Treasurer’s Office (438-2263)
Patricia Kulig, Treasurer
Melissa Carlson, Bookkeeper
Stan Jagodzinski, Assistant Bookkeeper/Event Coordinator
Chris Wener, Town Clerk, (438-2204)
Jeff Biasuzzi, Zoning Administrator (438-2204)
Listers: Lisa Wright, Patrick Trepanier, Robert Higgins, (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	Labor Day
Veteran’s Day	Thanksgiving Day	Day after Thanksgiving
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. Postmarked are not allowed.

MEETING HOURS:

SELECTBOARD

2nd 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 2nd, 2020 at 6:30 PM for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 1, 2 & 3. And to meet on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the West Rutland Town Hall, 35 Marble Street, to vote by Australian Ballot on Articles 4-23. 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), 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$1,440,939 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?
- Article #23 Shall the Town of West Rutland appropriate the sum of \$500 to NewStory Center, formally the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter, to support victims in Rutland County?

Selectboard: January 27, 2020


John Harvey, Chairperson

Chet Brown


Bill Kulig


Nick Notte

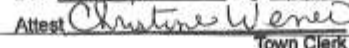

Jayne Pratt

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD
28th day of Jan^{A.D.} 2020

AT 9 O'Clock 00 Minutes A.M.

And Recorded in Town Meeting & Misc

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Attest 
Town Clerk

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I

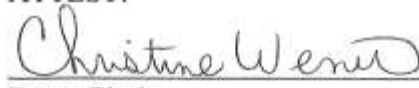
Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of West Rutland in an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$730,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of upgrading and replacing water distribution lines, at an estimated cost of Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$730,000)?

The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

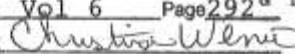
The legal voters of the Town of West Rutland are further notified that an informational meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at the Town Hall in the Town of West Rutland at seven o'clock (7:00) in the evening, for the purpose of explaining the proposed water system improvements and the financing thereof.

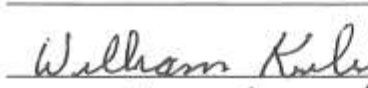


Adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of West Rutland duly called, noticed and held on January 27, 2020. Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of West Rutland on January 28, 2020.

ATTEST:


Town Clerk



WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD
28th day of January 2020
AT 9 O'Clock 00 Minutes AM
And Recorded in Town Meetings
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Attest 
Town Clerk




Selectboard

QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

Annual School District Meeting

February 25 and March 3, 2020

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 Poultney High School in said town at seven o'clock in the evening on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 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 3, 2020 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 25, 2020

- 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 2020-21 budget.
- Article 6. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

March 3, 2020

- Article 7. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$18,146,238 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 \$16,688 per equalized pupil which is 1.9 % more than current year.

Informational Hearing on February 25, 2020

Said persons and voters are further notified and warned that the meeting on February 25, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at Poultney High School, in Poultney, Vermont will also serve as an informational hearing to discuss Article 7 which will be voted on by Australian ballot on March 3, 2020.

Polling Places for Australian Ballot Vote on March 3, 2020

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 West Rutland, Vermont, January 22, 2020.

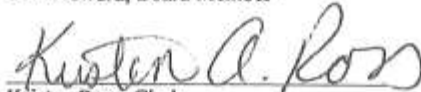
QUARRY VALLEY UNIFIED UNION BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS:


Lisa Miser, Chair


James Mumford, Vice Chair


Seth Howard, Board Member

VACANT, Board Member


Kristen Ross, Clerk

Art Saceric, Board Member

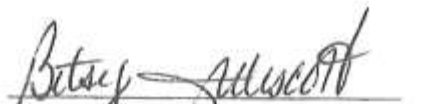
Tom Callahan, Board Member



Sarah Getcha, Board Member


Kristen Whitman, Board Member


Gail Curtis, Board Member

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this 23rd day of January 2020.


Quarry Valley Unified Union District Clerk

WEST RUTLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED FOR RECORD
29th day of January A.D. 2020
AT 10 O'Clock 45 Minutes A M
And Recorded in Town Meeting & Misc.
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Town Clerk

Town Manager Report 2019

It's been another successful and busy year. We have a number of projects nearing completion, some just in the planning phase and of course many thoughts and ideas. As always, we are here to serve you and meet the needs of our community. Our door is open, please contact us, attend a meeting, volunteer on a committee or run for office.

This year's budget shows an overall increase of 3.8% resulting in a two-cent municipal tax rate increase per \$100 value. This represents a \$43 annual increase on a \$150,000 home. We continue to look for ways to reduce spending however many of our fixed costs continue to rise such as road salt, health care, sheriff services and data processing.

We are also asking for a water bond not to exceed \$730,000 to install 2,000 feet of water line on Pleasant Street from Sheldon Avenue to Thrall Avenue. We will replace the 4-inch line with a 12-inch to eliminate hydraulic limitations and reduced fire flow capacity. We are applying to the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund and may see up to 50% loan forgiveness.

In addition, we have two large projects that we are completing this year that we need to provide matching dollars. The State of Vermont Bike & Pedestrian Program award of \$821,000 to construct 3305 of sidewalk along Campbell, Thrall, Clarendon, Ross Street to the school and Fairview through the recreation area. This grant requires a 10% local match. We also had a road failure on Dewey Avenue after the April storm. While the road is fixed temporarily, we are completing the engineering and design for a permanent repair to mitigate any further damage. This is a FEMA project and will require a 15% match. We are anxiously awaiting the cost estimates.

This summer, after a year delay, the State is completing a number of projects in Town: Class 1 Paving and striping on Clarendon Avenue and Main Street (May 2020); Removal of the jughandle and the installation of new overhead signals (Summer 2020); Paving and striping of Business Route 4 to Center Rutland. (Summer 2020)

Other completed projects:

- Town wide reappraisal; increased the grand list by approximately \$40 million
- Renovation of the recreation area building.
- Town wide stormwater master plan and a \$17,000 grant to complete a project at the school parking lot on High Street.
- Entered into solar net agreement to offset electric expenses.
- Worked with the Rutland County Audubon Society to construct phase 1 of the Marsh Trail which creates a path within the marsh to get walking traffic off Whipple Hollow Road. Applied to the VT State Recreation Trail Grant for funding of phase 2.
- Computer upgrades include a fiber network at town hall, cloud-based software and new website.
- Install LED fixtures at Town Hall with rebates from Efficiency Vermont.

Other projects in the works are: recruitment of a bank into the village center, 20-year feasibility study of the wastewater plant, construction of a municipal parking lot and charging station on Marble Street, planting 32 new street trees and installation of 11 park benches and municipal signs, redevelopment plan of underutilized parcels.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff; every year I'm impressed with all we accomplish year after year with such a small staff. I wish to welcome Seth Pietryka as the new water and wastewater superintendent. I thank the Selectboard for their service, direction and leadership, the various committee members that our town needs to be effective, and the thoughtful and passionate volunteers who continually serve as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager

2019-2020 WEST RUTLAND TOWN OFFICERS

POSITIONS	OFFICERS	TERM	TERM ENDING
Moderator Town	*Michael Moser	1 year	2020
Town Clerk	Christine Wener	3 year	2022
Treasurer	Patricia Kulig	3 year	2022
Selectpersons	John Harvey, Chair	3 year	2021
	*Nicola Notte, Vice Chair	1 year	2020
	William Kulig	3 year	2022
	*Chester Brown	3 year	2020
	*Jayne Pratt	1 year	2020
Quarry Valley Unified Union	Tom Callahan	3 year	2022
School Directors	*Sarah Gecha	2 year	2020
	James Mumford	3 year	2021
Listers	Lisa Wright, Chair	3 year	2021
	Robert Higgins	3 year	2022
	*Patrick Trepanier	3 year	2020
Grand Juror	*Michael Moser	1 year	2020
Town Law Agent	*Michael Moser	1 year	2020
Library Board of Trustee	Shelly Williams	3 year	2022
Police	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	
Health Officer	MaryAnn Goulette	By Appointment	
Town Service Officer	Jayne Pratt	By Appointment	
Animal Control Officer	Sheriff's Department	By Appointment	
Emergency Management	MaryAnn Goulette	By Appointment	
Zoning Administrator	Jeff Biasuzzi	By Appointment	

**Positions to be voted in 2020*

NOTICE TO VOTERS

For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by February 2, 2020. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 21, 2020.

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.

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. The latest you can request ballots for the March 3, 2020 Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on February 28, 2020. (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, 2020 to June 30, 2021

	ACTUAL 2017	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	CHANGE
GENERAL REVENUES						
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,240,164	\$ 1,442,002	\$ 1,439,694	\$ 1,380,967	\$ 1,440,939	4.3%
OTHER	\$ 200,220	\$ 209,550	\$ 219,667	\$ 219,589	\$ 219,915	0.1%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,440,384	\$ 1,651,552	\$ 1,659,361	\$ 1,600,556	\$ 1,660,854	3.8%
GENERAL EXPENDITURES						
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 314,921	\$ 339,636	\$ 337,957	\$ 369,808	\$ 393,870	6.5%
HIGHWAY	\$ 574,276	\$ 580,485	\$ 606,190	\$ 636,364	\$ 671,133	5.5%
FIRE	\$ 188,511	\$ 191,579	\$ 184,165	\$ 206,381	\$ 208,227	0.9%
STREET LIGHTS & LIBRARY	\$ 91,050	\$ 90,800	\$ 87,186	\$ 88,700	\$ 88,308	-0.4%
TOWN HALL	\$ 114,117	\$ 105,127	\$ 93,498	\$ 104,053	\$ 89,917	-13.6%
LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 78,644	\$ 81,003	\$ 79,859	\$ 76,387	\$ 91,227	19.4%
RECREATION	\$ 50,471	\$ 51,851	\$ 173,828	\$ 64,838	\$ 62,417	-3.7%
COUNTY TAX	\$ 14,593	\$ 14,593	\$ 14,143	\$ 14,521	\$ 16,951	16.7%
OTHER	\$ 23,104	\$ 99,004	\$ 35,920	\$ 39,504	\$ 38,804	-1.8%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1,449,687	\$ 1,554,078	\$ 1,612,746	\$ 1,600,556	\$ 1,660,854	3.8%

Municipal Tax Rate PROJECTION
Fiscal Year 2021

Town Expenditures	FY17	FY 18	FY19	FY 20	FY 21	
General & Highway	\$ 1,440,384	\$ 1,479,848	\$ 1,570,730	\$ 1,599,956	\$ 1,660,854	
Services Articles	\$ 29,308	\$ 20,104	\$ 20,104	\$ 20,104	\$ 20,604	
Voted Town Articles	\$ 80,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	
Exemptions - Veterans, etc.	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	\$ 7,780	
Town Total Expenses	\$ 1,557,472	\$ 1,662,732	\$ 1,678,614	\$ 1,707,840	\$ 1,769,238	
Less Other Revenues	\$ 204,859	\$ 209,550	\$ 221,403	\$ 219,589	\$ 219,915	
Expenses less Revenues	\$ 1,352,613	\$ 1,453,182	\$ 1,457,211	\$ 1,488,251	\$ 1,549,323	
Grand List Value	\$ 1,871,278	1,919,653	\$ 1,903,393	\$ 2,090,553	\$ 2,091,224	
Municipal Tax Rate per \$100 value	0.7228	0.757	0.766	0.712	0.741	
					0.029	change

ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATION						annual
Municipal Tax	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	\$ change
home value						
100,000	\$ 720.66	\$ 757.00	\$ 765.59	\$ 711.89	\$ 740.87	\$ 28.98
150,000	\$ 1,080.98	\$ 1,135.50	\$ 1,148.38	\$ 1,067.84	\$ 1,111.30	\$ 43.46
200,000	\$ 1,441.31	\$ 1,514.01	\$ 1,531.17	\$ 1,423.79	\$ 1,481.74	\$ 57.95

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021
REVENUES				
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,442,002	\$ 1,439,694	\$ 1,380,967	\$ 1,440,939
STATE HIGHWAY AID	\$ 80,981	\$ 80,974	\$ 80,736	\$ 80,000
RAILROAD TAX	\$ 379	\$ 360	\$ 37	\$ 360
SEWER & WATER ADMIN	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500
ORDINANCE FINES	\$ 18,282	\$ 14,164	\$ 16,000	\$ 14,000
SCHOOL TAX BILLING FEE	\$ 5,313	\$ 5,186	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,200
CLERK FEES	\$ 13,420	\$ 16,305	\$ 14,000	\$ 17,000
ZONING FEES	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,866	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000
COPIER	\$ 475	\$ 543	\$ 600	\$ 400
DOG LICENSES/T CLERK OTHER	\$ 2,068	\$ 2,126	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
INTEREST	\$ 1,743	\$ 5,359	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000
TOWN HALL RENT	\$ 2,460	\$ 3,855	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
LIQUOR LICENSE	\$ 950	\$ 765	\$ 950	\$ 765
DEL. TAX INT/PENALTY	\$ 26,743	\$ 30,508	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
PERMITS	\$ 435	\$ 785	\$ 400	\$ 400
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 3,339	\$ 1,757	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
SPONSORSHIP	\$ 1,675	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
MISC. REC. PROGRAMS	\$ 2,205	\$ 3,479	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
REC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	\$ 2,515	\$ 3,180	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000
PILOT PROGRAM	\$ 2,311	\$ 2,691	\$ 2,300	\$ 3,070
STATE LAND USE	\$ 8,066	\$ 8,611	\$ 8,066	\$ 10,320
REC SOCCER	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700	\$ 700
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 1,092	\$ 1,247	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SPONSOR	\$ 3,550	\$ 2,185	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
DOG PARK	\$ 1,497	\$ 221		\$ 200
TOTAL	\$ 1,652,204	\$ 1,659,361	\$ 1,600,556	\$ 1,660,854

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

EXPENDITURES						
ADMINISTRATIVE		ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	
MANAGER'S SALARY		\$ 72,500	\$ 76,165	\$ 78,221	\$ 81,500	
MANAGER'S EXPENSE		\$ 3,621	\$ 3,414	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	
TREASURER'S SALARY		\$ 8,898	\$ 9,847	\$ 10,500	\$ 14,500	
OFFICE BACK UP		\$ 1,674	\$ 1,481	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	
TOWN CLERK SALARY		\$ 40,000	\$ 40,880	\$ 42,025	\$ 44,000	
TOWN CLERK SUPPLIES		\$ 1,332	\$ 1,471	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
COPIER LEASE		\$ 6,071	\$ 3,018	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE		\$ 1,002	\$ 2,357	\$ 1,500	\$ 9,500	
TOWN OFFICIAL EXPENSE		\$ 3,663	\$ 3,890	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
EDUCATION		\$ 2,323	\$ 1,260	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	
LISTERS		\$ 10,623	\$ 8,710	\$ 16,500	\$ 20,000	
SELECTMEN SALARY		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
PLAN/ZONING SALARY		\$ 956	\$ 1,240	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,400	
ZONING MILEAGE		\$ 281	\$ 73	\$ 250	\$ 200	
ZONING ADMIN. SALARY		\$ 9,701	\$ 10,436	\$ 12,500	\$ 14,040	
HEALTH OFFICER SALARY		\$ 1,300	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
BOOKKEEPER SALARY		\$ 51,455	\$ 53,398	\$ 55,380	\$ 60,918	
HEALTH & DENTAL		\$ 17,746	\$ 23,826	\$ 24,269	\$ 15,752	
FICA		\$ 17,266	\$ 17,527	\$ 13,442	\$ 14,658	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY		\$ 12,712	\$ 9,852	\$ 9,852	\$ 11,234	
WORKERS COMP		\$ 1,211	\$ 890	\$ 692	\$ 927	
RETIREMENT(VMERS)		\$ 9,418	\$ 7,739	\$ 12,179	\$ 13,331	
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE		\$ 3,701	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 2,953	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS		\$ 194	\$ 43	\$ 397	\$ 410	
DISABILITY		\$ 899	\$ 990	\$ 1,055	\$ 446	
PUBLIC OFFICE LIAB		\$ 4,386	\$ 3,810	\$ 3,810	\$ 3,758	
AUDITING		\$ 16,774	\$ 14,605	\$ 16,400	\$ 18,000	
SINGLE AUDIT		\$ 1,867	\$ -	\$ 4,000		
ELECTIONS		\$ 2,215	\$ 5,290	\$ 2,500	\$ 6,300	
TAX BILLING		\$ 710	\$ 220	\$ 800	\$ 800	
DATA PROCESSING		\$ 7,084	\$ 4,855	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
LEGAL FEES		\$ 4,991	\$ 3,665	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500	
LEGAL FEES - LISTERS		\$ 2,900	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
OFFICE SUPPLIES		\$ 4,560	\$ 3,031	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
POSTAGE		\$ 2,584	\$ 3,233	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000	
TOWN REPORT		\$ 996	\$ 610	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ADVERTISING		\$ 1,738	\$ 1,067	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
TELEPHONE		\$ 2,322	\$ 2,392	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
REGIONAL PLANNING		\$ 1,285	\$ 1,335	\$ 975	\$ 975	
VLCT DUES		\$ 3,632	\$ 3,710	\$ 3,811	\$ 3,968	
MISCELLANEOUS		\$ 3,143	\$ 1,027	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	
GRANT ADMINISTRATION		\$ 1,066	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE		\$ 345,800	\$ 337,957	\$ 369,808	\$ 393,870	6.5%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

HIGHWAY	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	
EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	
LABOR	\$ 154,026	\$ 155,423	\$ 164,400	\$ 168,800	
FICA	\$ 10,842	\$ 10,846	\$ 10,193	\$ 11,416	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	\$ 9,050	\$ 8,617	\$ 9,453	\$ 9,660	
HEALTH & DENTAL	\$ 41,975	\$ 43,431	\$ 37,687	\$ 44,868	
WORKMANS COMP	\$ 12,826	\$ 12,604	\$ 12,456	\$ 11,818	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	\$ 6,762	\$ 6,568	\$ 5,568	\$ 6,128	
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 122	\$ 27	\$ 243	\$ 242	
DISABILITY	\$ 1,704	\$ 1,704	\$ 1,704	\$ 645	
UNIFORMS	\$ 1,892	\$ 1,734	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
SALT	\$ 70,574	\$ 71,623	\$ 70,000	\$ 90,000	
SAND	\$ 9,447	\$ 8,476	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	
MAG. CHLORIDE	\$ 4,369	\$ 2,213	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,000	
ENGINEERING	\$ -	\$ 6,300	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
CULVERTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
GRAVEL	\$ 15,500	\$ 7,509	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
HOT MIX	\$ 372	\$ 590	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
RESURFACING	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	
DUST CONTROL/CHLORIDE	\$ 595	\$ 468	\$ 500	\$ 500	
COLD PATCH	\$ 3,235	\$ 3,777	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
LAWN MAINTENANCE	\$ 7,396	\$ 6,681	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,800	
TREE WORK	\$ -	\$ 2,747	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	
TRAFFIC SIGNS	\$ 1,656	\$ 582	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
PAGER SERVICE	\$ 539	\$ 539	\$ 550	\$ 550	
TOOLS & MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 3,291	\$ 3,896	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
SUPPLIES		\$ 98		\$ 200	
BRIDGE RESERVE	\$ 4,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	\$ 44,500	
CATCH BASIN CLEANING	\$ 19	\$ 2,037	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
CHANNEL MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ 1,750	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
PERMITS		\$ 240		\$ 1,350	
SIDEWALK REPAIR	\$ 18,016	\$ 73	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	
STREET CLEANING	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,156	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ -	\$ 11,256	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
PAVEMENT MARKING	\$ 1,396	\$ 4,059	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	
TRAINING	\$ -	\$ 30	\$ 150	\$ 150	
GAS,OIL,DIESEL	\$ 20,492	\$ 18,351	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	
REPAIR PARTS	\$ 6,289	\$ 6,763	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	
OUTSIDE REPAIRS	\$ 22,895	\$ 9,141	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000	
TIRES,CHAINS,BATTERIES	\$ 4,063	\$ 3,541	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
PLOW BLADES	\$ 3,154	\$ 5,462	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	
TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,902	\$ 2,224	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
INSURANCE - AUTO	\$ 4,595	\$ 4,356	\$ 4,356	\$ 3,922	
RADIOS	\$ 259	\$ 350	\$ 200	\$ 350	
GARAGE HEAT	\$ 4,574	\$ 6,093	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,500	
BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	\$ 2,155	\$ 2,664	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
TELEPHONE	\$ 557	\$ 576	\$ 600	\$ 600	
ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,714	\$ 1,852	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,322	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200	
GARAGE LOAN BOND	\$ 20,708	\$ 20,629	\$ 21,317	\$ 18,495	
SAND & SALT SHED BOND	\$ 9,054	\$ 6,306	\$ 6,888	\$ 5,839	
Total HIGHWAY	\$ 580,137	\$ 606,190	\$ 636,364	\$ 671,133	5.5%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

FIRE DEPARTMENT	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	
LABOR	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	\$ 25,250	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 453	\$ 133	\$ 500	\$ 500	
POSTAGE	\$ 80	\$ 64	\$ 100	\$ 150	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 613	\$ 644	\$ 600	\$ 1,000	
TOOLS	\$ 638	\$ 687	\$ 800	\$ 6,500	
VEHICLE FUEL	\$ 1,041	\$ 1,459	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	
CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$ 425	\$ 148	\$ 400	\$ 400	
PHONE	\$ 1,845	\$ 1,799	\$ 1,750	\$ 2,675	
TRAINING	\$ 1,306	\$ 514	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,500	
DUES				\$ 550	
INS PROPERTY & CASUALTY	\$ 4,989	\$ 5,172	\$ 5,840	\$ 4,908	
INSURANCE AUTO	\$ 6,289	\$ 5,635	\$ 5,657	\$ 5,927	
WORKMAN'S COMP	\$ 7,716	\$ 3,531	\$ 4,065	\$ 3,615	
ACCIDENT & SICKNESS	\$ 2,093	\$ 1,928	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,094	
BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 5,726	\$ 2,823	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
UNIFORMS	\$ 1,107	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ 1,000	
ELECTRIC	\$ 2,995	\$ 2,858	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 3,138	\$ 4,332	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	
CAP. EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,450	
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 3,511	\$ 3,267	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,466	\$ 3,877	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,286	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	
SNOW REMOVAL	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,260	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,260	
MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE	\$ 637	\$ 699	\$ 500	\$ 500	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 402	\$ 242	\$ 500	\$ 500	
TRUCK SAVINGS	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 37,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 76,672	\$ 74,107	\$ 81,719	\$ 66,948	
Total FIRE DEPT	\$ 197,511	\$ 184,165	\$ 206,381	\$ 208,227	0.9%
MISCELLANEOUS	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL+R141 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	
STREET LIGHTS	\$ 36,303	\$ 32,166	\$ 35,000	\$ 34,000	
SOLID WASTE MGT	\$ 952	\$ 958	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,608	
LIBRARY	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	
MEMORIAL DAY	\$ 1,348	\$ 3,437	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
IRA TOWN TAXES	\$ 654	\$ 625	\$ 700	\$ 700	
CHILD ADVOCACY FIRST				\$ 600	
Total MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 89,257	\$ 87,186	\$ 88,700	\$ 88,308	-0.4%
TOWN HALL	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	
MAINTENANCE LABOR	\$ 8,803	\$ 2,878	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
INSPECTIONS - ELEVATOR, ETC.	\$ 4,129	\$ 2,015	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	
JANITORIAL / ADDTNL LABOR	\$ 5,433	\$ 4,372	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,200	
ELECTRIC	\$ 6,294	\$ 6,008	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,800	
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 2,459	\$ 3,702	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
FUEL OIL	\$ 8,977	\$ 10,951	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	
ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,128	\$ 606	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	
IMPROVEMENTS-RESERVE	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	
BOND PAYMENT	\$ 9,054	\$ 6,306	\$ 6,888	\$ 5,839	
NEW BOND PAYMENT	\$ 47,038	\$ 46,660	\$ 48,865	\$ 44,578	
Total TOWN HALL	\$ 103,315	\$ 93,498	\$ 104,053	\$ 89,917	-13.6%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

LAW ENFORCEMENT	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	
POLICE ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 7,326	\$ 318	\$ -		
CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY			\$ 600	\$ 600	
HUMANE SOCIETY	\$ -		\$ 200	\$ 200	
POLICE FORCE-LABOR	\$ 73,801	\$ 79,541	\$ 75,587	\$ 91,227	
Total LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 81,127	\$ 79,859	\$ 76,387	\$ 91,227	19.4%
RECREATION	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	
ELECTRIC	\$ 576	\$ 735	\$ 600	\$ 600	
TELEPHONE	\$ 166	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	
LABOR	\$ 7,468	\$ 5,871	\$ 6,000	\$ 12,000	
WORKERS COMP / UNEMPLOY	\$ 9	\$ -	\$ 10	\$ 751	
SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT	\$ 513	\$ 1,792	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINT	\$ 672	\$ 3,900	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS.	\$ 541	\$ 428	\$ 428	\$ 766	
HEATING FUEL	\$ 860	\$ 3,315	\$ 800	\$ 800	
GIRLS SOFTBALL	\$ 2,111	\$ 1,697	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
BOYS BASEBALL	\$ 2,711	\$ 1,471	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
SPONSOR BANNERS	\$ -	\$ 316	\$ 500	\$ 500	
CONSTRUCTION	\$ -	\$ 1,876	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
BABE RUTH	\$ 1,110	\$ 2,515	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
MITEY MITES/T BALL	\$ -	\$ 490	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
SENIOR MEALS	\$ 1,394	\$ 1,365	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,800	
MISC PROGRAMS	\$ 1,060	\$ 1,634	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,800	
FIELD MOWING	\$ 6,368	\$ 6,449	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,400	
TOWN FOREST MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 13,250	\$ 133,968	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	
DOG PARK		\$ 458		\$ 500	
Total RECREATION	\$ 38,809	\$ 173,828	\$ 64,838	\$ 62,417	-3.7%
COUNTY TAX	\$ 14,593	14,143	14,521	16,951	16.7%
OTHER	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 4,092	\$ 4,773	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
REDEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
MARKETING / SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,506	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
GREEN UP	\$ 128	\$ 1,079	\$ 200	\$ 200	
PROPERTY MAPPING REVISIONS	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,600	
STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 2,562	\$ 4,953	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,060	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,700	
RUTLAND REGIONAL AMBULANCE	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	\$ 9,304	
Total OTHER	\$ 22,146	\$ 35,920	\$ 39,504	\$ 38,804	-1.8%
BUDGET GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,472,696	\$ 1,612,746	\$ 1,600,556	\$ 1,660,854	3.8%

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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, 2019.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the main body of text.

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2019

Name		Previous Years	2018-2019
Alberico	Darrell J		*\$1,975.64
Bassett	Joseph	@* \$295.78	*\$2,520.53
Belden	Patrick	@* \$1,927.93	*\$981.19
Bennett	William D		*\$2,440.95
Bowen	Charleen		*\$522.28
Brewster	Todd		@ \$1,103.89
Bruce	Edward Trust		\$14.65
Burke	John F		\$754.87
Burrell	Nancy B		\$268.85
Capen	Charlton		\$183.37
Coombs	Francesca E	@ \$222.34	@ \$2,353.01
Curtis	Glen	\$115.57	\$1,041.06
Davis	Albert H		\$1,173.03
Davis	Jonathan M		\$2,934.96
Davis	Shawn		\$829.44
Dee-Cliff Farm LTD		@ \$2,595.51	@ \$3,622.91
DePhillips	Rob, Sr.		*\$1,697.43
Federal Home Loan			\$1,590.56
Fitzgerald	Scott	@ \$10,312.16	@ \$4,683.45
Garcia	Danny	*\$556.75	
Grandchamp	David	*\$124.89	*\$3,291.05
Grant	Erica		\$1,294.65
Greene	Lauretta		*\$1,215.73
Harte	Michael P		*\$1,451.96
Henry	Michael, Jr.		*\$4,254.86
Higgins	Patrick C	@* \$2,818.66	@ \$3,479.60
Higgins	Patrick C	@* \$517.19	@ \$2,386.30
Hyjek	Helen T	\$3,319.44	
Jarrosak	Kevin		\$4,048.52
Jarrosak	William		*\$3,426.91
Kellogg	Michele L		*\$1,129.86
Larson	Robert J		\$1,327.46
Lebo	Sandra		@ \$1,236.30
Lloyd	Debra	@* \$3,184.83	@* \$3,790.06
Long	Stephen P		*\$139.85
McDermott	Karen		*\$1,113.46
McDevitt	Patrick		\$2,086.22
Mills	Connie		\$3,744.50
Nayla LLC			*\$3,254.90
Nayla LLC			*\$3,848.52
Pierce	Brian R		\$2,968.15
Poploski	Michael J		\$2,935.05
Prevendoski	Charles	@ \$579.47	@ \$2,880.15
Ray	Mary V		\$1,953.86
Reed	Rebecca L	@ \$2,008.78	@ \$211.90
Sawyer	Elizabeth	*\$865.21	*\$3,283.37
Sherman	Cecil		\$372.31

* = Paid as of 1/15/2020

Tax Sale

@ = Payment Agreement

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Balances over \$10 as of June 30, 2019

Name		Previous Years	2018-2019
Shull	Richard L		\$2,401.68
Sienicki	Phil		@* \$735.53
Smith	Dennis		\$61.07
Soroka	Ronald L		*\$64.39
Souza	Joshua M		*\$557.12
Thompson	Lori M		*\$937.59
Trepanier	Kathleen		\$3,082.71
Trigo	Linda		@* \$713.52
Tuttle	Timothy		*\$985.09
WCEC Revocable Trust			\$3,601.34
Wing	Bartley J	@* \$183.11	@ \$2,049.46
Wright	David		*\$519.30
	Totals	\$ 29,627.62	\$ 107,526.37

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**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

WATER DEPARTMENT					
ADMINISTRATION	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	change
SALARIES	55,749	61,890	68,024	60,179	
ASSISTANT LABOR	4,473	-	1,000	1,000	
ADMINISTRATIVE REIMBURSEMENT	13,500	13,500	13,500	16,000	
FICA	4,508	4,562	4,217	3,800	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	610	431	700	700	
DATA PROCESSING	-	-	500	1,000	
ADVERTISING	-	-	200	200	
CONTRIBUTIONS & SUBSIDIES	360	370	350	350	
HEALTH/ & DENTAL INS	11,048	10,518	15,167	15,380	
RETIREMENT VMERS	3,883	3,291	3,911	3,944	
DISABILITY INS	444	377	444	200	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,565	1,740	1,285	1,532	
WORKERS COMP INS	3,662	3,967	3,967	3,893	
UNEMPLOYMENT INS	45	10	100	252	
TESTING & SAMPLING	748	1,011	1,500	1,500	
PERMITS	5,236	5,447	5,600	5,600	
POSTAGE	-	-	200	200	
Total ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	106,831	107,114	120,665	115,730	-4.1%
WELL & LINE OPERATIONS					
PUMP & WELL SUPPLIES	-	66	500	500	
CHLORINE & CHEMICALS	578	472	500	500	
PHONE	413	469	500	500	
PAGER SERVICE	258	258	500	500	
CONTRACT SERVICES	-	-	1,500	1,500	
WELL/PLANT MAINTENANCE	8,807	2,843	5,000	6,000	
TANK MAINTENANCE	-	20	1,500	2,000	
METER PURCHASE/REPAIR	2,820	(501)	2,000	2,000	
LINE MAINTENANCE	18,377	18,680	25,000	25,000	
PROPANE-WELL	558	-	1,000	1,000	
ELECTRIC-WELLS	40,446	29,660	38,000	35,000	
ELECTRIC-PINE HILL	2,114	1,974	2,200	2,200	
PROPANE-PINE HILL	196	181	400	400	
PHONE-PINE HILL	398	468	500	500	
ELECTRIC-CLARK HILL VALVE VAULT	981	1,179	1,000	1,000	
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE	31	-	100	100	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/RESERVE	20,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	757	-	1,082	660	
VEHICLE FUEL	1,038	935	1,000	1,000	
VEHICLE MAINT.	1,916	658	500	500	
UNIFORMS	644	538	660	660	
TRAINING	1,500	300	1,000	2,000	
ENGINEERING	620	-	2,000	2,000	
PUBLICATION EXPENSE-CCR	-	-	200	200	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	850	850	1,500	1,500	
Total WELL & LINE	103,302	84,050	113,142	112,220	-0.8%
BOND PRINCIPLE & INTEREST	179,812	167,538	186,375	186,998	
Total Water Department	389,945	358,702	420,182	414,948	-1.2%

**TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND
BUDGET WORKSHEET**

WASTEWATER EXPENSES	ACTUAL 2018	ACTUAL 2019	BUDGET 2020	PROPOSED 2021	change
SALARIES	102,992	104,955	107,935	95,000	
HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE	22,784	21,961	27,255	27,650	
DISABILITY INSURANCE	888	787	888	350	
WORKMAN'S COMP	5,493	5,951	5,951	5,840	
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	90	20	200	83	
PROPERTY & LIABILITY	5,614	5,129	4,283	5,872	
F I C A	7,575	7,676	6,692	5,769	
RETIREMENT (VMERS)	6,816	5,739	6,206	5,350	
UNIFORMS	1,161	1,128	1,140	1,140	
ASSIST LABOR	-	-	1,000	1,000	
ADMIN REIMBURSEMENT	16,000	16,000	16,000	18,500	
DATA PROCESSING	590	440	1,000	1,000	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	58,500	55,000	55,000	65,000	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	6,953	1,143	1,000	1,200	
VEHICLE INSURANCE	1,530	1,461	1,082	660	
VEHICLE-FUEL	963	1,571	1,300	1,500	
LAB CHEMICALS	911	1,032	1,200	1,200	
LAB EQUIPMENT	6,936	850	1,500	1,500	
INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL	406	788	3,000	3,000	
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	1,786	2,258	1,700	2,000	
LAB TESTING	3,233	2,963	3,500	3,500	
SODA ASH	-	1,053	1,200	1,200	
SODIUM ALLUMINATE	9,431	15,549	10,000	11,000	
UV BULBS	4,771	2,937	4,000	4,000	
TELEPHONE	1,289	1,624	1,500	2,100	
MODEM PHONE	1,558	1,550	1,500	1,600	
PAGING SERVICE	258	258	500	600	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,127	1,174	1,200	1,200	
MISCELLANEOUS	1,124	1,467	1,000	1,500	
TRAINING / EDUCATION	448	517	1,000	4,000	
PLANT MAINTENANCE	12,963	10,976	13,000	15,000	
ENGINEERING/PLANNING	-	-	5,000	5,000	
HEATING FUEL	6,553	11,589	8,000	10,000	
UV ROOM HEAT	1,379	2,173	1,500	1,500	
EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	-	-	2,000	2,000	
LAWN SERVICE	1,147	1,315	1,500	1,500	
GENERATOR MAINTENANCE	3,600	-	1,800	2,000	
SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE	4,763	16,869	15,000	15,000	
SLUDGE MANAGEMENT	27,752	43,842	30,000	32,000	
ANNUAL OPERATING PERMIT	1,350	1,350	1,350	1,350	
MANHOLE MAINTENANCE	-	3,400	3,000	3,000	
Sub Total	330,734	354,495	351,882	362,664	3.1%
PLANT - ELECTRIC	21,064	20,184	22,000	22,000	
PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE	1,360	1,262	6,000	6,000	
ELM STREET	6,543	8,811	6,000	10,000	
ELM ST FUEL	284	564	800	800	
HARRISON AVENUE	2,570	4,261	3,000	3,500	
HARRISON AVENUE PROPANE	31	-	100	100	
BARNES STREET	741	808	1,000	1,000	
BAXTER STREET	1,167	1,623	1,000	1,500	
CLARENDON AVENUE	1,840	1,750	2,000	2,000	
CLARENDON AVENUE PROPANE	-	-	150	150	
MAIN STREET	1,110	1,459	1,200	1,500	
THRALL AVENUE	330	521	500	600	
ELECTRIC ROUTE 4	261	258	500	400	
Sub Total	37,301	41,501	44,250	49,550	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	368,035	395,996	396,132	412,214	4.1%
BOND PRINCIPLE & INTEREST	127,025	127,025	127,025	127,025	
Total Wastewater Treatment Dept.	495,060	523,021	523,157	539,239	3.1%

DELINQUENT UTILITIES

Balances Over \$10 as of June 30, 2019

Ackley	Deborah	* \$25.92	Kellogg	Michele L	* \$834.25
Austin	Charles	@ \$1,526.67	Kinsman	Rita	@* \$756.84
Axelson	Renee	\$591.13	Korzun	Constance	@ \$1,674.50
Bacher	Julie	\$411.42	Krohn	Michael	* \$208.16
Bathalon	Jason	\$150.06	Lacz	Jeffrey	* \$450.25
Bedard	Mark J	* \$956.90	LaFlam	Jody	@ \$1,729.97
Belden	Patrick	* \$1,803.27	Lafond	Thomas	\$357.55
Bennett	William D	@* \$55.79	Larson	Robert	* \$842.14
Biathrow	Howard	\$486.32	Lasante	William	\$627.10
Bills	Dale	\$362.01	Lehman	Cheri	* \$1,310.28
Bissitte, Jr.	Michael	\$100.97	Little	Frederic	* \$523.46
Blanchette	Michele	* \$102.60	Loso	Gary T	\$1,147.71
Borowy	Stanislaus/Krystyna	@ \$1,209.37	Markie	Logan and Ashley	* \$194.67
Boynton	Justin	\$478.13	Martell	Shawn	\$12.87
Bradley	Eric	\$317.72	Martindale	Frances	\$431.12
Bryant	Cheryl	* \$312.17	Martucio	Margaret	\$332.10
Burke	John	\$834.25	McDevitt	Patrick, Jr.	\$564.44
Burke	John F.	\$884.36	McDevitt	Patrick Jr. ET AL	* \$18.74
Cain	William, Jr.	\$1,049.31	McLaren	Paul	@ \$624.50
Chandler	Holly	\$734.85	Michaud	Jeffrey	* \$52.26
Chandler	Holly	\$570.47	Miller	Sean	@ \$699.96
Coombs	Francesca	@ \$1,332.11	Mills	Connie	* \$885.62
Cushman	Steve	\$1,176.45	Miner	Richard	@* \$656.83
Davis	Bettina	\$704.28	Molinari	Keith	\$465.05
Dephillips	Robert C.	\$581.48	Moore	Thomas	\$560.69
Dephillips	Robert C., Sr.	\$438.85	MTGLO Investors,		
Dodds	Jeffrey	\$430.79	LP		\$1,491.06
Dumas	Robert	\$881.47	Mumford	James, Jr.	\$670.84
Duncan	Charles	@ \$727.02	Nayla LLC		@ \$3,809.67
Fales	Chad	\$1,006.29	OGrady	Justin	\$493.67
Fitzgerald	Kathy	@* \$735.50	Paquette	Joseph	\$121.40
Fleming	Jeremy	@* \$1,106.60	Patch	Veda	@ \$680.86
Forth	Angelo	* \$422.63	Pease	John R. Jr.	\$504.71
Fowler	Leonard	\$612.19	Peters	Hal Mitchell	@ \$1,634.51
Fox	Edward	\$498.37	Picard	Jason	\$1,459.55
Furman	Zachary	@ \$858.13	Pierce	Brian R	\$295.32
Gauthier	Lee	\$907.88	Poploski	Michael	\$887.41
Gelbar	Edward	* \$701.80	Prevendoski	Charles	@ \$685.78
Geryk	Robert	\$738.60	Puhalla	David	* \$181.64
Graham	Bonnie	@ \$684.42	Reed	Rebecca	\$939.82
Grandchamp	Betty	@* \$207.82	Reeves	Holly	* \$433.94
Grandchamp	David	* \$831.73	Rivers	Michael	@ \$1,176.19
Greene	Lauretta	* \$304.12	Shull	Richard L.	\$424.93
Greene	Lauretta	@ \$1,408.80	Sienicki	Phil	@* \$678.03
Hawver	Perry J	* \$106.45	Smith	Richard J.	@ \$1,546.78
Henry	Michael, Jr.	* \$568.91	Smith	Robert	\$1,297.18
Hernandez	Simon, Jr.	* \$215.60	Sorrentino	John	@ \$1,462.06
Hewitt	William	\$855.88	Therrien	Elizabeth	\$417.92
Higgins	Patrick C.	@ \$862.99	Therrien	Kyle B	\$630.31
Higgins	Patrick C.	@ \$1,223.59	Thompson	Lori	* \$465.25
Holden	William	\$410.66	Thornton	Michael	* \$122.11
Jalbert	William	@ \$1,092.78	Torres	Tina	\$823.33
Jarrosak	Kevin	\$883.40	Trepanier	Kathleen	\$1,377.75
Jarrosak	William	* \$866.07	Trigo	Linda	* \$368.65
Johnson	Dennis D.	* \$255.83	Viggué, Jr.	Ronald	\$122.97
Kearney	Kevin	@ \$1,510.35			

* = Paid as of 1/24/20

@ = Payment Agreement

= Tax Sale

DELINQUENT UTILITIES

Balances Over \$10 as of June 30, 2019

Webster	Rick	@ \$1,604.53
Welch	Daniel	\$580.88
Whitt	Gary	\$428.81
Wilk	Christopher	\$1,174.29
Wilk	Christopher	\$1,174.29
Wing	Bartley J	@* \$603.23
Wysolmerski	Sigismund	@* \$1,043.95
TOTAL		\$86,862.29

* = Paid as of 1/24/20

@ = Payment Agreement

= Tax Sale

Water & Wastewater Department

In 2019, the town's water and wastewater system both operated well and maintained water quality numbers well within our permit limitations. We continued to find and repair water leaks all throughout town which has helped our well pump run more efficiently and save energy. The department had the retirement of Ed Savage. We'd like to thank Ed for everything he did for the town and all the knowledge he passed along to his co-workers.

We have some big projects in line for 2020. We will be installing a new backup generator system at our Elm Street pump station. Hopefully, we don't lose power but if we do, if we have any electrical malfunction we will be prepared. We also, will be replacing a water line on Pleasant Street from the corner of Sheldon Avenue to the corner of Thrall Avenue. The existing line there is undersized. The new line will provide better pressure for fire protection and allow us to flush the hydrants more effectively and clean the lines more easily.

We would like to take a bit of your time and point out some things that homeowners and other users of the water and wastewater systems could do to make the systems work better and cost less to operate. One of the best ways to help is to make sure that what goes into the waste stream is free of all fat and grease. The fat and grease can cause many problems from plugging the sewer mains to fouling the operation of the wastewater facility. Also, please be careful what you flush, many of the new flushable towelettes do not break down fast and they can plug pumps and sewer lines. When you use the water, please be sure to only run the tap when you need the water and make sure that any leaks are repaired as soon as possible.

If you hear what sounds like water running and you are not using water, please call us and we can check for a leak in our line. If you see anyone other than us opening any manholes, please call us! And if you live near a fire hydrant, we want to thank you for shoveling the snow and keeping the grass and brush trimmed from around it. Please be sure to run your water on extremely cold nights if you have experienced frozen water in the past.

We take a lot of pride in our work at the treatment plant and providing the town with high quality water. We work 365 days a year testing the water and wastewater to make sure the systems are operating safely and in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

A big THANKS to the town for your support and help you provide us with over the year. We also want to thank Mary Ann and the Board for their continued support. The staff at the town hall are also a great help and we appreciate all the work that they do for us. We also continue to work with and get help from the road crew, thank you!

We are available 24/7 at (802)438-5633

Thank you,

Seth Pietryka, Superintendent

Frank Gorham, Assistant Chief Operator

Dave Zawistowski, Operator, Wastewater Operator, Water

Highway Department

2019

2019 presented us with a long busy winter which is continuing into the new year.

Along with winter cleanup our year included, sweeping, line painting and tree trimming around town. We also installed some new culverts and under drains.

We received a back roads grant for Stone Ridge Lane where we cleaned out the ditches and relined them with stone.

After several storms during the year we had to re-gravel and grade multiple roads. Ditch work was done at the Sewer Plant.

We worked on a couple of FEMA jobs which included Dewey Ave. and additional areas around town.

As part of our yearly list of jobs we completed mowing and hauling of winter sand.

We again this year would like to thank all the residents of West Rutland for their continued support and patience as we continue to make improvements to our town roads.

**Frank Woolf, Road Supervisor
Dave Zawistowski, Assist. Road Supervisor
Steve Duprey**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

2019

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

- Recorded 1506 pages in Land Records
- Town Clerk fees were \$16,304.75
- Restoration Fees and Digitizing Fees totaled \$3,673.00 these fees are for preservation of old records and scanning of new records.

Vital Statistics are as follows:

- 16 Births
- 24 Deaths
- 10 Marriages

We did 269 dog licenses totaling \$2904.00 in fees:

- \$1390.00 was paid to the state for the irrabies and neutering program.
- License costs for spayed and neutered dogs are \$16.00. Unspayed/unneutered dog licenses are \$20.00.
- A dog and cat rabies clinic is held every spring for the pet owner's convenience. This year's clinic will be **Saturday, March 14, 2020** at the **NEW Recreation Building on Fairview Ave. 10AM-12 PM**. Dr. Carini will be there again this year, the price will be \$8.00 for the Rabies Vaccine. Post cards will be sent out to remind everyone.

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

- This year we processed 51 renewals. These renewals generated \$153.00 in fees.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming March Election to be held on **March 3, 2020**. 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 2018-19

The ZA reviewed 32 zoning permit applications in the past fiscal year; a 9% reduction in over- all permit activity from the previous year. There was a significant increase in permits for new single family homes. However, commercial activity was stagnant.

Summary of permits requested:

Residential (attached to the residence): additions, decks, porches	6
Accessory (detached) Structures: garages, sheds, pools, fences	6
New Single Family Residences (stick-built, modular, panel, log, mobile homes)	4
Commercial Projects, Changes of Use, Home Occupations	2
Demolitions (Note that a VT Asbestos Certification may also be required)	5
Miscellaneous; Driveway access; Earthen Fill (greater than 2 dump truck loads)	4
Signs (business)	1
Subdivisions, Boundary Line Adjustments	1
Barns, Agricultural Structures (to qualified farmers)	2
Denied, incomplete, or withdrawn Applications	1
Total # applications	32

The **PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)** continues its efforts to update the Zoning Regulations to address new uses and clarify rules. To accomplish this important work, the **Planning Commission welcomes your input!** In 2020, the **PC** will hold regular Meetings at Town Office on the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:00 pm. Agendas & meeting minutes are in the Post Office, Town Office, and on the Town's website (www.WestRutlandTown.com). Please attend and participate!

The **PLANNING COMMISSION REALLY NEEDS TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**; due to resignations this year. Please join current commissioners Denis Lincoln, Leona Minard and new member Michael Brzoza in developing better regulations! 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 its Meetings (as required) on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, to decide on appeals and commercial permits. Current Members include Mike Moser, Denis Lincoln, Jim Mumford, Tim Ponto, and Deb Higgins. The Board reviewed and approved five commercial or subdivision applications this past year; and continued Hearings on one application into the next fiscal 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 or 438-2204 ext. 16 for additional Information. **Jeffrey Biasuzzi, Z.A.**

WEST RUTLAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Report for 2019

Our board consists of Deb Higgins, Denis Lincoln, James Mumford, Anthony Ponto (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 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Moser – Chairman

West Rutland Development Review Board

West Rutland Board of Listers Annual Report

The Board of Listers are charged with determining the assessed value of property in West Rutland and setting the Grand List for each tax year. The Select Board uses the total value of the Grand List to set the tax rate based on budgets that the Town voters have passed, which provides town services. Please keep in mind that the State of Vermont determines the final rate property owners will pay for the educational portion of your tax bill.

Here are some statistics from our Grand List: In 2019, we had 657 homesteads; compared to 663 in 2018 and 666 in 2017. The number of homesteads has remained fairly constant over the past 5 years. Out of 1006 total taxable parcels, this equates to 65% of our parcels occupied by full-time residents of the town.

In 2019 we completed a town-wide reappraisal, which was finalized in July of 2019. The Listers heard 67 Lister Grievances. 9 parcels went on to appeal before the Board of Civil Authority. Two of those parcels appealed to the further level of PVR and two parcels appealed to Superior Court.

On an annual basis, the State of Vermont Property Valuation & Review (PVR) conducts a Sales Study in each town and uses that study to calculate a CLA, or Common Level of Assessment, and COD, or Coefficient of Dispersion. The CLA is a driver of the education tax rates for the following tax year. For 2019, the CLA has been determined to be 107.33% and the COD is 3.79%. The CLA is the average ratio of list price to sale price, using valid sales over the last three years. For more information about the sales cited in this study and the calculations you can visit the PVR website at the following link:

<https://tax.vermont.gov/municipalities/reports/equalization-study>

A CLA over 100% results in a decrease in the tax rate and a CLA less than 100% results in a higher tax rate. This is designed to make the statewide base rates more equitable by applying a decrease in the tax rate to towns over 100% and applying an increase in the tax rate to towns under 100%. The Town's Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) for 2019 has been calculated at 3.79%, compared to 2018 when it was 13.53%. The COD is a measure of the dispersion of the range of sales ratios for valid sales in the study and is intended to measure uniformity or equity of assessments. The higher the COD the less uniform assessments become.

The Listers will be conducting property inspection for any properties for which there have been any building permits or other known changes to the property since last April 2019. This includes re-valuing any properties listed as a percentage of completion last year. Taxpayers whose property has been revalued will receive a change of assessment notice in the mail in June of 2020. This notice will show previous and current assessed value, including homestead and housesite values. This notice will also indicate the dates of Lister Grievances to be held and the process for submitting a grievance if the taxpayer chooses to do so.

The Listers hold office hours on Tuesday mornings and by appointment. You can also contact the Listers of-
fice at **438-2263** or e-mail listers@westrutlandvt.org.

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

FRIENDS OF THE WEST RUTLAND TOWN HALL

PO Box 591
West Rutland, Vermont 05777

Balance July 1, 2018 \$ 844.87

Receipts

Friendship Tree	\$	954.00
Total Receipts	\$	954.00

Expenses

General Fund	\$	183.00
Friendship Tree	\$	375.00
Total Expenses	\$	558.00

Balance June 30, 2019 \$ **1,240.87**

Current Assets (Dec. 28, 2019)

Checking Account	\$	1,613.62
Heritage Fam. Svgs.	\$	28.41
Heritage Fam. MM	\$	11,215.77
Total Assets	\$	12,857.80

Our nice facility continues to be used and enjoyed by many people. Thanks to all those who made it possible.

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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.

CARROL B. AND HARRIET ROSS MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established by the late Donald Ross in memory of his parents.

The purpose of the fund is to assist “the residents of the Town of West Rutland who have encountered unexpected misfortunes by reason of sickness, accident or financial distress beyond the relief furnished by governmental agencies, as determined by a Committee of all the clergy in the Town of West Rutland.”

In 2019 this fund assisted one West Rutland resident in meeting their needs.

If any West Rutland resident requires assistance and meets the conditions set in the trust please contact:

Bill Harvey

802-438-5771 or

wfharvey972@comcast.net

WEST RUTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Peter Kulig - President * Mary Reczek - Vice-President
Barbara Trepanier - Treasurer * Lynn Jenne - Secretary
Chris Mathewson - Trustee * Ceil Scott - Trustee
Marge Salengo - Trustee * Beth Moser - Trustee
Kitty Furman - Trustee

In keeping with the mission of the West Rutland Historical Society to further the recognition and interest in the history of West Rutland, Vermont, members of the Society this year purchased two antique display cases for the Town Hall and worked many hours to assemble them, provide lighting and put on display some truly amazing items from the Society's archives and collections for the citizen's of West Rutland to view when they visit the Town hall.

Some of the artifacts on display include: samples of the different grades of marble quarried in town, a wooden bowling ball used at Campbell Hall, a section of wooden water pipe used during the 19th Century and was found under the street on Clarendon Avenue. In one display case there are uniforms worn by West Rutland resident Asa Bloomer during his service in World War One and other WWI memorabilia. Also included in this case are World War Two era uniforms worn by West Rutland native Stanley Sobotka.

The Society's Annual meeting was held on April 9, 2019 with the election of Officers and Trustees followed by a program on the Marble Street Train Depot.

In May, members volunteered their time and efforts to clean up the grounds of the Whipple Hollow cemetery and repair some of the broken and toppled monuments.

On June 11 the Society held a meeting at the West Rutland Free Library. Librarian Rene Cressy talked about the programs offered by the Library and included an overview of the Library's digital card catalog and the inter-Library book lending system.

The Society invited Marv and Sue Elliott from the Rutland County Audubon Society to its November 12, 2019 meeting to present the Audubon's plans to construct a new hiking trail on the western side of the Marsh.

The West Rutland Historical Society is a 501(c) 3 non profit organization. Meetings are held at the Town Hall several times throughout the year. Look for meeting announcements in the local media or join the Society to receive e-mail announcements and publications.

\$5.00 Youth membership \$15.00 Regular membership \$30.00 Family membership
\$25.00 Institutional membership \$50.00 Sustaining membership

Checks may be mailed to:

West Rutland Historical Society, P.O. Box 385, West Rutland, VT. 05777

Please include: Name, Address, Phone# and E-mail.

WEST RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

2019

The West Rutland Free Library is your library. We are always striving to make the library an inviting, safe and welcoming place for our community to use and enjoy.

2019 brought more programming and a larger collection to choose from. We offered our 891 patrons a choice of over 15,419 items to borrow. We appreciate the donations we have received from our community and these have helped to add to our collection. Most of our books and DVDs are cataloged and barcoded which makes checking out a breeze.

We also offer Parks and Museum Passes: Echo Aquarium, Hildene, Shelburne Museum, Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, Wonderfeet, Vermont State Parks, and Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS).

Our programming includes Storytime, Craft Club, Lego Club, Knitting, and Adult Coloring. We are always looking for more programs to add and welcome suggestions.

The library staff is always available to help computer users. Last year the staff helped with creating resumes, job search and submitting applications, research, and general computer questions.

Our downstairs room was used several times a week for programming, after school fun, tutoring, and meetings.

Our board members are: Carl Wener, Bill Harvey, Barb Trepanier, Shelly Williams, Paul Kulig, and Patty Kulig.

We are open Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 1:30-5 and Tuesday/Thursday from 9:30-5, and Saturday from 9:30-12:30. Please like us on Facebook!

Sincerely,

Rene Cressy
Librarian

West Rutland Free Library

2019 Actual & 2020 Budget

INCOME	2019	2020
Town of West Rutland	50,000.00	50,000.00
Proctor Trust	15,835.00	15,540.00
Miscellaneous	1,040.00	8,000.00
Total	66,875.00	73,540.00
EXPENSES		
Donations (for patron passes)	500.00	500.00
Green Mtn Library Consortium	327.00	328.00
Insurance	3,137.00	3,200.00
Job Supplies	425.00	425.00
Magazines	191.00	200.00
Office Supplies & Software	881.00	800.00
Other Business Expenses	853.00	850.00
Payroll Expenses	7,445.00	8,574.00
Purchases (Books, DVDs, Magazines)	8,195.00	8,500.00
Repairs and Maintenance	3,627.00	3,600.00
Salaries & Wages	30,665.00	35,394.00
Shipping, Freight & Delivery	781.00	780.00
Taxes & Licenses	20.00	20.00
Telephone & Internet	984.00	985.00
Travel	906.00	900.00
Utilities (including heat and a/c)	8,104.00	8,500.00
Total	67,041.00	73,556.00
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(166.00)	(16.00)



West Rutland Fire Department

P.O. Box 206
West Rutland, VT 05777

2019 – 2020 Annual Report of the Fire Chief

This year brought about a great deal of change for the West Rutland Fire Department. Over the past year, we have been working with our officers, members, Town Manager, and Selectboard to reorganize the fire department. This involved revising our administrative standard operating guidelines and restructuring our officer ranks. This effort was necessary to ensure that we can provide the high-quality service that you have come to expect from us well into the future. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in this effort for their support.

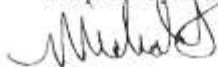
At the end of 2019, Joseph Skaza retired from the position of Fire Chief after serving in the position for 28 years. Under his leadership, the department was able to secure a modern and reliable fleet of fire apparatus and firefighting equipment, upgrade our existing fire station into a modern facility that will serve us well into the future, and maintain a well-trained and highly effective group of firefighters. Over his years as Chief, he saw the department change from one that was only called upon in the event of a fire to one that is now the town's primary responder to fires, rescues, and hazardous materials incidents. Joe expanded our capabilities as the demands for more services increased in an efficient and capable manner. We recognize him for his dedication and commitment to our fire department and are pleased that after 47 years of continuous service, he will continue to serve on the department and support us in different ways.

We started 2020 with a new slate of officers in our department with the following positions being appointed: Michael Skaza, Chief; Tom Lacz, Assistant Chief; Jeffrey Wos, Captain; Andrew FitzGerald, Lieutenant; and Lori Lyons, Clerk. Our officers look forward to working closely with our members, community, and mutual aid partners. Our department is currently served by 17 very dedicated members who spend hundreds of hours each year responding to emergency calls, training, performing equipment and building maintenance, and performing public education within our community. This year we recognized Andrew FitzGerald for completing five years of service on the department. Altogether, our members hold over 300 years of service to the fire department.

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 remains strong through our membership. 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 be at least 18 years of age, have a willingness to serve their community, be a resident of the Town of West Rutland, and be a citizen in good standing.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Skaza
Chief

Current Firefighter Roster

Name	Years of Service	Name	Years of Service
Joseph Skaza	47	Jeffrey Wos, Captain	14
Steve Czachor, Fire Warden	41	Tyler Alexander	8
Thomas Lacz, Assistant Chief	32	Andrew FitzGerald, Lieutenant	5
Christopher Jakubiak	32	Josh Webster	4
Pete Guay	28	Dillon Notte	3
Jeff Lacz	26	Cliff Jagodzinski	3
Michael Skaza, Chief	26	Brandon Groh	1
Lori Lyons, Clerk	23	William Grabowski	1
Scott FitzGerald	19		

2019 Emergency Call Volume

Motor Vehicle Crash	26	Hazardous Material Spill	2
Mutual Aid	21	Electrical Wires Down/Arcing	2
Fire Alarm Activation	16	Unfounded Calls	2
Water Emergency	4	Swamp/Brush Fire	2
Structure Fire	3	Search/Rescue for Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle Fire	3	Chimney Fire	1
Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation	3	Smoke Investigation	2
Medical Assist	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

2019 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, and also to David Bartlett, Guss Covarrubias, Greg Coolidge, and David Lee for Coaching and helping on the fields.

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, Fabian Earthmoving, Poultney Pools, Stewarts Shops, Carpet King, Carris Reels, and Bar Harbor Bank.**

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 59 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, 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. Thank you to Victoria Covarrubias and family, from Victoria's Authentic Mexican Food Catering, for running the concession stand with her wonderful Mexican cuisine.

A debt of gratitude is owed also 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

Thank you to our Annual Sponsor—Fabian Earthmoving !!!

Vermont League of Cities and Towns
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

About the League

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities, with a mission to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. It is directed by a 13-member Board of Directors elected by the membership and comprising municipal officials from across the state. The most recent audited financial statements are posted on our website, vlct.org/about/audit-reports, and show that our positive net position continues.

Member Benefits

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, as are 139 other municipal entities that include villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions, and fire districts. Members have exclusive access to a wide range of specialized benefits, expertise, and services, including:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services**, including prompt responses to member inquiries. In 2019, VLCT continued to provide members with timely legal and technical assistance, including answering more than 4,000 legal questions and publishing legal compliance guidance, templates and research reports, many of which are available to our members on our website.
- **Training programs on topics of specific concern to officials** who carry out the duties required by statute or are directed by town meeting mandates. The League provided training on various topics related to municipal law and governance to more than 1,000 members this past year.
- **Representation before the state legislature and state agencies**, ensuring that municipal voices are heard collectively and as a single, united voice. VLCT's recent legislative efforts have helped provide cities and towns additional resources to achieve tangible results on pressing issues such as road and bridge repair, cybersecurity, housing and economic growth, renewable energy, emergency medical services, reducing carbon emissions, and ensuring water quality. Members are also represented at the federal level primarily through our partner, the National League of Cities, as well as directly with Vermont's Congressional delegation.
- **Access to two exceptional insurance programs.** The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) provides comprehensive and cost-effective property, liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage, programs, and services that protect the assets of your community. The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits Trust (VERB) provides unemployment insurance, life, disability, dental, and vision insurance products to members at a competitive price. Both programs provide coverage and products that members need and ask for, help Vermont municipalities stretch their budgets, and are *only* available to VLCT members.
- **Access to a host of educational and informative materials and member conferences**, including a news magazine, handbooks, reports, articles, and events that all focus on the needs of local government and provide additional educational and networking opportunities.

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 progress we continue to make 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, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.



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**RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT**
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P.O. BOX 303
RUTLAND, VT, 05701
802-775-8002



Stephen P. Benard
SHERIFF

2019 REPORT

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 1/C Nathan Webster 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:

331	Traffic stops	481	Incidents
224	Traffic Tickets	49	Arrests
160	Traffic Warnings		
6	Driving with a Suspended License		
8	Driving While Intoxicated		
42	Citizen Assists		
26	Agency Assists		
5	Family Fight		
29	Suspicious Complaints		
23	Welfare Checks		
38	Motor Vehicle crashes		
22	Motor Vehicle Complaints		
9	Service of Abuse Prevention Order		
5	Threatening Complaints		
18	Theft		
28	Animal Complaints		

I want to thank the 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

36th

ANNUAL REPORT

(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019)

36 Years of Service 1983 - 2019

To the Honorable Citizens of West Rutland:

We are pleased to present our 36th annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-six years. From 1983 to the end of the fiscal year, Regional has responded to 221,426 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2019, the service responded to a total of 9,057 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 242 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to serve the public.

We congratulate Robert "Bob" Walters, Paramedic, for being honored as our "Star of Life" at the American Ambulance Association's Stars of Life celebration in our nation's capital in 2019.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have successfully level funded or lowered the assessment rate for the past 35 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, two new ambulances were placed into service to replace two older ambulances each with more than 100,000 miles of service. A state of the art ventilator was purchased for our critical care transports.

Our motto "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism" is demonstrated by our employee's 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, Blood-borne Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Regional Ambulance continues to focus on training for all levels to include specialized Critical Care Paramedic training to expand our 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, 2,146 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 Wednesdays at the Regional Ambulance building by appointment. We completed 173 child car seat inspections this past year.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to our employees 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
 Town of West Rutland Representative



RSVP & The Volunteer Center



Community Care Network
Rutland Community Programs

Thriving community, empowered lives

2020 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for FY19

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

Brief Description of RSVP & The Volunteer Center

RSVP & The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also offers several free "Signature Programs" that benefit residents. These include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program which provides free strength and balance exercise classes offered twice per week at many locations in Rutland County; RSVP Rutland Reads a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP Veterans Connections Program, a program designed to reduce social isolation in veterans; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More, which distributes over 15,000 new and restored items to children. Last year approximately 20,000 items were distributed through RSVP Operation Dolls & More to 44 partner agencies and an estimated 1,500 children. We also partner with AARP to provide free income tax return services to low income residents of Rutland County. Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 799 volunteers. From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 153,287 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,898,096.

Services Provided to West Rutland Residents

In FY'19, West Rutland residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders classes. West Rutland RSVP volunteers donated their services to the following non-profit organizations: Community Cupboard, Bridges & Beyond, Loretto Home, Mountain View, Pittsford Food Shelf, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Come Alive Outside, Dismas, Rutland Library, the Chaffee, Ira Go Getters, Congregate Meals West Rutland Town Hall, RSVP Bone Builders, and RSVP Operation Dolls & More.

The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the increased costs of providing volunteer placements, support, insurance, transportation, and recognition. As financial constraints affect non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers increases. With your help, RSVP & The Volunteer Center will continue to respond to this need.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center and our non-profit partners, we would like to thank the residents of West Rutland for their continued support of RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 775-8220.

Sincerely,

Ailx O'Meara, Director

6 Court St. | Rutland, VT 05701 | **Office:** 802-775-8220 | **Fax:** 802-775-8221

Website: volunteersinvt.org | **Email:** rsvpfgp@gmail.com

VNA & HOSPICE

of the Southwest Region

Serving Bennington and Rutland Counties

Our family caring for your family since 1946

October 25, 2019

Town of West Rutland

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF WEST RUTLAND:

In 2018, 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 2018, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 149,978 visits to 3,158 patients. In the town of West Rutland, we provided 3,417 visits to 92 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

Dan DiBattista, President of the Board of Directors

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Community Care Network Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2019, 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 2019, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 7,746 hours of services to 137 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 6, 2019

RE: Rutland Economic Development Corporation Annual Report (FY2019) and Membership Request

Dear West Rutland REDC Members,

This letter is intended as a request for your continued membership support of our work in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the coming year. We extend our gratitude once again to you, our partners, for your continued work advancing the region. With your help, together our efforts have advanced the major strategies established for REDC. The theme of our strategic effort continues to be connecting businesses with resources to help them grow in Rutland County, with an emphasis on finding sustainable solutions 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, REDC helped guide the Regional Marketing Initiative into Year 3 of a 10-year effort. In one year, these efforts helped 45 people from 22 families move to Rutland County and expand our marketing reach across the country.
- Supported Rutland Young Professionals' workforce attraction and retention programs and overall operations.
- Worked with area developers and experts to establish residential housing goals and development opportunities.
- Emphasized Rutland County as a place for career opportunities through 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 and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, through funding from the Department of Labor, we administered Year 2 of 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.
- Continued collaborative efforts to develop internship/work experience processes with area colleges and universities and the Talent Pipeline Management Project.

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- Launched *We Want You to Stay*, an outreach initiative intended to introduce students to local leadership and job opportunities with a focus on regional career and lifestyle advantages.
- Organized National Manufacturing Day, which took place throughout the month of October in our county to introduce students to the exciting, high-skill, and high-paying manufacturing jobs in the region.

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

- Deployed lending through our Intermediary Relending Program to area businesses unable to access adequate sources of conventional financing.
- Monitored 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.
- Connected 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, organizational support, and 8,000 sq. ft. of space in REDC's building on Quality Lane in Rutland Town.
- Strengthened a business development pipeline designed to connect emerging businesses with expertise and technical assistance to support sustainable success, increasing strategic partnerships that bring support services to our region.
- Increased access to resources for women-owned businesses through our partnership with the Center for Women & Enterprise and the co-founding of the Women's Business Owners Network regional chapter.
- Through the joint REDC-Chamber Policy Committee, pursued regional policy objectives designed to fortify regional business growth and engaged with policymakers 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.

These are some highlights of our work, and this not meant to be an all-inclusive representation of our efforts. We would welcome any questions and opportunities for discussion. We are privileged to serve this region. With your support, and the support of all our members and partners, we are enabled to remain 100% focused on striving 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

tyler@rutlandeconomy.com or (802) 770-7067

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Vermont Adult Learning

16 Evelyn Street, Suite 101 / Rutland, VT 05701 / Phone 775-0617

Rutland County Vermont Adult Learning Annual Report Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019

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 1,411 students statewide in fiscal year 2019. 169 students were served in our Rutland Center where we provided 9,813.5 hours of education. We provided 1,807 hours of instructional service to 13 students from West Rutland. Eight 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: Chrispin White, Regional Director
Email: cwhite@vtadultlearning.org
Or call 775-0617

BROC COMMUNITY ACTION

In Southwestern Vermont

BROC COMMUNITY ACTION

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, I want to personally thank you for supporting us through the balloting process over the years. BROC Community Action continues to experience many people seeking our programs and services each day.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action has demonstrated strong community impact in the Town of West Rutland.

- 238 individuals were assisted and had their needs met including food at our Community Food Shelf, senior USDA Commodities, housing counseling, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqrVT, budget counseling, case management, resource and referral and income tax preparation through our Community Services department,
- 2 homes/units were weatherized or had energy efficiency measures performed reducing energy costs through our Weatherization assistance program,
- 2 individuals worked on starting a small business with our business counselor through our Micro Business Development Program, and
- 1 day care home provider was partially reimbursed through our Child & Adult Care Food Program for serving USDA recommended meals and snacks to approximately 10 children in their care.

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 appropriation helps ease the struggle for more than 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward.

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

We value our partnership with West Rutland to assist those most in need.

Sincerely,



Thomas L. Donahue, CEO

45 Union Street, Rutland, VT 05701 Phone: 802-775-0878
broc.org #BROCTALK



ARC

Advocacy * Resources * Community

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities and their Families



ANNUAL REPORT

2018-2019

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Terry Mangieri

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ross W Almo

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:** ARC services over 50 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.
- **Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and AKtion Club:** In the latest rolling twelve months ARC facilitated twelve individual, monthly meetings for both the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered- Rutland (SABE-R) and the AKtion club, a member of the Kiwanis Family. ARC sponsored several abilities awareness trainings in conjunction with Green Mountain Self Advocates. SABE-R sets group and individual goals while practicing advocacy and communication skills to become leaders and teachers. The AKtion Club is a community service club. Activities include; fund raisers, "Creative Minds" developing craft projects and sharing life experiences, hand crafting Christmas Cards for the American Troops, participation in Relay For Life, and will be donating to Tatum's Totes to assist a foster family at Christmas.
- **Social Events:** These events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that encourage building a circle of support, practicing social skills and physical exercise. High attendance at all activities including: five themed dances, participation in the Rutland City Halloween Parade with Rutland Kiwanis, Okemo summer concert, paddling and nature adventure with Vermont Adaptive, end of summer BBQ at Lake Bomoseen and a fall Lake George Cruise. The 2018-2019 cumulative attendance for these events was almost 800 individuals.
- **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 Ross Almo, with experience in nonprofits, association management and hospitality joined ARC in July. Denise Leach continues her role as Payee Repetitive and Helen Wagner supports the office via A4TD. We also have volunteers, our volunteer Board, and our community champions.

GOALS

- ARC has moved into its new space. The space is larger and has two offices, reception area, board room area, and a separate volunteer room. Our new home allows individuals with mobility challenges to move safely and freely.
- ARC has launched its Great Outdoor initiative with scheduled monthly activities. The health and fitness programming has been received with great success. ARC continues to work on new programs. The future 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.

ARC offers its sincere thanks for your continued support. As always, we do not receive State or Federal funding to accomplish our programming; we rely on the support of towns in Rutland County, grants, and fundraisers throughout the year. Our dedication to our mission statement continues as strongly now as it has for over sixty years. Over one thousand individuals in Rutland County take advantage of our services annually. Thank you for your consideration, and please visit us at arcrutlandarea.org, or like us on face book.

Sincerely,

Ross W. Almo, Executive Director

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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 2019:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 4,403 meals that were delivered to the homes of 29 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels.” In addition, 62 West Rutland elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 955 meals were provided.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 58 elders in your community for a total of 403.75 hours. 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.



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Chris Wener, Town Clerk
Board of Selectmen Members
Town of West Rutland
35 Marble Street
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Re: 2020 Ballot Item - \$500.00

Dear Chris Wener & Selectmen Members,

On behalf of NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, I am writing to ask that we be placed on your ballot with a repeat request for \$500.00. It is my understanding that we do not need to petition the Town of West Rutland for this coming year on this item. If this is incorrect, please let me know. I can be reached at (802) 797-8606, or via email at showard@nwwvt.org.

2019 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. In our service area of Addison, Bennington, and Rutland counties:

- **190 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits** were completed on buildings
- **62 Home Energy Improvement Projects** were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont
- **27 Energy Loans** were issued, a total of \$417,047 to help homeowners make energy improvements
- **64 Down Payment Assistance Loans**, a total of \$1,713,862 were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier
- **15 Rehab Loans**, a total of \$258,212 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes
- **238** homebuyers attended our Homebuyer Education Course
- **11** households were assisted in finding their dream home with our RealtyWorks services

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

Sincerely,

Svea Howard
Communications and Outreach Coordinator
showard@nwwvt.org
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Rutland West Neighborhood Housing d/b/a NeighborWorks of Western Vermont Licensed Lender #6200 NMLS #194008



YEAR 2019 ACTIVITY IN WEST RUTLAND

The **Housing Trust of Rutland County** is a local non-profit organization that works with communities and families to energize neighborhoods, providing housing you can trust. We build quality rental housing that is affordable, and provide exceptional service that is responsive to residents and neighborhoods.

We continue to invest in West Rutland through our properties including Stanislaus Apartments on Barnes Street, Colonial Apartments on Marble and Barnes, and 259 Marble Street.

Over the past almost 30 years, we have provided over 2,500 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 370 rental housing units in eight of our local communities. Each year over 800 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 continue working in West Rutland 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

January 2020 we began our 12th year of operation. The number of families and individuals receiving assistance from our food shelf has declined in the past year. This is due mostly to individuals and families with children relocating to other communities. The citizens of our town have approved a funding article to appropriate \$1,000 to support our efforts to make sure our neighbors do not go hungry. We are grateful for your support and ask once again for your continued support in this endeavor. Your appropriation will be paramount in keeping our doors open for the rest of this year.

Due to the loss of some of our major donors, and fewer food donation we have been forced to scale back our operations, as we do not wish to have to close the doors completely.

Last year's cost of approximately \$14,000 should be substantially less as we are not serving as many people and have had to lessen our days per month of operation from two (2) Saturdays to one. There are still 40-45 active individuals and families that come every Month and some only come when they feel they need the extra help. On a regular basis we see between 30-35 families per day of operation.

We wish to thank the community for the funds appropriated, the four churches, St. Stanislaus Kostka Walk & food drive, West Rutland Cub & Boy Scout troops food drives, the West Rutland schools food drives. West Rutland Catholic Churches Christmas donation drive and there continued monthly food collections and bottle return money also donated. We couldn't have made it to the end of 2019 without you.

At this time we do not have a complete list of all the donors available for print time, but hope to have a complete list of this information in the near future. We apologize that we are not better prepared. We want to thank everyone who in any way came to our aid when we needed you! We hope to get back to our regular schedule but only time will tell. If anyone needs our assistance or you know of anyone who does please feel free to contact us, Ruth Manning 438-2255 or Norm Desjardins 438-6385.

Unfortunately our Director Tony Morgan passed on Dec. 24 2019. This food shelf was his driving force and he thought that we would have to close down. Norm and I made a promise to him to keep it going. We will do our best to make him proud. Tony was passionate about many things, first his family, then friends, and his community. Tony was caring compassionate, loyal and humble! He was truly the most genuine person anyone could ever meet. He devoted himself to his family and for the last 12 plus years to this food shelf. We were fortunate that Tony chose our community to live in. He will be missed by so many who were lucky enough to have known him.

Respectfully submitted by
Ruth Manning, Norm Desjardins



Marble Valley Regional Transit District
"The Bus"

2019 Town of West Rutland, Annual Report

Jennifer Ellis, Community Outreach

Marble Valley Regional Transit District (MVRTD), known as "The Bus" is in its forty third 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 733,000 rides this past year. MVRTD provides 65 jobs year round, with upwards of 80 during the winter peak season.

MVRTD provided over 2,600 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.

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

Live Green – Ride the Bus

FY2019 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

A sample of the activities the District was involved in during 2018/2019:

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 2019 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.

Organization:

RNRCD Annual Meeting - The Annual Meeting was held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Clarendon Grange Hall in Clarendon. Stefano Pinna, Agricultural Specialist with the District, provided a presentation regarding "Growing Hemp in Vermont"

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:

- Received a final design for Green Stormwater Practices at Rotary Park in Rutland City.
- Completed the Stormwater Master Planning process in the Town of Wallingford.
- Is continuing to work with an Engineering Firm and the City of Rutland to complete the Stormwater Master Planning process for the Moon Brook in the City of Rutland.
- Is continuing to work with the VT River Conservancy, VT DEC and others to acquire easements and then remove a berm in the Cold River Watershed in the Town of Clarendon, which will serve to restore floodplain function.
- Continued to provide broader services to landowners and the public to ensure participation in the development of the tactical basin plan for the Otter Creek.
- Received an Alternatives Analysis Report that includes 30% designs for restoring stream equilibrium and erosion reduction, in a historically altered reach of the Homer Stone Brook, a tributary to the Otter Creek in Wallingford.
- Continued Water Quality Monitoring during the Summer of 2019 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 2020 and is looking for additional volunteers to collect water samples.
- Will work with the City, Towns and landowners to develop and prepare projects for future design and implementation. These projects have been identified in Stormwater Master Plans or other reports.

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.nacdnet.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



American Red Cross – 2019 Report of Services for 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.

2019 was especially busy across our region and the Red Cross provided vital services to our community.

- Responded to 245 disaster incidents in our region, providing essential support to 958 individuals. We were on the scene at 1 disaster event in West Rutland, where we provided services to 7 individuals.
- Collected 76,157 pints of blood and blood products at over 2,500 drives. 5 of these drives were in West Rutland, where we collected 133 pints of life-saving blood.
- Empowered more than 1,000 trained volunteers to assist their neighbors during times of need. 2 of our dedicated volunteers call West Rutland home.
- Trained 47,300 people in our various health and safety courses, including 153 courses in Rutland County, where 863 of your friends, neighbors, and colleagues were taught lifesaving skills, including First Aid and CPR.
- Installed 3,300 free smoke detectors in homes and worked with families to create fire-evacuation plans.
- We provided supportive services to 1,400 military members, including emergency communications with their families and loved ones through of our Service to the Armed Forces department. Of these, 22 call Rutland County home.
- 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 2020

Dear Neighbors,

Your support helps us to build on our sculpture education programs with a range of community art events in 2019. Sculpture workshops for young and old in a wide range of materials brought many visitors to our beautiful and historic town. Highlights from 2019 include:

- The Stone Bench Project celebrated 11 years with functional public art created by area teens, installed in the McClure Library in Pittsford.
- Last fall, first and second graders walked from West Rutland School to the former Vermont Company Store to learn about the industrial heritage and the current use as an arts center.
- Residents and visitors were amazed to witness "Balloon Chain" soaring above the marsh during the opening reception for SculptFest2019.
- Sculptor Josie Dellenbaugh created "Seven Sisters," a permanent installation in our sculpture garden for all to enjoy. Local contractors were instrumental in implementing her vision.
- 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 hosted the creation of two more monuments for the Downtown Rutland Sculpture Trail (A.A. founder Bill Wilson and Martin Henry Freeman, first African-American college president) continuing the initiative begun in 2017. Further commissions are planned for 2020.

Thank you again 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

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The Carving Studio & Sculpture Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.



West Rutland School students.



Bill Wilson monument in progress.



Visitors enjoy "Seven Sisters."



"Balloon Chain," SculptFest2019



In 2019, Wonderfeet welcomed over 15,500 visitors, 1,037 as part of free community events.

Last school year, Wonderfeet visited 12 Rutland County schools and provided educational experiences to 1,746 students.

In 2019, we provided free organizational memberships to partner agencies to provide early intervention and support services to parents and children, resulting in 160 visits.

We were able to expand access to the museum by offering reduced price memberships, with 78 families actively using theirs.

Thursdays in July and August, Wonderfeet offered "Thank You Thursdays" with free admission for residents of the towns that supported us on Town Meeting Day. 211 people took advantage of free admission (25 from West Rutland)! This offer will be extended in 2020 to all towns that vote to support Wonderfeet on Town Meeting Day.

In late 2019, Wonderfeet began the Working Families Playgroup – a free monthly dinner and meet-up at the museum that gives families a chance to connect with each other and their community. You can join us from 5:30-7:00pm the first Tuesday of every month.

In January of 2020, Wonderfeet partnered with Rutland Regional Medical Center, the Vermont Department of Health, and Rutland Mental Health to begin offering "It Takes a Village: A Community of Parents." This free weekly group meets every Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:30am. New parents can find emotional support, a community of friends, and connection to services if needed.



NewStory
CENTER

TURNING THE PAGE ON VIOLENCE

NewStory Center Annual Report 2019

For 40 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY19, NewStory Center served 816 women, men, and children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of West Rutland for their support of our agency. Thanks to you, we are able to continue to provide comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from your town.

NewStory Center, Inc.

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Local Health Report for Rutland County

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. Your district office is in Rutland at the address and phone number above. We provide a wide range of resources and services to the community and local partners with the goal of promoting health and wellness for all Vermonters. For example, in 2019 we:

Supported health in the community: The Rutland Regional Medical Center was awarded \$57,000 from the Tobacco Program to support prevention work with youth and adults, including education around e-cigarettes and vaping. With funding from the Tobacco Program, the Rutland District Office is collaborating with Rutland Women's Health to support women quitting tobacco use during their pregnancy by offering gift card incentives.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: The supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC) served 1,333 participants in Rutland County. WIC provides wholesome food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and community referrals.

Ensured emergency preparedness: Worked with volunteers and local partners, including schools, hospitals, and emergency personnel, to ensure we are prepared to distribute medicine, supplies, and information during a public health emergency. We prepare for public health emergencies by training volunteers, exercising plans, and coordinating with local, regional, and statewide partners.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: Investigated over 300 infectious disease cases in our region including but not limited to: tickborne, food and waterborne, and vaccine preventable diseases. Collaborated with primary care practices to increase the number of children and adolescents up to date with immunizations and delivered \$1,339,474 of vaccine to Rutland County providers. Organized and implemented multiple Hepatitis A immunization clinics, focused on high risk populations, as a strategy for outbreak prevention.

Student health and youth empowerment: According to the 2017 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 57 % of high school students (grades 9-12) in Rutland County agree or strongly agree that they believe they matter to people in their community. In 2019, we collaborated with schools and providers to help improve student health and youth empowerment by working with the Mentor Connector on the Vermont Youth Project. The Vermont Youth Project (VYP) is a community-driven collaborative designed to embrace positive youth development in the Rutland City School District and Slate Valley Unified School District.

Substance misuse and abuse: Regional substance abuse prevention consultants worked with community groups, schools, human service agencies, hospitals, and law enforcement. Partners for Prevention works on substance use prevention around alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs and building capacity for prevention efforts in Rutland County.

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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 2019. Together, the RRPC and Town of West Rutland achieved several accomplishments which are highlighted below:

RRPC worked with Mary Ann Goulette and Sean Barrows on many Town initiatives. RRPC provided outreach to strengthen local emergency management capabilities and assisted with the annual Local Emergency Management Plan update. We also held a Transportation Resilience Planning Tool Town and Local Stakeholder Input meeting. In addition, the RRPC assisted with a Municipal Planning Grant application for redevelopment work in the Town center.

RRPC also provided assistance to the road crew with Grants in Aid road projects for year 1 and year 2, provided outreach on the Otter Creek Tactical Basin Plan and helped with a stormwater mitigation project at the school. We hosted a “Button Up” workshop (Weatherizing West Rutland) at the Town Hall with Efficiency Vermont and NeighborWorks Heat Squad.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community; or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call; we’d love to hear from you!

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Cooperative planning in the region

Rutland County Solid Waste District Annual Report – Calendar Year 2019

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, residents and businesses. 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.

The RCSWD is in the process of updating the Districts Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the 2020-2025-time frame. The State requires that all communities have a current SWIP in place that 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 community's involvement in drafting and developing this document is highly encouraged.

The District has worked and will continue to contact with 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.

Watch for our updated website!

Waste Disposal: During 2019, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 36,000 tons of municipal solid waste which includes the construction and demolition activity along with a significant amount of bulky waste.

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 Zero Sort recycling 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 from a large geographical area. Since we began tracking material in 1995 the facility has processed over 460,000 tons of recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents and small business generators. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility, and scheduled collections at twelve town transfer stations within seventeen member towns' through the spring, summer and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials. The RCSWD HHW also collects electronic waste and has collected over 1700 tons of material since collections began in 2004.

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.

Mark S. Shea, District Manager



ANNUAL REPORT TO The Town of West Rutland

2019

The Rutland County Humane Society provides shelter and care to companion animals while finding loving families for those at risk or homeless.

We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than one thousand animals in 2019.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

The Rutland County Humane Society took in 59 animals from the Town of West Rutland in the past year.

Please call as at 483-9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.



RUTLAND COUNTY AUDUBON SOCIETY

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2019 ANNUAL MARSH REPORT

This report, from Rutland County 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 2019:

- 1) **West Rutland Marsh Trail Project** – The RCAS initiated a major trail-building project in conjunction with the Town of West Rutland and the VT Youth Conservation Corps. Mary Ann Goulette, the West Rutland Town Manager, enthusiastically supports the project and David Mears of Audubon Vermont approved \$28,000 from the Wetlands Fund towards the project. The cost of the YCC group is \$6,000/week.

Ralph Nimitz and Joel Tilley developed the West Rutland Marsh Trail over 10 days, with the help of Jenn Seredejko the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. It starts at the waterfall on a paved pull-off, and extends past the hedge, house for sale, across a stream and gulley to stone wall that leads downhill at the southern boundary. Ralph built a bench and put it at the outlook. At the north end there is a spur trail into Cedar Swamp and high canopy.

Plans for Phase II are underway. The trail will cross Cedar Swamp with a boardwalk/bridge. Ice augers will be used in January when the swamp is frozen to lay down posts. The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps will be invited back. \$12,000 was charged to Audubon, including charges of \$265 and \$492 for materials, taken from Wetlands Fund. Plans for Phase III, which will connect to Pleasant St., are being explored.

Mary Ann Goulette wrote a request for a \$40,000 grant from the state of Vermont Recreational Trail Program. The request comes from the town of West Rutland with RCAS as a sponsor. Ralph, Joel, and Nate helped with the grant request. The request was submitted on Dec. 17th and a decision will be made in mid-March. The state wants us to use untreated lumber. Cedar is a good choice. That will go in the grant. The committee is trying to do “best practices,” so they hopefully won’t need a wetland permit. They will include this information in the proposal. They are going to make the boardwalk 36 inches wide, with a pair of posts every 12 feet. Posts will be 4 by 4, rough sawn Hemlock. The proposal made it through the preliminary approval process.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the success of the trail project can send donations to the Rutland County Audubon Society (RCAS) care of Marv Elliot at P O Box 1813, Rutland 05702.



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2019 ANNUAL MARSH REPORT

- 2) The current boardwalk at the marsh kiosk had been damaged by the flooding. Jared Pratt was contacted for repairs. Mary Ann Goulette, West Rutland town manager, said FEMA funds might assist in area-wide flood recovery.
- 3) Vandalism of signs is still a problem at the marsh.
- 4) Charlie Hohn, a wetland specialist with the state, along with some RCAS members, surveyed the marsh. This puts our wetland on the state's radar. A map was produced to show the various vegetation in the varied habitats. The wetland received a 74% VCRAM (Vermont Rapid Condition Assessment Method) rating which places it in the "Good" category. This category is for wetlands that are representative of their community type, and show few impacts to their ecological integrity, yet still have a small measure of current degradation. Roads and invasive species contribute to degradation in WRM.
- 5) Monthly bird monitoring continued this year with a total 2791 individual birds representing 116 species being recorded. An average of 13 participants took part in the monitoring walks.
- 6) One of the more unusual bird sightings at the marsh this past year was a singing male grasshopper sparrow in early June – a relatively rare species in VT that is often associated with the grassy fields of airports. No evidence of nesting was observed however.
- 7) Education activities at the marsh included Cub Scouts from Rutland who observed tree swallows and red-winged blackbirds as part of a project. In addition, a fifth-grade class and a kindergarten group also visited the marsh.
- 8) About ten RCAS members participated in cleaning up the marsh on Green Up Day in May.
We removed many pounds of trash, including furniture and tires and saved the marsh from about a dozen cans of toxic waste. We also found and disposed of several carcasses of deer which had sadly been dumped there.

Rutland County Audubon Society is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation. We have a website: www.rutlandcountyaudubon.org and Rutland County Audubon Facebook page. If you would like a notification of our events you can sign-up by emailing Marv Elliott at: birding@rutlandcountyaudubon.org



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Appendix

West Rutland Marsh Trail Assessment

Overview Map



-  Punccheon
-  Boardwalk
-  Trail, natural surface



The Rutland Chamber continues the work of the Regional Marketing Initiative and the numerous partners involved in the program. In year 3, the Real Rutland Initiative has hired a new marketing firm – LIFT Marketing, from Saratoga Springs, NY. The goal of this year’s campaign is to start collecting contact information of anyone interested in learning more about a move to Vermont and Rutland County specifically.

The RealRutland.com website has had some minor changes and a beautiful guide to moving to the region has been created for those interested. The same great video and photography content is available and a little section on each town in the County is also included. We continue to participate in the VT Dept. of Tourism’s Stay to Stay Program which helps bolster our marketing efforts to get people to move to the region.

We are beginning to count the families! Since fall of 2018, we can count 22 families and 53 people that have moved to our region! We continue to work with people interested in moving and help put the pieces of employment, housing and sense of community to all our potential and new residents.

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Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce
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POULTNEY METTOWEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO BOX 209, POULTNEY, VT 05764; OFFICE: 802-287-8339; INFO@PMNRCD.ORG; WWW.PMNRCD.ORG

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watersheds for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, four employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; two Agricultural Outreach Specialists Jennifer Alexander and Stefano Pinna, and Native Plant Nursery Manager and Program Coordinator, Sadie Brown.

Stormwater Management The District is currently working with several towns on implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, Pawlet, and West Rutland to implement stormwater projects with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns. We recently completed the Lake St Catherine and Wells Brook Stormwater Master Plan and are beginning a similar plan for the Poultney River watershed to identify stormwater runoff issues and propose high priority stormwater mitigation projects for the 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.

This past year, we worked with lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to the plantings, we completed LakeWise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and lake St. Catherine, resulting in recommendations for homeowners for lake friendly living. We plan to continue both programs and expand work with shoreline homeowners in the coming year.

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 2019, over 15 acres of restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for Upward Bound students. 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 2, 2020 ~ 50th 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, April 30, 2020.***



TOWN OF WEST RUTLAND

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

SATURDAY MAY 9, 2020
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 25, 2020 * 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
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Treasurer's Office for \$5

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The MyFreeTaxes Partnership provides free federal and Vermont e-filing for qualified individuals. Are you eligible? Find out at myfreetaxes.com.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) & Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs

Free tax help for those who qualify: 1) lower incomes, 2) disabilities, 3) the elderly, or 4) limited English. TCE focuses on those age 60 years and older. Learn more about VITA/TCE and find a location near you by searching "VITA" or "TCE" at irs.gov.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program

Provides tax assistance sites to taxpayers who qualify, such as those with low and moderate incomes, giving special attention to those age 50 years and older. Learn more about the Tax-Aide Program and find a location near you by searching "tax aide" at aarp.org.

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- > Cooperative Extension Service
- > Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- > Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

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Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

Responding Is Easy

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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	438-6385 or 236-2325
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




Rutland County Solid Waste District

2020 HHW Rural Collection Schedule

Gleason Road HHW facility is open Mon-Sat (7am -3pm)

2020 HHW RURAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE

APRIL 11, 2020	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	POULTNEY 11:00PM - 1:00PM
APRIL 18, 2020	MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM	KILLINGTON 11:00AM - 1:00PM
APRIL 25, 2020	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
MAY 2, 2020	PROCTOR 11:00AM - 2:00 PM	
MAY 9, 2020	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WELLS 11:00AM - 1:00PM
MAY 16, 2020	WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	CLARENDON 11:00AM - 12:30PM
MAY 30, 2020	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JUNE 20, 2020	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JULY 18, 2020	CASTLETON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	POULTNEY 11:00AM - 1:00PM
JULY 25, 2020	IRA 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WEST RUTLAND 10:30 AM - 1:00PM
AUG 8, 2020	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WELLS 11:00AM - 1:00PM
AUG 29, 2020	IRA 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WEST RUTLAND 10:30AM - 1:00PM
SEPT 12, 2020	MT. HOLLY 8:00AM - 10:00AM	KILLINGTON 11:00AM to 1:00PM
SEPT 26, 2020	DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S 8:00AM - 10:00AM	WELLS 11:00AM - 1:00PM
OCT 3, 2020	PROCTOR 11:00AM - 2:00PM	
OCT 10, 2020	WALLINGFORD 8:00AM - 10:00AM	CLARENDON 11:00AM - 12:30PM
OCT 17, 2020	BRANDON 8:00AM - 10:00AM	PITTSFORD 11:00AM - 1:00PM



Questions call: 802-775-7209; or 802-770-1333 or
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