

**Town of Starksboro**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018**



**Starksboro First Baptist Church Built in 1868 – Celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year**

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## Starksboro Churches

The first permanent settlers arrived in 1787 in the new town of Starksboro, chartered in 1780. Their initial efforts were on building shelters, clearing land for farms, and starting needed industries. It was a time of great hardship. The sparse population had little time to gather together to practice religion or educate the children. It is known that the first settler, George Bidwell, was a Congregationalist and his wife Sarah was a Methodist.<sup>1</sup>

Starksboro had forty people by 1791, the year the Joseph Hedding family moved here, about half a mile south of the village. "For four or five years" after that "the entire town remained nearly destitute of religious meetings and privileges." The town was visited occasionally by a Baptist preacher.<sup>2</sup>

Regular Methodist Sabbath services with prayers and singing were begun by Abraham and Mary (or Molly) Bushnell, who moved in 1794 to the area at the intersection of Big Hollow Road and Brown Hill Road. The Bushnells, well-educated, and known for their piety, understanding of theology, and an extensive Methodist library, invited townspeople into their home to worship. The gathering became part of the new Vergennes Methodist circuit in 1798, a time of a "remarkable revival of religion here in 1798 and 9."<sup>3</sup>

Mrs. Bushnell encouraged young Elijah Hedding (1780-1852), a leader of the town's young men, to read for the services and urged him to love God. Hedding wrote, "It was often a wonder to me that I was generally selected to read, for I was as wild and wicked as any of the young men around." One day after a service, Hedding knelt in a nearby grove and gave himself to God. At age 19 he filled in as an exhorter on the Methodist circuit—the start of his religious service. Rev. Ebenezer Washburn, on the Vergennes Circuit in 1801, was persecuted by others further south, but in "Starksboro I found a good society," likely because of the Bushnells and Hedding. In 1824 Hedding was elected Bishop and became known as one of the greatest men of the Troy Methodist Episcopal Conference.<sup>4</sup>

By 1800 there were 359 people in town. Many settlers in the Lewis Creek falls area were members of the Society of Friends (Quakers). On April 6, 1804, a committee bought "the Meeting House Lot," in what is now Green Mountain Cemetery. They built a church in 1812 and organized the "Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends." The cemetery grew around the church. Joseph and Huldah Hoag were eminent Quaker ministers, Joseph traveling far and wide. In 1858, membership having declined, they sold their church to the new Charlotte Catholic congregation. It was sawed in two, hauled in the winter of 1858-59 on skids by oxen, and remodeled.<sup>5</sup>

Other early 1800s residents were Congregationalists. They organized a church on August 7, 1804. In 1825 Rev. Henry Boynton, a Middlebury College graduate, was pastor here and in Bristol. On September 3, 1830, they dissolved and about 20 of their members joined the Bristol church.<sup>6</sup>

Baptist Elder Charles Bowles, who lived for years in Huntington, was first in Starksboro on October 3, 1817. At his first meeting "some...began to cry for mercy, and came to him after meeting and told him of their distress of mind, and requested that he should present their cases at the throne of Divine Mercy." Bowles' father was a black man and his mother was white. Her father was Col. Daniel Morgan, well-known American Revolution officer and rifleman. Bowles also fought in the Revolution. His "manly bearing, his noble spirit, and his amiable christian character" endeared him to all. Services were in schools or homes. On September 20, 1821, Bowles, Rev. Sylvanus Robertson, and seventeen members organized the Free Will Baptist Church.<sup>7</sup>

In the late 1830s the Methodists, Baptists, and Christian Church (pronounced Christ-ian) joined to build a union church. The Methodist minister then was Rev. Samuel Young. On May 18, 1838, the Starksboro Village Meeting House Society was granted two parcels of land, on which they had already started construction. Town voters had approved a tax of \$400 at the March town meeting to furnish a town room in the basement. Church members bought pews, which helped fund construction. The sanctuary seated 240. Merritt W. Powers was minister for the Christian Church here and in Lincoln.<sup>8</sup>

Methodists had use of the church half the time, Baptists one quarter, and the Christian Church one quarter. This building was one of 40 or 50 in Vermont in which the Methodists had the "right of occupancy" a "part of the time." Rev. Arunah Lyon, a Methodist circuit minister who served here, was known for his vigor, power, and loving heart. Another "greatly beloved" and respected minister was Starksboro-born Rev. David Ferguson (1808-1895). He joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1833, preached his first sermon in town on December 30, 1835, was ordained an elder in 1844 by his uncle, Bishop Elisha Hedding, and was a minister for 59 years. He served Starksboro regularly in 1853-54, 1865-66, in 1873, and other times. For his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1888, he preached at the church and then invited people to his home.<sup>9</sup>

The first Irish settlers moved to Starksboro in 1848, settling in what would be called Little Ireland. The school there was used for church services. The first Catholic mass, with about six families in attendance, was celebrated by Rev. Thomas Riordan from Burlington. A Roman Catholic cemetery grew

up around the school. Priests regularly came from Burlington and Middlebury to hold services here.<sup>10</sup>

Addison County historian Samuel Swift wrote in 1859 about the county's development, stressing the importance of schools "and our churches of various denominations where all may meet for public worship and for instruction in their religious, social and civil duties, [and] are means of spreading general intelligence and virtue through the community."<sup>11</sup>

In 1859 it was noted the numbers of Baptists in Vermont had declined in the past 20 years, and of the 51 Free Will Baptist congregations in the state, Starksboro's was the largest with 103 members. By 1865 there were more Baptists in the village area, and they needed their own church. On February 4, 1868, the Free Will Baptist Meeting House Association met for the first time. The group, led by Rev. R. Minard, raised over \$6,600 by selling pews to fund the work. In January 1869 there was "quite a revival" with 40 conversions. On May 30, fifteen people were baptized.<sup>12</sup>

The church, seating 300, was ready for the dedication on December 15, 1869, Rev. Mariner of Massachusetts speaking. Meetings were held nightly after the dedication. Newspapers enthusiastically reported this was "the best meeting house and Reed Organ in the country."<sup>13</sup>

By 1870 there was also a South Starksboro Free Will Baptist Church, which met in area schools and homes.<sup>14</sup>

In the fall of 1868 "two splendid bells" were hung in Starksboro churches—one at the Village Meeting House and the other for the new Baptist Church. The bells were from the Jones & Co. foundry in Troy, NY.<sup>15</sup>

In the village the two churches were becoming landmarks, the largest and most architecturally distinguished buildings. An 1875 description of the view from "Hog Back" in Bristol notes the view to the northeast—"Starksboro with her church spires and white cottages."<sup>16</sup>

Rev. Minard had to resign due to ill health and Rev. Isaac Hyatt of St. Johnsbury was called in March 1874 to serve at the Baptist Church, "one of the largest and best of the Free Baptist denomination in the state." He accepted, writing in May to the St. Johnsbury paper, "Our reception by the Starksboro Free Baptist Church has been cordial and we are beginning to get comfortably and pleasantly settled in our new home at the parsonage." His installation in August was reported as "impressive," with many area clergy taking part. Rev. David Ferguson, Methodist minister, gave a "Fraternal Welcome." At the large Baptist Christmas party in 1876, with two decorated trees and many gifts, the members gave purses of money to Hyatt and his wife Hannah and to the organist, Miss Nellie Hill.<sup>17</sup>

Churches provided educational and recreational activities for the community. Rev. E. Watson, from the Burlington district, lectured on November 5, 1875, at the Meeting House on the subject "California." Church ladies then hosted an oyster supper in the town hall (the ground floor of the Meeting House). In August 1887, Miss Rhoda Craven of Burlington spoke to the Methodist and Baptist churches before departing for her missionary work in Liberia.<sup>18</sup>

Regional quarterly church meetings gave attendees from around the state a chance to connect. In June 1892 the Baptist Church held a three-day Baptist quarterly meeting, with "quite a number here from away." In 1902 "Elder Shepherd and wife" of West Corinth left on a Wednesday to attend the Friday to Sunday September Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting. In January 1910 Baptists hosted another quarterly meeting, with many ministers leading religious exercises, and several dinners in the vestry.<sup>19</sup>

In the summer of 1899 Baptists held regular services in the Jerusalem School, Starksboro's Rev. George W. Russell alternating with Bristol's Rev. J. T. Hill. An organ was rented and a Sunday school started. "The attendance is large and much interest is shown." That year the town had 477 members of Protestant churches and 147 of Catholic.<sup>20</sup>

Churches and/or their members were leaders for social justice and change. Members of the Starksboro & Lincoln Antislavery Society, founded in 1834, included local Quakers. In June 1903, Rev. M. G. Cole, Shelburne Methodist minister, held a "temperance mass meeting" at the Friends Church and spoke on the "proposed license law" for alcohol at the Baptist Church. In 1909 the Vermont Anti-Saloon League planned a "series of speaking" around the state. In August Rev. Edmund Badger of Hanover, NH, spoke on the subject at the Baptist Church. Rev. J. Lindley Spicer of Poughkeepsie, NY, gave a temperance address at the Friends Church in February 1910.<sup>21</sup>

All churches hosted guest preachers. Bristol minister Rev. G. R. Wilson preached at the Methodist Church one January evening in 1906. In early March 1907 Rev. Leveret Rugg of Farnham, New York, held "a series of meetings in the Friends' Church each evening" and visited the church at Monkton Ridge before returning home.<sup>22</sup>

Congregations and their communities developed close ties with some ministers. In the summer of 1908 Rev. Charles Franklin, a young Chicago minister summering in South Starksboro, preached in the Gore School (near Buel's Gore). Soon he was the minister of the Friends Church, serving for three years before moving to Monkton Ridge. By 1920 he was in South Glens Falls, NY, returning in September to visit relatives and preach at his old church.<sup>23</sup>

Churches and their clubs provided good works and social and entertainment opportunities to build and maintain

community. Stimulating activities out of town were beyond reach for most, with poor and slow transportation and limited resources. For Decoration Day (Memorial Day) in May 1894, there were “union services” with Elder Fuller preaching a “memorial sermon to a good congregation.” In June the South Starksboro Friends and Jerusalem School held a Children’s Day service. “The audience room was finely adorned with flowers and potted plants at the base of the arch...The floral alphabet by 26 boys and girls was very pretty. A large audience was present.” About 25 parishioners of the Bristol Baptist church traveled to Starksboro to attend the “donation” (fund-raiser) on a Friday evening, January 27, 1905. “Though the sleighing was not first class yet every one seems to have had a fine time.” In 1912 there were 131 Baptists in town.<sup>24</sup>

For years the Baptist Church prepared and served lunch for voters on Town Meeting Day—at the church or in the Town Hall. In 1907 the Christian Culture Club netted \$14.00 from the Town Meeting baked bean supper. The club hosted a harvest supper in October 1908. They presented the farce, “Clubbing a Husband,” on October 31, 1919, with music and a harvest supper. This 1915 three-act play by Edith Painton is about small town society women who start a club to promote female independence. In 1920 the “young ladies Bible class” of the Baptist Church had a Christmas sale, serving sandwiches.<sup>25</sup>

The Starksboro Grange attended the Baptist Church at times—assembling and marching to the church as a body. Rev. W. A. Davison, prominent Vermont Baptist, gave the address in September 1911. Another Grange Sunday was held in June 1918.<sup>26</sup>

Women of the Methodist Church began a Dorcas Society, which provided those in need with such essentials as shelter and clothing. They met regularly, in homes of members or in the Meeting House “parlor.” In March 1916 they held a maple sugar social open to all (a tradition continuing to this day). In June 1916 their “parcel post social” sold donated wrapped parcels to raise money. That year’s Christmas program had offerings by the children and “the usual Christmas tree.” On New Year’s Day 1917 the Dorcas Society held a dinner, “gentlemen ... invited to be present.” In August 1917 they had an ice-cream social in the “dining-room” (back downstairs room). At their regular monthly social in May 1920, dinner was served.<sup>27</sup>

The Baptists and Methodists held Children’s Day programs in the summer of 1916. On May 20, 1920, the Good Will Bible Class held a birthday social in the town hall, inviting all to come and celebrate their birthdays.<sup>28</sup>

The Baptists decided in 1915 to make improvements to the church. The clear glass in the sanctuary windows was replaced with colored glass, the grain-painted pews were

painted white, and a new choir loft built. Church women gathered in September 1916 to recover pew cushions. By early November services were held in the “remodeled auditorium.” In early 1917 the First Baptist Church was incorporated. In November a furnace was installed.<sup>29</sup>

In 1916 the Meeting House also replaced their clear sanctuary window glass with colored glass, memorials to prominent church members.<sup>30</sup>

A “grand rally” was held for the Methodists of Starksboro, Hinesburg, and area towns on September 21, 1915. The day included special music, well-known speakers, and lunch and dinner provided by the church ladies.<sup>31</sup>

By 1919 however the Methodists were struggling. In late May, after much study, it was decided the “Methodist and Baptist churches ...are to federate during the remainder of the year,” with half the services at the Methodist church and the rest at the Baptist church.” Rev. Asa Eddy, the last Methodist minister for Starksboro, also served Hinesburg. The Meeting House fell into serious disrepair. In 1957 Ruth and Amos Hanson and other townspeople formed a community group to save it and offer it for other uses.<sup>32</sup>

For special celebrations, such as the United States Bicentennial in 1976, Vermont Bicentennials in 1977 and 1991, the town’s historic church buildings hosted a variety of special programs. Times have changed for religious institutions, with more opportunities for people to travel, go out of town for work and entertainment, and different lifestyles.

The South Starksboro Friends Meeting House continues its purpose. The Baptist Church has in recent years had a memory tree at Christmas, raising funds for the fire department; it hosts a monthly senior meal; and hosts the Share-on Sunday program, distributing food. The Meeting House is home to the Starksboro Co-operative Preschool, is available for weddings and funerals, and offers the annual Christmas Candlelight Service and other programs.

Since the earliest days, churches provided a purpose for many people, education, and were centers to hold the community together. The three remaining church buildings are town and even state landmarks and a reminder of how the character of this town and its people developed—a noteworthy legacy indeed.

Submitted by the Starksboro Historical Society  
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Town of Starksboro  
**Facts of Interest**

Chartered	November 9, 1780
Population (2010 census)	1777
Area	29,056
Miles of Roads	paved – 5.3 miles Unpaved – 42 miles
Altitude-Geological Survey Benchmark, Starksboro Village	615 feet
Zip Code	05487
Registered Voters	1366
Grand List – 2017	\$1,660,127
Tax Rate – 17/18 year	\$2.1745 Residential \$2.0944 Non-Residential
Town Plan – (re-adopted 8/4/03 & 10/18/11, 9/18/18)	February 6, 1989
Town Hall Policy – revised in 2009	July 1991
Animal Control Ordinance (10/5/93, 9/1/98, 8/20/04)	August 13, 1991
Land Use & Development Regulations (rev. 1/20/98, 7/6/06, 9/27/16) (updating zoning and superseding subdivision regulations)	March 2, 1993
Alcohol & Drug-Free Work Policy (revised 10/19/95)	October 19, 1994
Sexual Harassment Policy	August 3, 2009
Personnel Policy (revised 2008; 4/13/09)	April 12, 1994
Delinquent Tax Policy (revised 8/17/99, 11/25/02)	August 11, 1995
Road Naming & Addressing Ordinance	September 2, 1997
DRB-Rules of Procedure & Conflict of Interest Policy	February 22, 2007
DRB-Alternate Member Use Policy	August 4, 2008
Speed Ordinance (March 19, 2000; 2008)	May 14, 2010
Town Road Access Ordinance	April 27, 1989
Conflict of Interest Policy	May 3, 2010
Policy for Appointments to Boards & Commissions	April 5, 2010
Invoice Policy	January 13, 2007
Purchasing Policy	March 15, 2010
Health Ordinance (8/19/83; 9/13/97; 12/6/04)	June 20, 1983
Policy for Use of School Facilities (12/10/92)	December 12, 1990
All Hazards Mitigation Plan (FEMA approved date)	November 2, 2018
Class 4 Road and Trail Policy	February 2, 2017
Interim Zoning Amendments	October 11, 2016
Town Road & Bridge Standards	February 5, 2013
Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan	April 19, 2011



# Vital Statistics

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

## Births

9 baby girls and 7 baby boys were born this year.  
Congratulations to all!

## Marriages

12 marriage licenses were issued this past year.  
Best wishes to the new brides and grooms!

## Deaths

10 residents died during the past year.  
Our condolences go out to these families.



Elijah Hedding (1780-1852), “considered one of the most energetic and forceful of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church,” came to Starksboro with his family in 1791. By his own accounts a “wild” youth, he was influenced by Mrs. Abraham (Mary or Molly) Bushnell, who asked him to read at Methodist services in the Bushnell home (intersection of Big Hollow and Brown Hill roads). She encouraged him to give his life to God. He was baptized in a nearby brook and at age 19 set out on his life’s work, holding religious gatherings over a large area, and becoming a preacher. He became the seventh bishop of the Methodist Church of America in 1824. (Information from History of the Troy Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1908, p. 242, and Hedding, Elisha, Life and Times of Rev. Elisha Hedding, N.Y.: Carlton & Phillips, 1855, pp.49, 57, 58, 62.)

**Town and Town School District Officers**

(Term expires in parenthesis)

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Moderator**

Dan Dubenetsky (2019)

**School District Moderator**

Dan Dubenetsky (2019)

**Town Clerk**

Cheryl Estey (2021)

**Treasurer**

Celine Coon (2021)

**Selectboard**

Peter Marsh (2019)

Tony Porter (2019)

Eric Cota (2020)

Keegan Tierney (2020)

Koran Cousino (2021)

**Listers**

Amy McCormick (2019)

Charles F. Webber (2020)

Norman Cota (2021)

**Auditors**

Vacant (2019)

Robert Turner (2019)

Peter Ryersbach (2020)

**Planning Commission**

Norman Cota (2019)

Hugh Johnson (2019) *resigned 10/18*

Jeffrey Keeney (2019)

Dan Harris (2020)

Daniel Nugent (2020)

Denny Barnard (2021)

Dennis Casey (2021)

**Cemetery Commissioner**

Norman Cota (2020)

**Library Trustees**

Katie Antos-Ketcham (2019)

Liz Fairchild (2019)

Judith Kessler (2020)

Chris Runcie (2020)

Celina Aiguier (2021)

**Delinquent Tax Collector**

Amy McCormick (2019)

**First Constable**

Vacant

**Second Constable**

Vacant

**Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend**

Jim Runcie (2019)

**First Grand Juror**

Vacant

**Mt Abe Union Middle/High School**

**Director**, Brad Johnson (2021)

**Mt. Abe Union Middle/High School**

**Director**, Stephen Rooney (2021)

**Mt. Abe Unified School District Director,**

Caleb Elder

Stephen Rooney (2021)

**Retired Robinson School Directors**

Caleb Elder

Louis Dupont

Nancy Cornell

**(Retired 12/2018)**

## **Election Officials, continued**

### **Justices of the Peace**

Ben Campbell  
Margaret Casey  
Bill Coon  
Norman Cota  
John Jefferies  
Donna Lescoe  
Peter Ryersbach

### **Board of Abatement**

Selectboard  
Justices of the Peace  
Town Clerk  
Treasurer  
Listers

### **Board of Civil Authority**

Selectboard  
Justices of the Peace  
Town Clerk

## **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Road Foreman  
Assistant Town Clerks  
Assistant Treasurer  
Animal Control Officer  
Zoning Administrator  
Health Officer  
Energy Coordinator  
Acting Zoning Administrator  
Recycling Coordinator  
Inspector of Lumber/Weigher of Coal/Fence Viewers  
Tree Warden  
AC Solid Waste Rep  
AC Regional Planning Delegate  
AC Regional Planning Delegate Alternate  
Emergency Management Coordinator  
AC Transportation Advisory Committee  
AC Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate  
Green Up Day Coordinator  
Fire Wardens

Tom Estey  
Amy McCormick, Celine Coon  
Amy Mansfield  
Heather Ragsdale  
Rebecca Elder, *appointed 1/2/18*  
Peter Ryersbach  
Caleb Elder  
Amy McCormick, *appointed 9/18*  
Jennifer Turner  
Selectboard  
Tom Estey  
Susan Reit de Salas  
Rich Warren  
Jan McCleery  
Charlene Phelps  
Jan McCleery  
Susan Reit de Salas  
Rebecca Trombley  
Tom Estey, Tony Porter

### **Development Review Board**

Arnell Paquette (2019)  
Rich Warren (2019)  
Marjorie Dickstein (2020)  
Jon Fenner (2020)  
Robert Liotard (2020)  
Ben Campbell (2021)  
Dan Nugent (2021)  
*Alternates: Den Casey, Norman Cota*

### **Conservation Commission**

Peg Casey  
Jody Higgs  
Jan McCleery  
Robert Turner  
Emily Stoehr

### **Energy Committee-2/6/18**

Pete Antos-Ketcham  
Jeff Dunham  
Digger Faesy  
Phil Mosenthal  
Megan Nedzinski

**Jerusalem Community Center Committee:** Greg Cousino, Tom Estey, Susan Klaiber, Greg Orvis, Edie Sears, Alan Quittner, Luke McCarthy, Megan Nedzinski

### **Alternate Officials:**

Town Report Coordinators	Auditors	911 Coordinator	Rebecca Elder
School Superintendent	Patrick Reen	Officer in Charge (Post Office)	Pat Haskins
Robinson Principal	Edorah Frazer	Fire Chief	Tom Estey
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief	Tony Porter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief	Matthew Estey

**BUDGETED RATES OF PAY FOR TOWN OFFICIALS  
AND NON-PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES  
AS OF JULY 1, 2018**

The following wages are set by the Selectboard, except the Selectboard wages, which are set by the Auditors.

**Selectboard:** Selectboard salaries set by the auditors at the time of the annual town audit are \$10. per hour for each regular meeting attended; \$15 per hour for weekday meetings; \$900 per year for performance of all other duties and mileage for travel\*.

Town Clerk	\$40,095 salary
Assistant Town Clerk	\$15.77 -18.41 per hour
Treasurer	\$20.92 per hour
Assistant Treasurer	\$13.86 per hour
Listers	\$14.00 per hour
Auditors	\$12.00 per hour
Road Crew	\$164,046 (budgeted)
Zoning Administrator	\$28,348 salary (budgeted)
Acting Zoning Administrator	\$15.77 per hour
Board of Civil Authority	\$10.00 Per meeting
Election Officials	State Minimum wage**
Regional Planning Delegates	\$10 per meeting plus mileage
Planning Commission/Zoning Board	\$20 per meeting
Addison Country Solid Waste Rep	\$10 per meeting plus mileage
Delinquent Tax Collector	8% of taxes collected by statute
Animal Control Officer	\$15 hour plus mileage, expenses and stipend
Health Officer	\$12.00 per hour plus mileage and expenses
Recycling Coordinator	\$1500 per year salary

\*mileage is paid based on the currently approved Federal reimbursement rate, .545 for 2019

## CURRENT TOWN FEES

As of January 1, 2019

### COPIES

Regular	0.25
Color	1.00
11 x 17	0.50
Deeds	1.00
Certified Copies	10.00
Faxes	1.00
Vital Records (births, marriages, deaths)	10.00

### DOG LICENSES

Spayed/Neutered (Jan-April 1 <sup>st</sup> )	9.00
Males/Females (Jan-April 1 <sup>st</sup> )	13.00
<i>Late fees added after April 1<sup>st</sup></i>	

### RECORDING FEES

Deeds, Mortgages, Property Transfers	10.00/page
Maps	15.00
UCC's	35.00
(Amendments, Continuations, Terminations, Assignments)	25.00

### GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

2.00

### VAULT TIME

2.00/hour

### CIVIL MARRIAGE LICENSES

60.00

### POSTING LAND

5.00

**ZONING FEES:** See Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule at the town office for complete listing with details. Fee history: Zoning fees adopted 4/6/93. Amended 1/1/17, 5/4/93; 5/4/99; 10/5/99; and 7/1/01.

Subdivision fees adopted 6/5/90; amended 10/5/99 and 7/01/01.

### DRIVEWAY / ACCESS FEES

60.00

## TOWN PROPERTY INVENTORY

As of December 31, 2018

### Real Estate:

- Two farms on which the Municipal Forest is located (Hillsboro Rd): Rockwood – 150 acres; Hannan – 110 acres, Volume 31, page 440.
- Old Town Garage site (1686 Rte 116), 4 acres, from Caryl Steward – Vol. 29, page 258.
- Old Town Garage – (1686 Vt Rte 116) built in 1975
- Gravel Pit, 7 acres (1686 Rte 116), from Hormides & Denise Godin – Vol. 21, page 416.
- Page Hewitt lot, Rte 17 - .25 acres from Tax Sale, 1993 – Vol. 50, page 205, parcel C317L1S
- Original Village School lot, from Page Smith, 1892 – Volume 16, page 27  
(.4 acres sold from Town of Starksboro to Town School District, 8/30/18, Vol. 117, page 459)
- Starksboro Town School Dist to Town of Starksboro – 14.1 acres, Vol. 117, pg 456, 8/30/18
- Jerusalem School lot (397 Jerusalem Rd), from Milton Elliott, August 25, 1944, Vol. 19, page 484.
- Jerusalem School House – 397 Jerusalem Rd
- Town Hall – 1911 – Volume 19, page 5 (2827 Vt Rte 116)
- Town Salt Shed – 1991 (1686 Vt Rte 116)
- New Town Garage & Salt Shed – completed in 2016 (3904 Vt Rte 116)
- Municipal Building (3056 Vt Rte 116) built 1972; addition in 1986
- Post Office Building (3054 Vt Rte 116) built in 1976  
The Municipal lots above were obtained as follows: **Parcel 1** – 20 x 32 ft purchased by Town in 1949, Volume 21, page 468. **Parcel 2** – 105 x 105 ft, donated by Leroy & Ila Smith, Volume 28, page 324; **Lewis Gordon Lot** – 145 x 110 ft, purchased by town in 1974 – Volume 28, page 479, with measurements in Volume 27, page 115.
- Colton Gravel Pit property purchased from Vermont Land Trust, Dec 14, 1998 (3902 Vt Rte 116); 3 parcels – Ballfield parcel, Northerly Riparian Zone (92 acres), and Southern Riparian Zone (63 acres) – Vol. 59, page 491. The Firehouse is part of this property. The new town garage and salt shed are now located on this property. Town sold 13.24 acres to adjoining landowner on 9/08/2017.
- Cota Field Pavilion – 2005
- Town Office property (2849 Vt Rte 116) – house, barn (torn down in 2014), carriage shed and 3 acres – July 9, 2002, Volume 69, page 356. Former Donald Shepard property.
- Huber property adjacent to old town garage, 5.81 acres, from Huber Family Trust, 9/21/06, in Volume 86, page 390.
- 5 Solar Trackers valued at \$54,800

### Cemetery Lots & Town Cemeteries:

Green Mount Cemetery – Lots 10, 11, 13. Section 4 – Endowed 1964 (lots only).  
Brace Cemetery (also known as Newell Stokes Cemetery); Brown Hill Cemetery; Mason Hill Cemetery; Starksboro Village Cemetery; Gore Cemetery; Hillsboro Cemetery (also Known as Ryan Cemetery); Butler Cemetery; Norton Cemetery; Friend's Cemetery; Jerusalem Cemetery; Taft Cemetery; Rounds Cemetery; Brown Hill East Cemetery.

### Municipal Building Contents:

2017 MicroSoft Surface Pro tablet  
2014 Think Pad  
2015 Asus Laptop  
2011Toshiba Laptop

Emerson Microwave  
Sanyo Refrigerator  
3 x 8 Auditors Table

2009 HP Probook 4510  
8 red Side Chairs – reupholstered in 2008  
2011 Toshiba Studio 190 F – Fax  
HP “Photo Smart” 7150 printer  
2 plastic 8 ft tables – 2015 (for Elections)  
1 paper shredder – 1989  
1 Credenza – gifted in 2000

3 x 8 Lister’s Table  
6 black Side Chairs – 1987  
20 folding chairs – 1973  
2 flat screen monitors – 2006  
2014 Carnation Bill Counter  
2 Dehumidifiers – 1994  
4 office desks

**Municipal Building Contents continued:**

17 filing cabinets  
7 metal shelf units in vault  
1 overhead projector – 2010  
1 flag pole – 2008  
Bennington Battle flag  
1 Heat Pump – 2017 – Town Office

6 roller shelf units in vault  
3 roller shelf units in vault – 2003  
1 overhead screen – 2010  
1976 Bicentennial Flag & 1976 State flag  
2 – 6 ft plastic fold in half tables

**Other Equipment:**

1 Kenwood TK-760H Scanning Base, 1998  
1 Scanning Motorola Base Radio, 2010  
55-Watt Radio, 1989  
2000 Honda EB 11000 Generator, 10.5 KW, s/n EZCQ-3009004 (Emergency Management Grant)  
2002 Kohler Generator, Model 40RE0Z, s/n 0695502 (Emergency Management Grant)  
45-Watt Radio, 1991  
45-Watt Radio, 1996  
6 Solar Trackers located at 101 Parsonage-\$54800

**FOOD SHELF / OLD TOWN OFFICE BLDG:** 3 chest freezers, 2 full-size frig, 1 half-size frig

**TOWN GARAGE EQUIPMENT:**

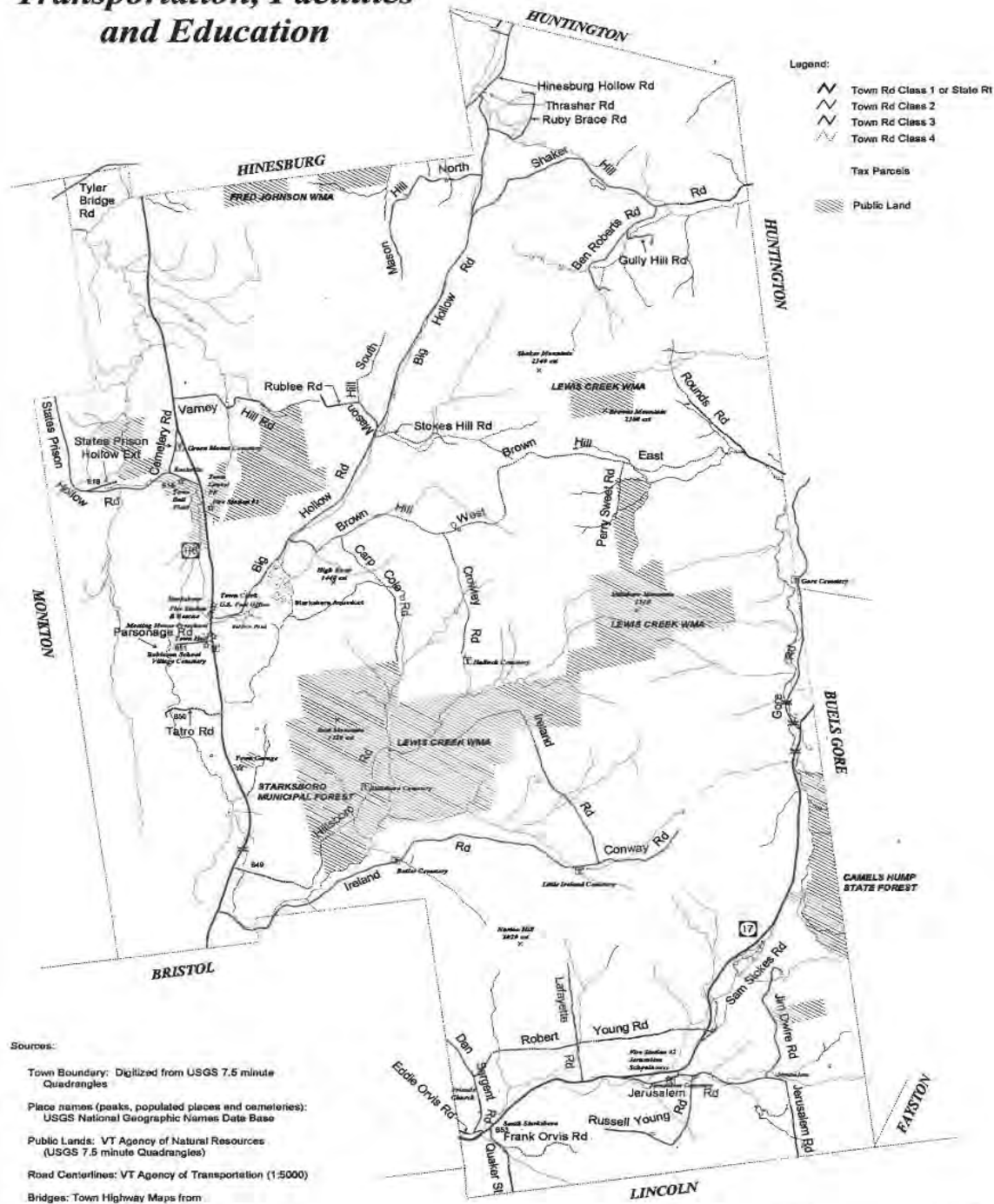
2018 Chevy 3500 Pickup w/ plow & sander  
2018 Kenworth 270 Dump Truck w/ plow & wing  
2017 Mack GU713 Dump Truck w/ plow & wing  
2013 John Deere 772GP Grader - \$191,000  
2012 Mack GU713 Dump Truck w/ plow & wing  
2010 John Deere 624K Loader  
2010 Dodge 5500 Dump Truck w/plow  
1994 Case International5240 Tractor  
2013 Tiger Mower - \$32,525  
1996 York RB-70 Road Rake  
2015 B & B Chloride Trailer - \$6900

1998 Powerscreen TRBO Chieftain  
2007 B & B Culvert Thawer  
1999 Lincoln Power Mig 255  
1984 Wind Power 45 KW Generator  
2018 Buffalo Turbine Debris Blower  
2018 Mikasa MTX-60 Compactor  
2016 IDEAL Mobile Column Lift - \$22,500  
Air Compressor  
1000 gallon Diesel Tank & Pump  
300 gallon Gas Tank & Pump  
Assorted Hand & Power Tools

**RECYCLING:** (2) – 20-foot roll-off Dumpsters

# Town of Starksboro

## Transportation, Facilities and Education



**Sources:**

- Town Boundary: Digitized from USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangles
- Place names (peaks, populated places and cemeteries): USGS National Geographic Names Data Base
- Public Lands: VT Agency of Natural Resources (USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangles)
- Road Centerlines: VT Agency of Transportation (1:5000)
- Bridges: Town Highway Maps from VT Agency of Transportation
- Road Names: E911 Contacts for Towns (1998)
- Surface Waters: Interpreted from VT Mapping Program Orthophotos, 1:5000, 1978
- Source Protection Areas: Vermont Department of Health, USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangles and GPS





## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Happy 2019!

There are many things that we handle at the Town Office. To name a few:

- Issuance of Marriage Licenses
- Dog Registrations / RABIES CLINIC in March
- Recording – Vital records, Mortgages, Deeds, Liens, UCC's, Surveys, Permits, Current Use, Decree of Distributions, Discharges, Easements, Foreclosure Complaints, License to Sell, Mobile Home Bill of Sale, Boundary Line Adjustments, and Act 250 paperwork, to name a few.
- Preparing Tax Bills / Tax Collection
- Copying and Faxing service
- Compiling and running the Gazette
- Preparing for and running Elections / Town Meetings / Early Voting
- Preparing the Town Report
- Weekly maintenance of the Statewide Voter Checklist
- Maintaining the 911 list
- Assisting townspeople (and researchers) as needed
- Attend trainings and meetings
- Maintaining website
- Zoning related issues
- Posting Meeting agendas and minutes
- Notary Public service

We now have a new tablet available for voting for those with visual disabilities. This is an option that voters have. You basically touch the screen to make your candidate choices, and once completed, print out your ballot and feed it into the tabulator. It may take a little longer to vote this way.

We discovered that the tabulator does not like the humidity. Many towns had problems with this at the Primary Election. It was reported to the company. We also had a little bit of trouble at the General Election, but were able to trouble-shoot effectively.

Please feel free to stop by the office. We enjoy visiting with you or helping you in any way we can.

Many thanks to Amy McCormick, Asst Clerk; Celine Coon, Treasurer; Amy Mansfield, Asst Treasurer; and Rebecca Elder, Zoning Administrator/911 Coordinator, for your support and assistance in keeping the office running so efficiently. I hope that the townspeople find it welcoming and feel comfortable asking for our help.

This will be my last term as Town Clerk. My 3-year term ends in 2021. I will not seek re-election. I have mixed feelings about this, as I have enjoyed this job tremendously, and will miss seeing all of you. But on the other hand, I want to be able to enjoy retirement while I still can, and get to work on that bucket list!

-Cheryl Estey, Town Clerk

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Another year has passed. It has been an amazingly complex year. At the 2018 Town Meeting it was decided to spend some of the budget surplus on NEMRC accounting software. Previously the Town was using Quickbooks Pro for accounting and payroll. The decision to proceed with NEMRC is part of the succession plan to enable me to retire. The support staff from NEMRC is very qualified and always there. The transition has been difficult, but the end result will be worth it. Be prepared to see some different formats for reporting in future Town Reports. All of the programs in the system are linked to each other, so there is a smooth transmission of data from one to the other. For example; a tax payment comes in, it is posted to a property owner's account, which in turn updates the tax records and then the General Ledger.

Now for my favorite topic, The Homestead Education Tax. The newspaper is full of information about school enrollments dropping. This has a big effect on each taxpayer, in the form of higher taxes. We need to remind homeowners that it is a law to declare your Homestead using form HS 122. Between the beginning of the year and April 15<sup>th</sup>, every year, you must file your Homestead Declaration. Any Homestead filed later that April 15<sup>th</sup> will possibly be assessed a late file penalty.

In order to qualify for a property tax adjustment, you must complete your HS 144, income statement. Most people in Starksboro receive some adjustment to their education tax, if they file. The HS 144 needs to be filed even if you have no income. This is the form that the State uses to determine how much of an adjustment you will receive. Even if you file for an extension of your Federal income taxes, the Homestead declaration still needs to be filed by April 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no extension for the declaration. If you think you have a neighbor who does not understand the Homestead process, or needs help, please let us know at the Town Office.

On July 1, 2018 our school district consolidated into the Mt Abe Unified School District. Consolidation means one board for all 5 Town schools and the High School. There were no additional towns accepted in to our district because we are considered a "right sized" district. This also means the Unified School District has only 1 Treasurer, The Town Office continues to be a wonderful place to work, Cheryl, Amy, Rebecca and Amy all make the day to day tasks go smoothly.

Celine Coon

Town Treasurer

## Selectboard Report

Over the last 12 months, the Board has adjusted to its new 5-member structure and having part-time administrative support for board work. We said goodbye to long-time board member Susan Jefferies, who also served as board chair for many years. Eric Cota joined for a two-year term that began in March 2018 and Koran Cousino was re-elected, this time for a three-year term.

One major project the Board engaged in during 2018 was a rewrite of the Town's personnel policy. The policy in effect now was last updated in 2009. Board members started with a template provided by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns that was designed for Vermont municipalities. The Board's conversations have provided an opportunity to review important details regarding employment with the Town and the benefits and protections provided. With the anticipated retirement of some long-term town employees, the Selectboard wants to ensure there are current policies and procedures to support the future staff of the town offices.

Mother Nature continues to bring challenging conditions for the road crew to deal with. As always, Tom, Tony, and Paul keep the more than 47 miles of Starksboro roads safe for us all to travel every day. The new pick-up truck arrived in July 2018. The road inventory was completed in 2018 with grant funding from VTrans and DEC for the Better Roads program to address Act 64 (Clean Water Initiative). The information will help the road crew make improvements and track future needs throughout the town's road network.

The Board worked on several projects during the past year, including:

- Oversight of several town building maintenance projects. The Town Clerk's office has a new porch and steps for its main entrance and a new standing seam roof over the vault.
- Formation of the Energy Committee that is engaged in energy planning and efficiency work.
- Review of the revised Town Plan and new Enhanced Energy Plan as presented by the Planning Commission. The PC and the Selectboard both held public hearings. The Selectboard approved the Plan in September. Addison County Regional Planning Commission approved the Town Plan in December 2018. The plan will be valid for 8 years.
- Negotiation of the agreement to lease one acre of land at the capped landfill to Green Lantern Solar for a solar panel installation. The proposed installation has been approved by the Public Service Board. Once the lease agreement is signed, anticipated work will begin in the spring of 2019 with hopes to be online by the end of the year.
- Completion of the land swap with the school district ensuring town ownership of the field with the solar array west of the school.
- Received approval from FEMA of the Starksboro All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The plan was developed by an ad hoc committee of local fire and rescue representatives, our emergency services coordinator, town residents, and regional planning. This approval means the Town is eligible for FEMA funding for certain emergencies.

We continue to express our appreciation to those staff members who have dedicated many years to public service in our town. After 23 years as a Selectboard member and public servant, we say thank you to **Peter Marsh** for his long tenure of dedication to Starksboro. On the Planning Commission, we thank **Norm Cota** for 33 years of service. The PC also said farewell to **Hugh Johnson**, who departed in October 2018. We also thank **Amy McCormick** for 16 years of service as a Lister as she shifts her focus to her other roles in the Town Clerk's office.

As always, thank you to Cheryl Estey, Celine Coon, Amy McCormick, Amy Mansfield, and Rebecca Elder. We are grateful for your dedication and ongoing service to the town and its residents.

Koran Cousino, *Chair* | Tony Porter, *Vice-chair* | Eric Cota | Peter Marsh | Keegan Tierney

# AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24 VSA, we have examined the following FY 17-18 reports:

Tax Appropriation Report	Combined Balance Sheet
Statement of Taxes	Five-Year Financial Comparison
Delinquent Taxes (all years)	Grand List
Profit and Loss Report	Treasurer's Report
Debt Service Schedules	Forms 411

We have also examined the following internal documents:

Bank Statements	Treasurer's Journals
Selectmen's Orders	Monthly Bank Reconciliations
	Reserve Fund Schedules

We have compiled the accompanying statements and schedules representing the financial position of the Town of Starksboro as of June 30, 2018 and the changes in its fund balances for the year ended.

The accompanying financial statements and schedules are not presented in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles, including application of Governmental Standards Board (CASB) Opinion 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, effective for years beginning after June 15, 2003.

Starksboro Town Auditors:

Robert Turner  
Peter Ryersbach



2a. Site of 1812 Quaker Meeting House in Green Mountain Cemetery

Starksboro's first Quaker Meeting House was built in 1812 in what is now the northern section of the Green Mountain Cemetery (Green Mountain Cemetery Road near VT Route 116). After membership declined, they sold the building to the new Catholic congregation in Charlotte. In the winter of 1858-59, the church was cut in sections and skidded to its new location. It was updated with new architectural features and a front bell tower, and opened as Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.



2b. Excerpt from 1857 Wallings map

The 1857 Wallings map of Addison County shows the location of Starksboro's first Friends Meeting House, built in 1812 and removed in 1858. (site of Green Mountain Cemetery, Green Mountain Cemetery Road).

## **BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY**

2018

The Board of Civil Authority met in March to review the checklist for Town Meeting, with 16 names added and 15 voters transferred to vote in other towns. The BCA board also worked at the Town Meeting on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and on Election Day the following Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

They next met to review the checklist for the August Primary and also re-organized. Twenty-two names were added. The board members worked the Primary Election in shifts on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

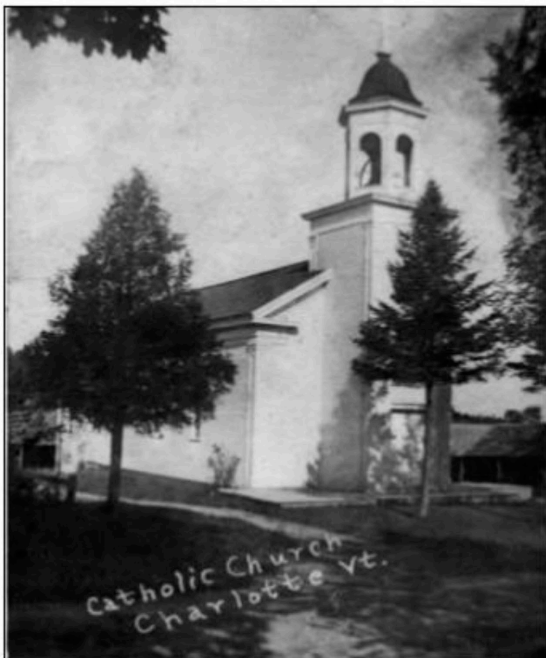
Then, on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the BCA reviewed the checklist for the General Election, adding 43 new voters, with 31 being transferred to vote in other towns. The Board worked in shifts on November 6<sup>th</sup> for the very busy General Election. Sixteen more names were added on General Election Day.

### **The Board of Civil Authority**

7 Justices of the Peace  
5 Selectboard  
1 Town Clerk

### **Board of Abatement**

7 Justices of the Peace  
5 Selectboard  
1 Town Clerk  
3 Listers  
1 Treasurer



3. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church,  
Charlotte

The main framework of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Charlotte is the 1812 Quaker Meeting House in what became the Green Mountain Cemetery (Green Mountain Cemetery Road) near VT Route 116.

## 2019 Road Foreman's Report

This past season the normal road maintenance was carried out; grading, drawing gravel, ditching, replacing culverts, road side mowing, screening winter sand and, this year, we crushed 20,000 yards of gravel.

We finished up a grant that included replacing a culvert, ditching, stone lining the ditches and adding gravel to Big Hollow between Mason Hill North and Ruby Brace Road (known as School House Hill). Also, in the same grant we were able to ditch, stone line the ditch, add 2 cross culverts and gravel to a section of Shaker Hill known as Beecher's Hill.

The Town received another grant that will be used to bring the upper part of Conway Rd up to Act 64 standards.

Otter Creek Engineering has completed the Road Inventory for the Act 64. This was a Better Roads Grant which paid for 80% of the project.

The Town was able to secure another grant from AOT to help with paving States Prison Hollow. A base coat was put down last summer and this coming season the top wear coat will go down.

By the time you are reading this the town should have taken delivery of the medium duty truck and will be selling the Dodge 1-ton truck.

As always, I want to thank Tony and Paul for the dedication and hard work for the town of Starksboro, and for making my job easier.

Thanks to the Selectboard for their support as well as the people of Starksboro.

Tom Estey  
Road Foreman

#### 4. South Starksboro Quaker Meeting House

The South Starksboro Friends Meeting House, on Dan Sargent Road, is the oldest remaining Quaker Meeting House used continuously for that purpose in Vermont. The main part, 34' x 26', was built in 1826, with an addition on the front in 1871. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



## 2018 Zoning Administrator Report

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During 2018, the zoning administrator reviewed, processed, and approved or denied a total 41 applications. Six agricultural structure applications were submitted, reviewed for compliance as required by Vermont state law, and were issued (exempt from fee).

### Zoning permits approved include:

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New/conversion single-family homes/accessory dwelling	5
Replace existing SFH/seasonal homes	0
Additions/detached accessory structures	26
Home business/Home office	1
Boundary line adjustments	0
Agricultural permit (exempt)	6
Other	3

### Other zoning certifications issued:

Certificate of Compliance	26
Certificate of Occupancy	3

A substantial amount of my time is dedicated to guiding applicants through the zoning process and answering questions about how Starksboro's zoning regulations apply to their property. In addition, the ZA maintains the zoning files, supports grant applications and administration, monitors zoning trends around the state, and provides administrative support to the Development Review Board and Planning Commission.

The history of zoning in Starksboro is a fairly new concept. Zoning and subdivision regulations were first adopted by Starksboro in 1993 and remained largely unchanged until 2016. The Planning Commission revised the Town Plan and received town and regional approval in 2018. The PC is currently reviewing the 2016 Bylaws for revisions and improvements. This process will continue in 2019.

Development Review Board (DRB) activity is often impacted by the local economy. When folks are optimistic, more building and home improvement projects occur. During 2018, the DRB reviewed, conducted hearings, and issued decisions for the following applications

Subdivisions	4
Subdivision amendment	1
Site Plan Review	1
Conditional Use	1
Waivers	0
Variance	0

I have now been in this job for a little over a year. It has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Starksboro and get to know more people in the community. I'd like to thank residents and applicants for their attention to local zoning. The zoning regulations exist to help the town operate smoothly, serve its residents well, and help implement long term community goals and planning regarding any land development. Before beginning any project, please check in with me at the town office to determine if a zoning permit is required. The process ensures your property complies local laws and your neighbors are properly informed of land development in the area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Elder, Zoning Administrator

## **2018 Town Health Officer Report.**

In 2018 I investigated two rodent issues. One issue I could not find the source of the rat infestation, but I did a thorough investigation. The second issue was for garbage that I did determine the location and I talked to the owner of the property. The garbage was properly and quickly removed therefore removing the infestation problem.

I was involved in several boil water notices for the various mobile home parks in Starksboro. When I receive a notice of a boil water notice from the Compliance and Certification Manager, Public Drinking Water Program, I post the notice on Starksboro's Front Porch Forum. I had good communication with the Addison County Community Trust and with the State of Vermont's Public Drinking Water Program.

I had only one dog bite issue this year and the owners of the dog did quarantine the dog for 10 days and did show proof of rabies shots.

I had a dead animal in the stream on Big Hollow Road. The animal was a dead cat that was in a plastic bag and weighed down with a rock. There was a water well within 200 feet of the animal, but I determined that this water well was no longer in use. I took the animal to the town garage where I arranged to have it buried by the town road crew.

I was contacted by the VT State Department of Health regarding asbestos abatement on a house being dismantled in Starksboro. I worked with the VT Dept. of Health and the owner of the property. The owner finally had proper abatement done and the problem was solved.

I had a burning garbage complaint. I went to the location. I had a talk with the owners. This seemed to resolve the issue.

I got a call about junk vehicles too close to the road, an animal manure pile that was too close to a stream, and pig food that was attracting rodents, all at the same location. I investigated. The vehicles too close to the road is not a public health issue, I found no evidence of rodent infestation where the loaves of old bread were being stored, and the manure pile was more than 200 feet away from the stream, making the stream safe from pollution from this source.

In all my investigations, I got back to the complainant to report my findings.

I did not attend any trainings this year.

Peter Ryersbach, Starksboro Town Health officer.



## 2018 Starksboro Planning Commission Report

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The Planning Commission spent nearly 18 months on a thorough review and revision of the Starksboro Town Plan. The Town received a Municipal Planning Grant to support this process. The Planning Commission worked with a planning consultant to review the plan, ensure consistency with other town documents, and update a variety of information including GIS maps. The most significant change from the previous plan was the addition of an “Enhanced Energy Plan.”

The PC held a public forum to focus on energy related issues to seek input from town residents. A survey of the agricultural community and a general survey for all town residents provided a lot of useful information as the board considered revisions to the Plan. The grant supported the board’s work to identify and reduce flood risks, provide guidance identifying scenic resources that may be negatively impacted by siting of renewable energy projects as well as assistance developing siting guidelines for renewable energy. The town plan provides a foundation and vision for Starksboro. Attempting to seek a balance between the regulatory aspect of the plan and vision is challenging work. In the end, the Plan is the basis for the Planning Commission’s (PC) work and that of other Town Boards.

An approved Town Plan provides access to grant opportunities and other State and Federal resources. Local citizen participation is a crucial part of the Town Plan process. Though this revision was a minor one, input is always needed and welcome at all levels. Please help us accomplish this work in the future by participating in forums, surveys and/or working groups. The town website, the Gazette, and Front Porch Forum will continue to be used to help inform residents during the process.

Starksboro’s unified bylaw, adopted in 2016, combines both the zoning and subdivision regulations into one set of bylaws, providing consistent and clear regulations while reducing redundancy. After two years, the Board is now reviewing these bylaws to improve definitions and clarify some areas. Any proposed changes to the bylaws will be presented to the town residents at a public hearing later in 2019.

The board offers its thanks to Norm Cota, who has served on the Planning Commission for 33 years. The board also said farewell to long-time member Hugh Johnson, who resigned in October 2018.

The Planning Commission holds meetings on the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public and we welcome resident participation. Starksboro Planning Commission members are elected officials. This year two members will be elected on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

Respectively submitted,

Dennis Casey, *Chair*

Jeff Keeney, *V.Chair*

Hugh Johnson, *Clerk* (resigned October 2018)

Denny Barnard

Norm Cota

Dan Harris

Dan Nugent

## **Starksboro Conservation Commission 2018 Report**

*The mission of the Starksboro Conservation Commission is to provide leadership in our community's efforts to protect its natural and agricultural resources through education, conservation advocacy, land stewardship, and the Town's planning process.*

### **Creekside Trail**

The Commission continues to maintain the trail and arrange for regular mowing. In 2019, we expect to contract for mowing to ensure that the trail is usable for a longer season. We're grateful for the volunteer mowing by Greg Cousino these last few years. We also expect to be rebuilding the footbridge across Lewis Creek this summer. Stay tuned for a call for volunteers!

### **Education**

By hosting the Harvest Supper as a fundraiser we are able to provide annual financial support for the Four Winds Nature Institute's curriculum, which is brought to Robinson's School students by local volunteers. This annual November event also highlights the importance of local agriculture in stewarding our land and supporting a rural way of life. We purchase local produce, grains, meats, and cheeses for the supper. This year the supper – with Stonewood Farm turkeys as its centerpiece – raised nearly \$1,000!. The increase was due to increased donations from a number of farmers as well as community members. All proceeds were donated to the Four Winds educational program. We warmly thank our many donors and volunteers!!!

With the Historical Society, we cosponsored a presentation on maps, past and present at the Meetinghouse. A special forum on the climate action at the local and state level was cosponsored with the Starksboro Energy Committee.

### **Town Forest**

The Starksboro Town forest inventory was completed last year, and a revision of the management plan is anticipated for this year. We are in the process of renegotiating the terms of lease for maple sugaring taps in the forest, which garners the Conservation Commission a modest stream of income.

### **Members:**

Jan McCleery, Chair      Emily Stoehr, Secretary  
Jody Higgs, Robert Turner, Peg Casey

We are recruiting new members, so please call or email (453-4027; [rjtoc@gmavt.net](mailto:rjtoc@gmavt.net)) if you are interested in joining the Starksboro Conservation Commission!

## Starksboro Energy Committee 2018 Report

The Starksboro Energy Committee (SEC) was formed by the Starksboro Select Board on February 6, 2018 with a mission “to work with residents, businesses, and the Town to ensure our community’s long-term energy future and energy independence by changing the way we use, produce, and relate to energy”. The appointed committee members include Jeff Dunham, Megan Nedzinski, Peter Antos-Ketcham, Phil Mosenthal and chair Richard Faesy. They generally meet at the Town Clerk’s office on the first Monday of the month from 5:30 – 7:30, complete with pizza. Meetings are open and anyone who would like to join is welcome. Minutes and agendas are posted on the Starksboro town website.

The SEC has a long and ambitious list of activities it plans to undertake. Some of the SEC accomplishments in 2018 include the following:

- The SEC engaged with the newly formed Mt. Abe Unified School District to line up an energy audit that will hopefully result in energy improvements to Robinson School. This process has taken some time and the SEC plans to continue to advocate for addressing our School’s energy needs and opportunities for engaging teachers and students in reducing our energy costs and carbon footprint.
- In the process of updating the Starksboro Town Plan, the Planning Commission asked the SEC to review the energy sections of the Plan and then to support them at the public hearing.
- The SEC sponsored a Town Energy Form on September 14 to which a number of the local political candidates attended. Robert Turner reported on the Governor’s Climate Action Commission findings and recommendations, Megan Nedzinski reviewed the Town Energy Plan and Richard Faesy summarized the SEC activities.
- Jeff Dunham spearheaded completion of a \$20,000 grant application to the State to install an electric vehicle charging station at the Starksboro Park and Ride behind the Town Clerk’s office. Notification should be by spring 2019.
- He also researched battery backup options for the Town Clerk’s office to ensure that during storms when the power is out, that critical Town functions can continue, powered by a Tesla battery.
- Pete Antos-Ketcham led efforts to weatherize long-time Starksboro farmer Leslie Rublee’s house including a volunteer day air-sealing his basement to keep out drafts and cut down on his oil consumption.
- Pete also engaged with Efficiency Vermont to establish a Button Up partnership to help educate and provide resources to Starksboro residents to help weatherize more homes in town.
- Future initiatives could include expanding three phase power into the village, helping the Select Board review the proposed solar development at the old landfill, looking into more solar panels for town buildings, helping residents reduce their energy use through weatherization activities, and supporting energy education at Robinson School.

For more information or to get involved, contact Richard (Digger) Faesy at [arfaesy@gmavt.net](mailto:arfaesy@gmavt.net) or 434-4254.

## **Town of Starksboro DELINQUENT TAX POLICY**

1. Property Taxes are due and payable to the Town of Starksboro Treasurer on or before November 1 by 4:30 pm each year.
2. There will be no grace period allowed for late payments. Payment must be received by November 1 by 4:30 pm to avoid additional payments of interest and penalty.
3. After November 1 by 4:30 pm (32 V.S.A. 3004) the town treasurer will give the delinquent tax collector a list of all delinquent property taxes.
4. After the list of all delinquent property taxes is received, the delinquent tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent tax payer, itemizing the amount due, including tax, interest and penalties (collector's fee).
5. Payments received after November 1 at 4:30 pm are subject to 1% per month (1 ½% after January 31<sup>st</sup>) or portion thereof, interest charge plus a 2% collector's fee if paid in full by November 10<sup>th</sup> or an 8% collector's fee, if paid after the November 10<sup>th</sup> of the year billed (32 V.S.A. 1674 (2), 1674 (3), 5142, 4773).
6. Partial payments will be applied first to any costs or expenses that may be due, then to outstanding interest, and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the principal amount of tax, the delinquent tax collector's fee, and any attorney's fee (if applicable).
7. If a delinquent tax payer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the delinquent tax collector on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, the delinquent tax collector will take those steps required under Vermont Law to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due as is necessary to pay the property tax, interest, penalties and all legal costs (including attorney's fee, legal notices, and certified mail).
8. The tax collector may, in his/her discretion, take those steps under Vermont Law to schedule a tax sale at any time when taxes are delinquent. In exercising his/her discretion, the tax collector may take into account, among other relevant factors, the following considerations: the amount of taxes that are delinquent, the taxpayer's history of delinquency in previous years; whether or not the property has been subject of tax sales in previous years while owned by the same taxpayer; whether or not delay may impair the Town's ability to collect in full taxes owed; whether or not delay may require the Town to borrow additional funds in anticipation of taxes.

Note: Original document approved by Selectmen 8/17/1999, revised 11/25/2002, and 11/2018.

Amy McCormick  
Delinquent Tax Collector 2018

## STARSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Looking back on this last year and months, I think the Starksboro Historical Society (SHS) had an interesting and productive year.

One of the highlights—which is still a work in progress—was the acceptance of an 1857 Wallingford map of Addison County donated by Gill Coates of the Monkton Historical Society—Thank You Gill. Being over 160 years old, the map was not in the best condition. SHS contracted with noted conservator Mary Jo Davis to do some cleaning, repairs and restoration. We did not have the funds for a really complete restoration, but we did the best we could with our limited financial resources. The cleaning and repairs are completed and the map is enclosed in Mylar for preservation and awaits being put on display soon.

The map sparked an interest which resulted in our sponsoring a program entitled “Learning About Starksboro Through Maps” using the new technology called LIDAR. Elsa Gilbertson and Mike Blakeslee did a great job presenting this program.

We also accepted the donation of an old Starksboro Creamery milk can in good shape reputed to be from the Moody farm in Lincoln. It is located in the Town Office.

SHS also sponsored several programs with the cooperation of the Conservation Commission, the Starksboro Library, the Village Meeting House and others. Thank You all for your help.

Linda Barnard spoke and showed slides of she and her husbands travels to become members of the 251 Club. A lot of roadwork but well worth it.

Laura Farrell also spoke and showed slides on a program entitled “Bobcats In Our Backyard” which produced a lot of interesting comments. I’ve seen some crossing my front lawn.

Kevin Hanson gave an illustrated presentation “Hops History In Our Town” at the Jerusalem Schoolhouse. Thanks for it’s use. He based his talk on the past and present history of hops in town—which is becoming more popular—and his knowledge of brewing.

Mike Blakeslee spoke on “Learning History Through Living History”, an informative and interesting talk by a local historian. His thoughts covered a wide range of time and ideas. Show and tell made it even better.

As usual we had a fairly large number of inquiries and requests for help and information. Some were local, some far away—even overseas. I recorded over two dozen. With great help from John Burbank, Gerald Heffernan and others we were able to answer many—not all—of them. Thank you all!!!

Many of you are familiar with Elsa Gilbertson’s collection of pictures and information on Starksboro’s roads from the 1917 Town Report. With some urging, she compiled that into a 32 page booklet that can be purchased at the Town Office. Thank you Elsa for another great job.

Over a number of years, many of you have become accustomed to seeing e-mails and information from our Secretary Ruth Beecher. This year, owing to a change in her teaching assignments and other duties she has felt it necessary to resign her position. This is a big loss to the Starksboro Historical Society as we had come to depend on Ruth to keep us updated and on our toes. THANK YOU RUTH FOR YOUR GREAT SERVICE!!! We will miss you, but wish you all the best!

Daniel Baker volunteered to take over, so as President, I appointed him temporarily until we have a meeting in the new year for formal elections.

It was great to have local people and organizations in our program this year—lets have more. We always welcome new members with new ideas and energy. Suggestions for projects and programs would help us plan our activities.

# Vermont Department of Health Local Report

## 2019

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

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

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

Learn more about what we do on the web at [www.healthvermont.gov](http://www.healthvermont.gov)  
Join us on [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/VDHMIDDLEBURY/](https://www.facebook.com/vdhmiddlebury/) Follow us on  
[www.twitter.com/healthvermont](https://www.twitter.com/healthvermont)

# ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 20 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors (Board) comprised of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3<sup>d</sup> Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

### District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction**; (2) Promoting **pollution prevention**; (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

### District Office and Transfer Station

**Telephone:** (802) 388-2333

**Fax:** (802) 388-0271

**Website:**

**[www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)**

**E-mail:** [acswmd@acswmd.org](mailto:acswmd@acswmd.org)

**Transfer Station Hours:** M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

**Office Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–4 PM

**HazWaste Center Hours:** M-F, 8 AM–2 PM & Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are co-located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The **Reuse It or Lose It!** Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

### 2018 Highlights

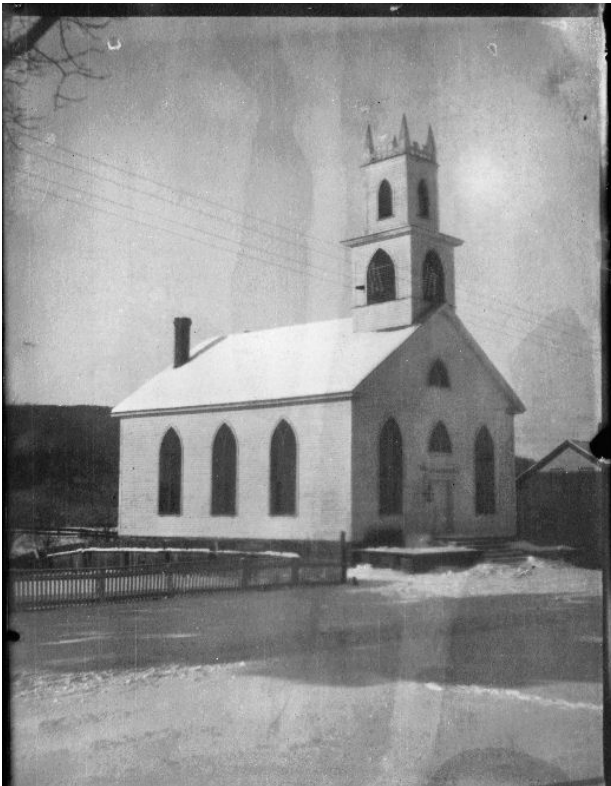
**Act 148.** The District continued its efforts this year to implement the goals outlined in VT's Universal Recycling Law. Food scrap diversion remains one of the most challenging aspects of the URL in a rural county with low population density. The District's efforts thus far have helped increase food scrap diversion, both at local town drop-offs as well as at the District Transfer Station. This year, more Addison County businesses and schools transitioned to a sustainable diversion system for food scraps. With the 2020 landfill ban for food scraps approaching, the District is focusing its efforts on both residential and business organics diversion. The District also provided numerous workshops on backyard composting this year.

**Recycling.** One of the most pressing aspects of waste diversion is the downturn in recycling market prices. China, the export market for one-third of all U.S. recyclables, recently enacted its National Sword initiative. Designed to reduce contamination, it has caused disruption of international recycling markets. Acceptable levels of contamination in imported bales of recycled commodities are so low that few, if any, facilities in the U.S. can meet the new standard. The result has been a scramble to find other markets, and a glut of recycled materials. Revenues for recycling are at historic lows. In spite of this, the District's commitment to recycling remains steadfast. The District will continue to improve efforts to educate the public about what is and is not recyclable, and to work with local processors and haulers to ensure that we can collectively weather this crisis until markets eventually rebound.

**Illegal Burning/Disposal.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Burning & Disposal Ordinance. The District served again as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, VT's annual litter clean-up event. The District subsidized the disposal of 17.30 tons of roadside trash, .39 tons of tires, 4 auto batteries, 11 E-Waste items, 1 appliance, and various other hazardous items, for a total economic benefit to its member towns of \$5,424.

## 2019 Annual Budget

The District adopted a 2019 Annual Budget of \$3,223,095. This represents a 7.69% increase over the 2018 Annual Budget, primarily due to a major increase in recycling costs. The Transfer Station tip fees will increase to \$126/ton for MSW and C&D. The rate for Single Stream Recyclables will increase to \$92/ton. Rates on some other items will have nominal increases. New fees: \$1 per visit or per 50 or < lbs of household goods at the ***Reuse It or Lose It!*** Shed; and \$5/load for books. The District Fee of \$33.40/ton on all waste destined for disposal, and \$10/ton on contaminated soils used as Alternative Daily Cover at the landfill will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2019.** For a copy of the full 2018 Annual Report and Adopted 2019 Rate Sheet, please give us a call, or visit the District website at [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org).



### 5. Starksboro Village Meeting House

The Starksboro Village Meeting House, built in 1838-40 in the Gothic Revival style, was a union church shared by the Methodists, Baptists, and Christian Church, with the town hall in the ground level. In 1957 a community group was formed to preserve the building. Since then it has been used for a variety of purposes, including the annual Christmas Candlelight Service, the first home of the town library, and as home to the Starksboro Co-operative Pre-school since the 1990s. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

### 6. Bell, Starksboro Village Meeting House

The fine-toned bell by the Jones & Co. bell foundry was installed in the Starksboro Village Meeting House belfry in 1868. Parishioners Sidney Bushnell and Oscar Baldwin went to Troy, NY, to purchase it.



# VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

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

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

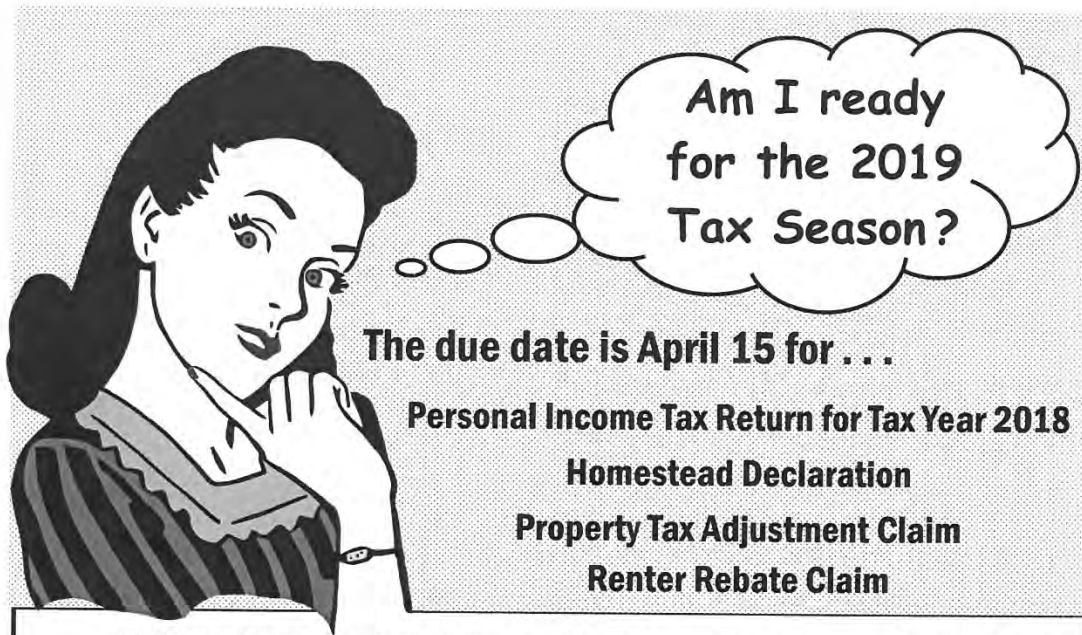
For text of Act 46, go to

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>



8. Methodist Episcopal Church north of town, Beers map

The Methodist Episcopal Society of Starksboro, Monkton, and Hinesburg erected the Starksboro North Meeting House on this site (VT Route 116 south of the Starksboro/Hinesburg town line) in 1839. The location is shown on the 1871 Beers Atlas. It is not known when the church was given up. The building was moved just to the north, became a horse barn, and eventually was demolished.



The due date is April 15 for . . .  
**Personal Income Tax Return for Tax Year 2018**  
**Homestead Declaration**  
**Property Tax Adjustment Claim**  
**Renter Rebate Claim**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Email: [tax.individualincome@vermont.gov](mailto:tax.individualincome@vermont.gov)  
Phone: (802) 828-2865 or (866) 828-2865 (toll-free in VT)  
Website: [tax.vermont.gov](http://tax.vermont.gov)



# Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753 www.acrpc.org Phone: 802.388.3141 Fax: 802.388.0038

## Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2018

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the Region during its 2018 fiscal year:

### Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping

- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the region in the Act 250 process and at the Public Service Board in Section 248 hearings.

### Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics, including water quality, open meetings and planning essentials.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.

### Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts.
- Hosted Local Emergency Management Plan training for town Emergency Managers and hosted a Tier II workshop for municipalities and businesses required to report hazardous chemicals.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation plans for the towns of Ferrisburgh, Monkton, Pantton, Salisbury, Starksboro, Goshen, New Haven, Shoreham, Ripton, Bristol and Orwell.
- Confirmed ERAF status and assisted communities in attaining compliance.

### Energy Planning:

- Assisted a second round of three towns, Salisbury, Monkton and Pantton in strengthening their energy plans by adding goals and policies supporting renewable energy.
- Completed the Regional Energy Plan to comply with Act 174, providing more voice to municipal and regional plans in the Section 248 process.

### Transportation Planning

- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's regional priorities and studies.
- Supported Tri-Valley Transit/ACTR by providing leadership and technical support.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of all local roads in the region.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride and stormwater grants.
- Served as a Municipal Project Manager for sidewalk construction projects in Middlebury and Weybridge.
- Sponsored town transportation studies, planning and supported municipal capital budget development
- Facilitated Regional Walk/bike council meetings/outreach

### Natural Resources Planning

- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support forest stewardship resource planning.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.
- Provided educational outreach regarding the Vermont Clean Water Act and tactical basin planning,
- Performed stormwater planning projects and Vermont Environmental Restoration Program projects

Addison  
Lincoln  
Salisbury

Bridport  
Middlebury  
Shoreham

Bristol  
Monkton  
Starksboro

Cornwall  
New Haven  
Vergennes

Ferrisburgh  
Orwell  
Waltham

Goshen  
Pantton  
Weybridge

Leicester  
Ripton  
Whiting



STARКСBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
2017-18

The Starksboro Public Library, located in the main floor of the Town Hall, has been lending books and building community for over fifty years. The library is open twenty hours each week, on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. We also held Sunday hours to coincide with the *Share-On* food distribution in January and February. We are open to all and a library card is free.

In the local collection, the town owns over 6,000 books, videos, audio books, and magazines and new titles are added every month. Through membership in the Catamount Library Network, library patrons have direct access to over 300,000 titles at other member libraries. Patrons borrowed 532 items from our partner libraries this year and we loaned 204 items. E-books and e-audiobooks are available through our subscription to *Listen Up! Vermont* and free online courses through the VT state library's Universal Class subscription. Another exciting collaboration with most libraries in VT allows inter-library loans to be delivered by a courier truck. This has significantly brought down the cost of sharing resources. We have free Wi-Fi, computers and printers for public use, and passes for Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites, ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, the Shelburne Museum, and others.

In 2017-18, we had over 2180 walk-in visitors to the library. Special events, programs and meetings raise the total to over 3,200. Collaborations with other local groups included Starksboro READ, and Monkton, Lincoln, and Bristol libraries. Over 30 meetings were held in the library this year including Girl Scouts, Lewis Creek Association, Starksboro Conservation Commission, Robinson Four Winds, Candidate Meet & Greet, and the Starksboro Historical Society.

We bought some furnishings this year including four new bookshelves and a second-hand oak library table and chairs. We also acquired two free, new-to-us computer carrels for the library catalog and Internet computer.

The library offers opportunities for lifelong learning all year long. This past year, we sponsored a winter film series, a live music concert with Daddy Long Legs, as well as various educational programs. Ongoing programs in the library include Preschool Story Time, Second Saturday Toddler Meet-up, RSVP Bone Builders, Fiber Arts, and Library Book Group. We helped celebrate International Music Day with the musical group Full Circle, and had a Baby Brunch to celebrate new babies in town. The 5/6 grade class from Robinson visited the library in early summer after the school library closed. Working with donated books, we've made free books available to seniors and families who attend monthly senior luncheons at the Baptist Church.

Regular volunteers at the library include Sam Fenner and Cecelia Elwert – we couldn't do it without you! Thanks also to volunteers who led programs: Cynthia Kling, Stephen Ahearn, Lee Hulsebos, Margi Gregory, Laura Farrell, Eric Hanson, and Thacher Hurd, and to those who shared their artwork and collections for our displays. Thanks also to those who donated items to Neat Repeats in our name.

Librarian Catherine Goldsmith and Assistant Librarian Lynn Stewart-Parker invite everyone to stop in for a visit and to see what the library offers. Find the schedule of library events on Front Porch Forum and Facebook.

Starksboro Public Library Trustees: Celina Aiguier, Secretary; Katie Antos-Ketcham; Chris Runcie, Chair; Liz Fairchild, Vice Chair; Judy Kessler, Treasurer.

**STARKSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY—TREASURER’S REPORT FY 17-18**

<b>TOWN ACCOUNT</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>
Town Appropriation	\$27,450.00	
Other Income	\$6.99	
<b>TOTAL TOWN INCOME</b>	<b>\$27,456.99</b>	
Personnel		\$20,119.71
Books and Materials (Town funds)		\$2,169.01
Automation		\$665.00
Postage/Courier		\$167.00
Programming		\$60.00
Computer		\$93.21
Insurance		\$600.00
Custodian/Building Maintenance		\$1,509.91
Supplies and Furnishings		\$297.96
Telephone		\$629.73
Utilities		\$1,278.94
<b>TOTAL TOWN EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$27,590.47</b>
<b>Town Receipts Less Disbursements</b>		<b>- \$133.48</b>
<b>Transfer of Gifts &amp; Grants funds back to town</b>		<b>\$133.48</b>
<b>Town Budget, Balance 6/30/2018</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

**GIFTS & GRANTS ACCOUNT**

<b>Gifts and Grant Funds, Balance 7/1/2017</b>	<b>\$3,046.48</b>	
Donations and Grants (unrestricted)	\$1,009.25	
Restricted Grants	\$1,250.00	
Sales of Donated Books	\$178.72	
<b>+TOTAL GIFTS AND GRANTS INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,484.45</b>	
Grant-related Personnel		\$1,365.74
Postage/Courier		\$585.00
Automation		\$0.00
Collection (Memorials and Other)		\$300.00
Programming		632.00
Supplies and Furnishings		\$250.00
Miscellaneous Grant Expenses		\$465.00
<b>TOTAL GIFTS AND GRANTS EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$3,597.74</b>
<b>Gifts and Grant Funds, Balance 6/30/2018</b>		<b>\$1,886.71</b>

	<b>Budget 18-19</b>	<b>Proposed Budget 19-20</b>
Personnel	\$20,600.00	\$21,550.00
Books and Materials	\$2,200.00	\$2,300.00
Automation	\$700.00	\$700.00
Computer	\$150.00	\$150.00
Insurance	\$600.00	\$600.00
Custodian/Building Maintenance	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00
Postage	\$650.00	\$650.00
Programs	\$250.00	\$250.00
Supplies and Furnishings	\$250.00	\$250.00
Utilities	\$1,500.00	\$1,300.00
Telephone	\$650.00	\$650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,750.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>

## How The FY 18-19 Property Tax Rate Was Set

Warning

item	<u>Municipal Spending (voted 2018)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Notes</u>
(3)	General Fund	\$686,704	\$0.4121	68%	
(4)	Fire Reserve	\$45,993	\$0.0276	5%	
(5)	Road Reserve	\$89,072	\$0.0535	9%	
(6)	Paving Reserve	\$40,000	\$0.0240	4%	
(7)	Library	\$28,750	\$0.0173	3%	
(8)	Fire Dept/JHS Planning	\$25,000	\$0.0150	2%	
(9)	Starksboro Food Shelf	\$2,000	\$0.0012	0%	
(13)	In-Town Requests	\$40,925	\$0.0246	4%	
(14)	Out-of-Town Requests	\$29,588	\$0.0178	3%	
	<b>Total Municipal Spending</b>	<b><u>\$988,032</u></b>			(1)
	Muni Grand List (July 2018)	\$1,666,267			
	Tax Rate, Municipal Spending		<u>\$0.6028</u>	98%	(2)
	Tax Rate, Veterans exemption		<u>\$0.0012</u>		
	<b>Total Rate, Municipal</b>		<b>\$0.6040</b>		

### Tax Rate For Residential Property

Tax Rate, Municipal Portion	\$0.6040	28%	
Education Tax Rate (Homestead)	\$1.5573	72%	(3)
<b>Total Tax (Municipal + Education)</b>	<b>\$2.1613</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<i>Approximate Tax on a \$200,000 home: \$4,323</i>			

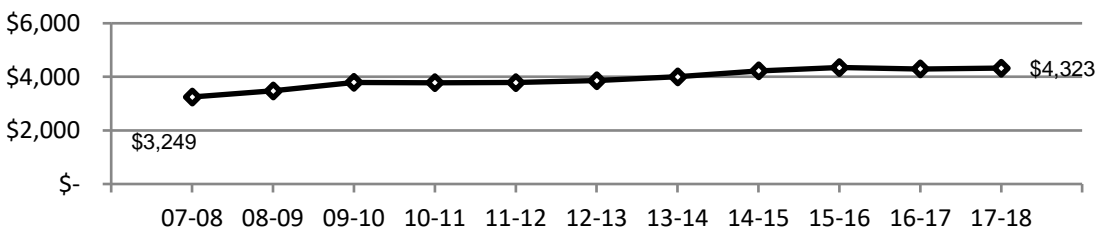
### Tax Rate For Non Residential Property

Tax Rate, Municipal Portion	\$0.6040	27%	
Education Tax (Non-Residential)	\$1.5960	73%	(4)
<b>Tax for Non-Residential Property</b>	<b>\$2.2000</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<i>Approx. Tax on a \$200,000 property: \$4,508</i>			

**Notes:**

- [1] Articles passed at Town Meeting on March 3, 2018. Note that Article 1 was amended from the floor.  
 [2] The Municipal Tax Rate for budgeted spending is the budgeted Total Municipal Spending divided by the Municipal Grand List amount.  
 [3] The Education Tax rate is a calculation that accounts for Mt Abe and Robinson school budgets, adjusted for per-pupil spending, the Town's common level of appraisal (CLA), and other factors. Starksboro's CLA improved declined from 99.83% to 99.0%. Education adj. rate= 1.5417/0.99. or 1.5573. [4] The non-residential property tax rate for education starts with a \$1.5804 base and is adjusted by the CLA: \$1.5804 / 0.99 = \$1.5690.

**Taxes on a \$200,000 residence**



## Estimate of The FY 19-20 Property Tax Rate

Warning

item	<u>Municipal Spending (Warned 2017)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>%</u>	Notes
(3)	General Fund	\$705,104	\$0.4268	71%	
(4)	Fire Reserve	\$47,373	\$0.0287	5%	
(5)	Road Reserve	\$93,526	\$0.0566	9%	
(6)	Paving Reserve	\$40,000	\$0.0242	4%	
(7)	Library	\$30,000	\$0.0182	3%	
(9)	In-Town Requests	\$45,925	\$0.0278	5%	
(10)	Out-of-Town Requests	\$29,588	\$0.0179	3%	
	Total Municipal Spending	<u>\$991,516</u>			(1)
	Grand List (Jan 2019)	\$1,652,021			(2)
	Tax Rate, Municipal Spending		<u>\$0.6002</u>	100%	
	Tax Rate, Veterans exemption		<u>\$0.0012</u>		
	Total Rate, Municipal		<u>\$0.6014</u>		

### Tax Rate For Residential Property

Tax Rate, Municipal Portion	\$0.6014	27%	(3)
Education Tax Rate (Homestead)	\$1.6407	73%	
Total Tax (Municipal + Education)	\$2.2421	100%	

*Estimated Tax on a \$200,000 home: \$4,484*

### Tax Rate For Non Residential Property

Tax Rate, Municipal Portion	\$0.6014	27%	(4)
Education Tax (Non-Residential)	\$1.5994	73%	
Total Tax for Non-Residential property	\$2.2008	100%	

*Estimated Tax on a \$200,000 property: \$4,402*

**Notes:**

[1] Articles to be voted at Town Meeting on March 2, 2019.

[2] The Municipal Tax Rate for budgeted spending is the budgeted Total Municipal Spending divided by the Grand List amount. The Grand List is as of January, 2019. The actual Grand List used to set the tax rate won't be final until July 2019.

[3] The Education Tax rate is now set through the MAUSD budgeting process. The estimate is based on information from the MAUSD annual report, adjusted for the Common Level of Appraisal. Starksboro's CLA declined slightly from 99% to 98.79% for 2019.

[4] The non-residential property tax rate is set here as equal to last year's rate (\$1.58), adjusted by this year's CLA.

**STATEMENT OF TAXES**  
**Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

PROPERTY VALUATIONS		Notes
Total Taxable - Municipal	\$166,626,700	
Grand List @ 1% - Municipal	\$1,666,267	
Total Taxable - Education, Homestead	\$114,636,000	
Grand List @ 1% - Education, Homestead	\$1,146,360	
Total Taxable - Education, Non-Resident	\$52,384,400	
Grand List @ 1% - Education, Non-Resident	\$523,844	
TAX ASSESSMENT		
Tax Rate computation		
Tax Rate - Municipal	\$0.6040	
Tax Rate - Education, Homestead	\$1.5573	
Tax Rate - Education, Non-Resident	\$1.5960	
Municipal	\$988,032	
Education, Homestead	\$1,785,226	
Education, Non-Resident	\$836,055	
Late Homestead Penalty	\$1,845	
Abatements	\$-	
Errors and Omissions	\$(36,467) (1)	
<b>TOTAL TO BE COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$3,574,691</b>	
NET TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR		
Prepaid during FY 16-17	\$14,167	
Collected by Treasurer	2,787,310	
Collected by Delinquent Tax Collector	179,155	
Delinquent taxes due (excluding penalties)	\$61,448	
State payments	\$581,914	
Overpayment Credit for late filers	\$(49,303)	
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>\$3,574,692</b>	

(1) Errors and omissions account for a variety of anomalies over the course of a tax year.



## Delinquent Taxes FY 2017-2018

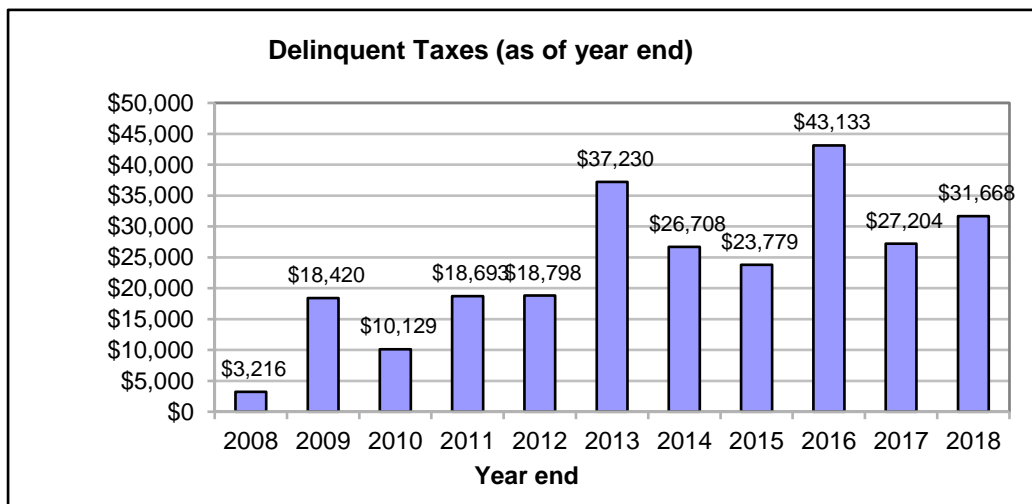
**Delinquent on June 30, 2018** \$61,448.26

**Taxes Paid for FY 17-18 between 07/01/2018 and 01/09/2018** (\$29,779.78)

**Taxes Abated** \$0.00

**The following landowners are responsible for the remaining delinquent taxes of:** \$31,668.48

ASA LLC	GRADY, ROBERT	PALMER, AMOS
BENNETT, BOBBY	LAFRENIERE, TINKER	PIDGEON, CHARLES H
BIRD, DIANA	LANG, ROBERT J	POMAINVILLE, SHAWN
BRIGGS, JASON	LATOURE, RONALD	RAYMOND, JESSIE
BRIGGS, SANDRA	LIBERTY, HALNON ISA	RUSSIN, GARY & JULI
BROWN, GARY & PODLA	MARCHACOS, DEAN	ST. PETER, NANCY
CARTER, TINA	MARTELL, SHIRLEY E	STARSBORO PROPERT
CATELLA, DONALD	MARTIN, EUGENE	SUCHMAN FAMILY LLC
CHARLEBOISE, CASSIE	MORIN, CHARLES SR	THAYER, LEO
COLEMAN, KIM	MOULTHROP, DAWN	
CORSE, GARTH	NORTH, EMIL	
CURAVOO, ALFRED		



Taxes for years prior to FY 2017-18

**Outstanding as of June 30, 2018** \$24,812.15

**Paid between July 1, 2018 and January 10, 2019** (\$17,083.27)

**Remaining outstanding for prior to FY 16-17 as of Jan 8, 2018** \$7,728.88

The following landowners are responsible for the Remaining delinquent taxes for FY 14-15 to FY 16-17:

**FY14/15**

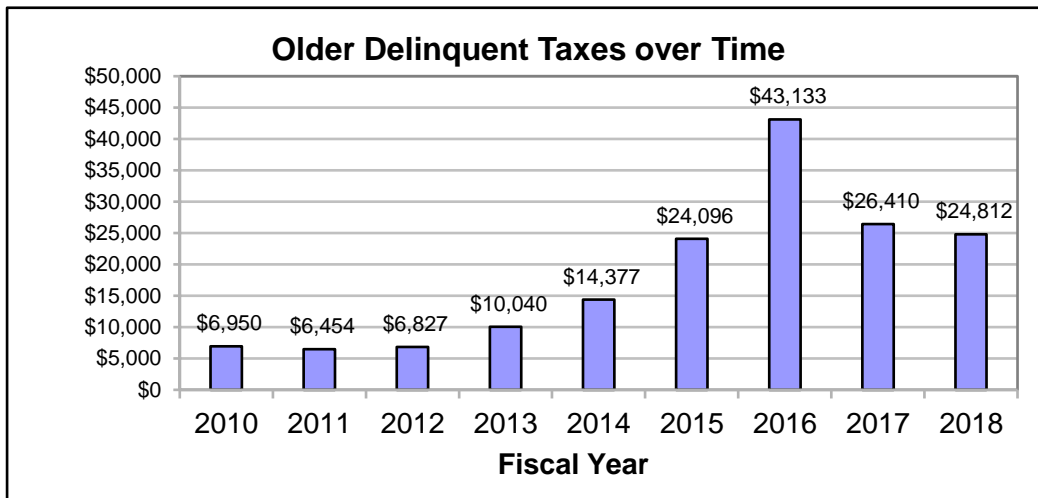
NORTH, EMIL  
ST PETER, NANCY

**FY15/16**

BIRD, DIANA  
BRIGGS, JASON  
CATELLA, DONALD  
CURAVOO, ALFRED  
LAFRENIERE, TINKER  
NORTH. EMIL  
ST PETER, NANCY

**FY16/17**

BENNETT, BOBBY  
BIRD, DIANA  
BRIGGS, JASON  
CATELLA, DONALD  
CURAVOO, ALFRED  
LAFRENIERE, TINKER  
LIBERTY, HALMON ISA  
NORTH, EMILY  
PALMER, AMOS  
RAYMOND, JESSIE  
RUSSIN GARY & JULI  
ST PETER, NANCY



**Grand List**  
**Effective July 19, 2018**

<b>Real Estate Category</b>	<b>Number of Parcels</b>	<b>Municipal Listed Value (Taxable)</b>	<b>Homestead Education Listed Value (Taxable)</b>	<b>Non-Resident Education Listed Value (Taxable)</b>	<b>Total Education Listed Value (Taxable)</b>
Residential-1	271	52,551,400	44,856,600	7,694,800	52,551,400
Residential II	251	80,397,100	65,146,800	15,250,300	80,397,100
Mobile Homes-U	124	2,964,600	1,754,500	1,210,100	2,964,600
Mobile Homes-L	56	6,624,000	5,014,000	1,610,000	6,624,000
Seasonal I	41	3,898,600	0	3,898,600	3,898,600
Seasonal II	51	11,787,500	0	11,787,500	11,787,500
Commercial	12	4,105,600	168,300	3,937,300	4,105,600
Commercial Apts	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	1	431,400	0	431,400	431,400
Utilities-E	2	3,041,700	0	3,041,700	3,041,700
Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	12	7,627,200	3,636,700	3,990,500	7,627,200
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	43	6,227,100	0	6,227,100	6,227,100
Miscellaneous	58	4,835,600	231,000	4,604,600	4,835,600
<b>Total Real Estate</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>\$184,491,800</b>	<b>\$120,807,900</b>	<b>\$63,683,900</b>	<b>\$184,491,800</b>
<b>Personal Property</b>					
Cable	1	393,700	0	393,700	393,700
Machinery and Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Inventory	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Personal Property</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>393,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>393,700</b>	<b>393,700</b>
<b>Total Taxable Property</b>		<b>\$184,885,500</b>	<b>\$120,807,900</b>	<b>\$64,077,600</b>	<b>\$184,885,500</b>
<b>Exemptions</b>					
Veterans		150,000	60,000		60,000
Other, Incl PP	2	452,800			
<b>Current Use</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>17,656,000</b>	<b>6,021,900</b>	<b>11,634,100</b>	<b>17,656,000</b>
<b>Special Exemptions</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total exemptions</b>		<b>\$18,258,800</b>	<b>\$6,081,900</b>	<b>\$11,634,100</b>	<b>\$17,716,000</b>
<b>Net Taxable Property</b>		<b>\$166,626,700</b>	<b>\$114,726,000</b>	<b>\$52,443,500</b>	<b>\$167,169,500</b>
<b>Total Grand List</b>		<b>\$1,666,267.00</b>	<b>\$1,147,260.00</b>	<b>\$524,435.00</b>	<b>\$1,671,695.00</b>

Note: Grand List printout as of 7/19/2018. Totals includes late homestead filings and other adjustments made by the listers after April 1.

**Grand List  
January 2019**

<b>Real Estate Category</b>	Number of Parcels	Municipal Listed Value (Taxable)	Homestead Education Listed Value (Taxable)	Non-Resident Education Listed Value (Taxable)	Total Education Listed Value (Taxable)
Residential-1	268	52,107,100	44,582,100	7,525,000	52,107,100
Residential II	248	80,245,200	64,780,900	15,464,300	80,245,200
Mobile Homes-U	125	3,001,000	1,967,600	1,033,400	3,001,000
Mobile Homes-L	57	6,774,700	4,721,300	2,053,400	6,774,700
Seasonal 1	40	3,765,600	0	3,765,600	3,765,600
Seasonal 2	51	11,762,500	0	11,762,500	11,762,500
Commercial	12	4,109,700	0	4,109,700	4,109,700
Commercial Apts	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	1	431,400	0	431,400	431,400
Utilities-E	2	2,991,800	0	2,991,800	2,991,800
Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	13	7,597,200	3,581,100	4,016,100	7,597,200
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	41	5,773,200	0	5,773,200	5,773,200
Miscellaneous	59	4,863,600	231,000	4,632,600	4,863,600
<b>Total Real Estate</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>\$183,423,000</b>	<b>\$119,864,000</b>	<b>\$63,559,000</b>	<b>\$183,423,000</b>
<b>Personal Property</b>					
Cable	1	375,400	0	375,400	375,400
<b>Total Personal Property</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>375,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>375,400</b>	<b>375,400</b>
<b>Total Taxable Property</b>		<b>\$183,798,400</b>	<b>\$119,864,000</b>	<b>\$63,934,400</b>	<b>\$183,798,400</b>
<b>Exemptions</b>					
Personal Property contracts		375,400			
Veterans		150,000	60,000		60,000
Other	1	59,100		59,100	59,100
<b>Current Use</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>18,011,800</b>	<b>6,048,000</b>	<b>11,963,800</b>	<b>18,011,800</b>
<b>Special Exemptions</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total exemptions</b>		<b>\$18,596,300</b>	<b>\$6,108,000</b>	<b>\$12,022,900</b>	<b>\$18,130,900</b>
<b>Net Taxable Property</b>		<b>\$165,202,100</b>	<b>\$113,756,000</b>	<b>\$51,911,500</b>	<b>\$165,667,500</b>
<b>Total Municipal Grand List</b>		<b>\$1,652,021.00</b>			
<b>Total Education Grand List</b>			<b>\$1,137,560.00</b>	<b>\$519,115.00</b>	<b>\$1,656,675.00</b>

Note: Grand List printout as of 01/15/2019. Totals includes late homestead filings and other adjustments made by the listers after April 1.

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET**  
**ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS**  
**6/30/2018**

	General Fund	Reapprsl. Fund	Road Equip. fund	Fire Equip Fund	Emerg. Fund	Paving Reserve	TOTAL (Memo only)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>							
Checking Account (2)	65,595						65,595
Sweep Account	0						0
Muni Money Market Account (1)		69,512					69,512
Muni Money Market Account (1)			102,190				102,190
Muni Money Market Account (1)				146,168			146,168
Muni Money Market Account (1)					159,861		159,861
Muni Money Market Account (1)						40,054	40,054
Muni Money Market Account (1)							0
Mason Hill Cemetary Trust Account	2,843						2,843
Jerusalem Cemetary Trust Account	7,747						7,747
Conservation Commission	2,686						2,686
Property Taxes Receivable	74,959						74,959
Interest and Penalties Receivable	14,313						14,313
Prepaid Expenses	0						0
Due From Other Funds	37,571	2					37,573
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$205,715</b>	<b>\$69,514</b>	<b>\$102,190</b>	<b>\$146,168</b>	<b>\$159,861</b>	<b>\$40,054</b>	<b>\$723,501</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>							
Library Funds Unexpended							0
Other Expenses Payable	952						952
Prepaid Property Taxes (Current Year)	24,516						24,516
Payroll Liabilities	1,883						1,883
Unearned Property Taxes	71,361						71,361
Deferred revenue	14,313						14,313
Due to Other Funds	8,010		81	61			8,152
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$121,036</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$81</b>	<b>\$61</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$121,178</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>							
Opening Balance	57,384						57,384
Retained Earnings	-1,597,156	69,514	102,109	146,107	159,861	40,054	-1,079,511
Retained Earnings -Cons comm	2,874						2,874
Retained Earnings - Garage	1,613,885						1,613,885
Retained Earnings - Jerus. Cem	7,691						7,691
Net Income	0						0
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$84,678</b>	<b>\$69,514</b>	<b>\$102,109</b>	<b>\$146,107</b>	<b>\$159,861</b>	<b>\$40,054</b>	<b>\$602,323</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$205,714</b>	<b>\$69,514</b>	<b>\$102,190</b>	<b>\$146,168</b>	<b>\$159,861</b>	<b>\$40,054</b>	<b>\$723,501</b>

Notes

(1) Community Bank-- Money Market

(2) Community Bank - General Fund

## Reappraisal Reserve Fund

	BUDGET FY17-18	ACTUAL FY17-18	BUDGET FY18-19	PROPOSED FY19-20	Notes
<b>Fund Balance at Start of Year</b>	\$61,255	\$61,255	\$70,030	\$78,281	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Appropriation	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Interest Earned	75	150	100		
State of Vermont	8,700	8,109	8,151	8,000	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>\$8,775</u>	<u>\$8,259</u>	<u>\$8,251</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$70,030</u>	<u>\$69,514</u>	<u>\$78,281</u>	<u>\$86,281</u>	

The purpose of this reserve fund is to accumulate the monies needed to pay for periodic reappraisals for all properties on the Grand List. A reappraisal was completed during 2016.



9. Baptist Church with steeple

As the number of Baptists in town grew, they decided to move from the Village Meeting House (which they had one quarter use) and build their own church. The Starksboro First Baptist Church was completed in 1869. Its architectural features are late Greek Revival, with peaked lintels over the windows, and distinguished by its tall steeple. Downstairs was the vestry, with a spacious sanctuary on the second floor.

## ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND

	BUDGET FY 17-18	ACTUAL FY 17-18	BUDGET FY 18-19	PROPOSED FY 19-20	Notes
Fund Balance at Start of Year	\$85,731	\$85,731	\$102,109	\$121,545	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Appropriation	88,849	88,849	89,072	93,526	(2)
Short-term Bank Loan			212,000		
Interest Earned	238	72	287		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$89,087</b>	<b>\$88,921</b>	<b>\$301,359</b>	<b>\$93,526</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
2013 Grader	40,301	41,311	39,251		
2016 Tandem (Mack)	31,240	31,232	30,672	30,104	
2018 3/4-ton pickup			45,000	10,652	
2018 Utility Truck (Intnl)			167,000	39,529	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$71,541</b>	<b>\$72,543</b>	<b>\$281,923</b>	<b>\$80,285</b>	
Due to/from General Fund					
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$103,277</b>	<b>\$102,109</b>	<b>\$121,545</b>	<b>\$134,786</b>	

The Road Equipment Reserve Fund was created to fund the long term replacement of road equipment without wide fluctuations in the tax rate. It is based on a long term replacement plan. Municipal loans are used to purchase large items and the reserve fund is used to make the loan payments. Municipal loans typically have low interest rates compared to other loans. The replacement schedule is recommended by the Road Foreman and approved by the Selectboard.

Recently replaced equipment includes:

<u>FY</u>	<u>Equipment (1)</u>	<u>Actual Cost</u>
13-14	Mower	33,000
13-14	Grader	191,000
16-17	Tandem Dump Truck	142,000
18-19	3/4-ton pickup	45,000
18-19	Utility Truck	167,000

(1) Actual costs are determined at the time of purchase. Grants and trade-in values will affect future costs.

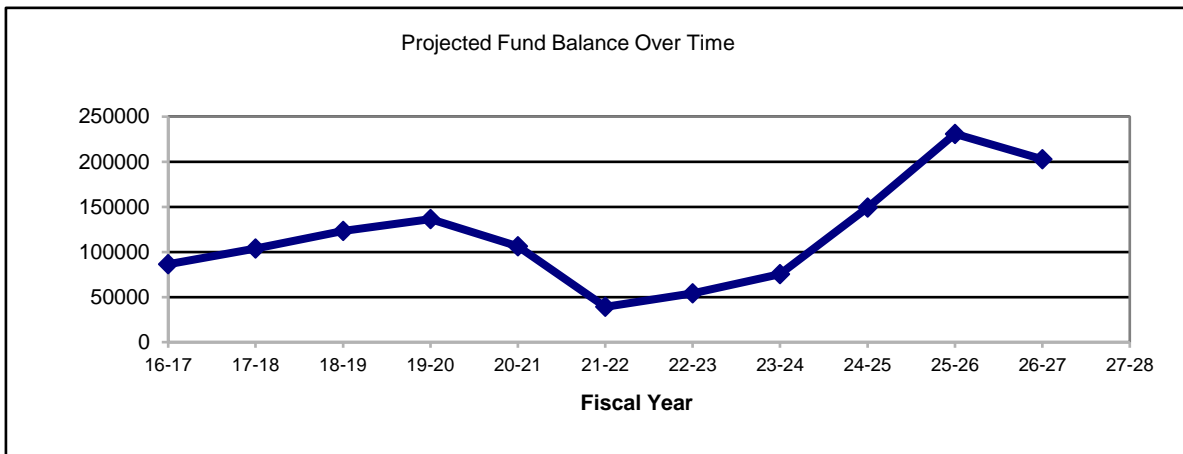
(2) Appropriations based on the expected timing of purchases, and the estimated costs for equipment and financing..

## Road Equipment Reserve Fund Replacement Schedule and Costs

The purpose of this schedule is to show what equipment is to be replaced and when. In order to estimate future fund balances, all equipment is given an estimated useful life. The following projections include replacing equipment at the end of its useful life. Actual replacement of equipment is determined based on its condition at the time - not its estimated life. Grants and trade-in values will affect future costs.

The amount of the appropriation is set so that the fund balance does not fall below zero in any year. Increases to the appropriation should stay within the average rate of inflation.

Purchase FY	Equipment Item To Be Replaced	Actual/Estimated Cost	Years of Escalation	Estimated Replacement Net Cost	Useful Life
18-19	Utility Truck	167,000	8	228,551	8
18-19	2018 3/4-ton pickup	45,000	8	61,586	8
19-20	Tandem Dump Truck	210,000	8	287,400	8
21-22	Mower	33,000	8	45,163	8
24-25	Tandem Dump Truck	210,000	5	255,497	8
25-26	Grader	191,000	15	343,980	12
26-27	Utility Truck	228,551	8	312,788	8
27-28	Sand Screen	59,000	17	114,926	20
27-28	Tandem Dump Truck	210,000	9	298,895	8





## Fire Equipment Reserve Fund

	BUDGET FY 17-18	ACTUAL FY 17-18	BUDGET FY 18-19	PROPOSED FY 19-20	Notes
Fund Balance at Start of Year	\$119,607	\$119,607	\$146,010	\$127,116	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Appropriation	\$44,653	\$44,653	\$45,993	\$43,353	(1)
Temporary Approp. Adjustment					
Bank Loan	\$290,000	\$290,000			
Interest Earned	\$200	\$304	\$363		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$334,853</b>	<b>\$334,957</b>	<b>\$46,356</b>	<b>\$43,353</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Utility Truck Loan Payment	\$18,450	\$18,458			
Tanker 2018--Loan Payment			\$65,250	\$63,800	
Tanker 2018	\$290,000	\$290,000			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$308,450</b>	<b>\$308,458</b>	<b>\$65,250</b>	<b>\$63,800</b>	
Due to/from General Fund		-			
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$146,010</b>	<b>\$146,107</b>	<b>\$127,116</b>	<b>\$106,669</b>	

FY	Equipment (1)	Cost
17-18	Tanker	290,000

Notes:

(1) The replacement schedule is recommended by the Volunteer Fire Department and approved by the Selectboard. Priority is given to critical life-saving and safety equipment. Appropriations are expected to increase annually based on an average rate of inflation.



### 10. Baptist Church without steeple

By the early 1900s the Baptist Church steeple began deteriorating. The tip fell in the road and the rest was pulled down by ropes. Note the horse sheds behind the church. Both the Baptist Church and Village Meeting House had horse sheds to shelter the horses and wagons of their parishioners. When the Town Hall was built in 1911, meeting goes could stable their horses in the church sheds.

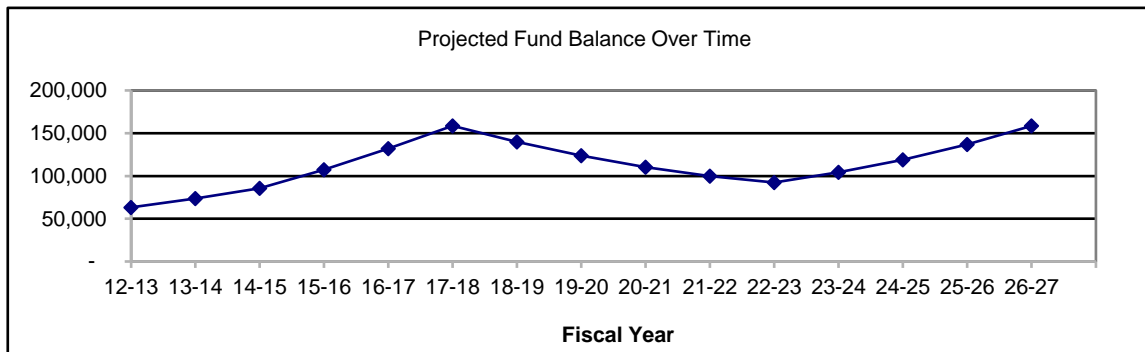
## Fire Equipment Reserve Fund Replacement Schedule and Costs

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The amount of the appropriation is set so that the fund balance does not fall below zero in any year. Increases to the appropriation should stay within the average rate of inflation.

<b>Purchase FY</b>	<b>Equipment Item To be replaced</b>	<b>Current Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Years Until Purchase</b>	<b>Estimated Replacement Cost</b>
22-23	2003 Pumper	285,000	3	321,000
26-27	2003 Pumper	285,000	6	361,000
27-28	2015 Utility Truck	90,000	15	162,000

<u>Useful Life of Equipment</u>	<u>Years</u>
Pumpers (two)	20
Tanker	20
Utility Truck	12
Brush Truck	12
Portable Pumps (two)	15
Air Packs	10



## Garage Construction Reserve

	Actual FY 14-15	Actual FY 15-16	Actual FY 16-17	Actual 17-18
Fund Balance at Start of Year	50000	1,700,189	\$187,444	\$47,008
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
voted 2014	1,650,000			
Interest Earned	189	2,336	358	65
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1,650,189</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Garage design and prep		25,591		
Garage construction		1,489,490	11,335	
Advance Princpal Payment			129,459	
Applied to Garage Loan Principal				47,073
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,515,081</b>	<b>140,794</b>	<b>47,073</b>
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<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$1,700,189</b>	<b>\$187,444</b>	<b>\$47,008</b>	<b>\$0</b>

The remaining balance in this fund was used to pay down the loan received for this project.



Methodist Church, Starksboro, Vt. Pub. by L. G. & F. S. Ferguson

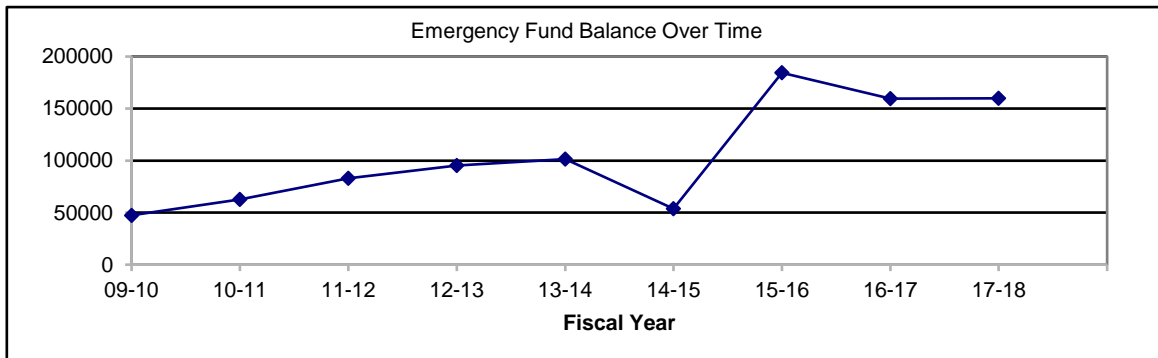
### 11. Starksboro Village Meeting House

Village scenes including the churches were popular postcard views in the early 1900s. This one, published c.1907 by local merchants L.G. & F.S. Ferguson, looks south (now VT Route 116) with the Village Meeting House to the right. Note that the top stage of the belfry has lost its Gothic Revival pinnacles.

## Emergency Fund

	Actual FY 13-14	Actual FY 14-15	Actual FY 15-16	Actual FY 16-17	Actual FY17-18
Fund Balance at Start of Year	95,311	101,382	53,704	184,388	159,701
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Emergency Fund Reimbursement			89,971	260,332	
Interest Earned	205	167	155	211	160
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>90,126</b>	<b>260,543</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Replace failed chloride trailer		6,900			
Interest on bridge repair loan				1,421	
Bridge repair	9,638				
Emergency flooding/road repairs	15,743	72,156	33,630	283,809	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,381</b>	<b>79,056</b>	<b>33,630</b>	<b>285,230</b>	<b>-</b>
Budget Surplus	31,247	31,211	74,188		
Excess funds based on Fund Limit					
<b>NET SURPLUS TO BE ADDED TO FUND</b>	<b>31,247</b>	<b>31,211</b>	<b>74,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$101,382</b>	<b>\$53,704</b>	<b>\$184,388</b>	<b>\$159,701</b>	<b>\$159,861</b>
<b>FUND LIMIT (20% of budget)</b>	<b>\$102,388</b>	<b>\$100,378</b>	<b>\$102,388</b>	<b>\$100,378</b>	<b>\$135,439</b>

This fund was established in 2008 to allow the Town to establish a cash reserve, funded with any General Fund surplus, to be used for unanticipated expenses. The maximum amount allowed in this fund (Fund Limit) is 20% of the most recent voted budget.



## PAVING RESERVE FUND

	ACTUAL FY 17-18	BUDGET FY 18-19	PROPOSED FY 19-20	Notes
<b>Fund Balance at Start of Year</b>	\$-	\$40,054	\$40,109	(1)
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Appropriation	40,000	40,000	40,000	(2)
Interest Earned	54	55		
State Grant Funds		160,000		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	40,054	200,055	40,000	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
	\$-	\$200,000	\$-	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$-	\$200,000	\$-	
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	\$40,054	\$40,109	\$80,109	

(1) The purpose of this reserve fund is to segregate monies appropriated for paving, which because their disbursement is contingent on state grants, may not be spent in the year budgeted. Historically, these funds were budgeted as a precaution--in order to be available if the State paving grants were awarded. Unfortunately, if the grants are not awarded, these budgeted funds increase the tax rate and, if not spent, increase the annual surplus. This fund simplifies the annual budgeting process and allows the funds to be accessed when the grant is actually awarded.

(2) Article 6 on the 2018 (passed) and 2019 Town Warning



12 Rev. Sedgwick Bidwell

Rev. Sedgwick Bidwell, born in Starksboro on December 6, 1809, was at his death on December 13, 1904, the oldest Methodist minister in the United States and perhaps the world. He was the grandson of George and Sarah Sedgwick Bidwell, one of the first two families in Starksboro, and son of one of the first children in town. He was licensed as a preacher in 1834, served in 28 towns in Vermont and New York, and officiated at about 500 weddings and 200 funerals. His destiny as a minister was clear when at age 5, he "invited his playmates to gather about a stump while he preached to them." Among his early memories was hearing the roar of the cannons from the ships at the Battle of Plattsburgh on Lake Champlain on September 11, 1814. (from the Middlebury Register, December 15, 1911, and Manchester Journal, December 17, 1914.).

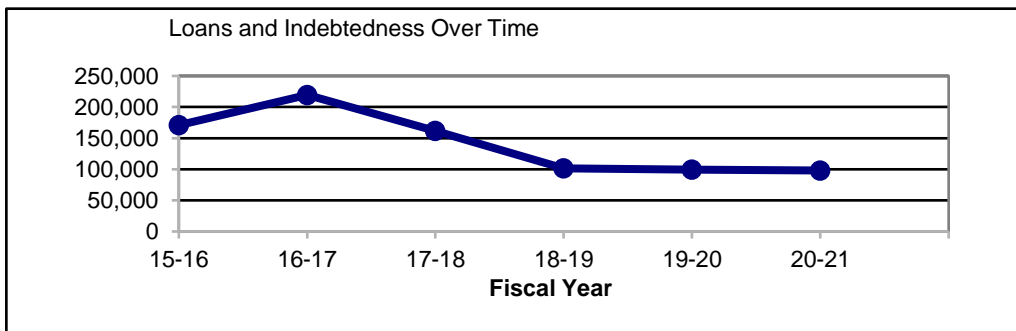
## DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Below are the estimated annual requirements to  
See the Starksboro School District report for total school loans.

		FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22	FY22-23
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>							
Town Garage Loan	(P)	102,073	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
\$1,650,000 Jun 2015							
Merchants, 3.06%	(I)	43,959	41,797	41,087	39,231	37,471	35,711
SUB-TOTAL		\$146,031	\$96,797	\$96,087	\$94,231	\$92,471	\$90,711
<b>ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND</b>							
2017 Mack Truck	(P)	28,400	28,400	28,400	28,400	28,400	
\$142,000 July 2016	(I)	2,832	2,272	1,704	1,136	568	
Peoples Bank 2.00%							
2013 Grader	(P)	38,200	38,200				
\$191,000 July 2013	(I)	2,101	1,051				
Merchants Bank: 2.75%							
2018 Utility truck (Intnl)	(P)			33,400	33,400	100,200	100,200
\$167,000 Sept. 2018	(I)			6,129	4,903	7,355	7,355
Community Bank 3.67%							
2018 3/4-ton Pickup	(P)			9,000	9,000	27,000	27,000
\$45,000 Sept 2018	(I)			1,652	1,321	1,982	1,982
Community Bank 3.67%							
SUB-TOTAL		\$71,533	\$69,923	\$80,284	\$78,160	\$165,505	\$136,537
<b>FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND</b>							
Tanker (proposed 2017)	(P)		58,000	58,000	58,000	116,000	116,000
\$290,000 2018	(I)		7,250	5,800	4,350	7,250	7,250
Vermont Muni Bond Bank	(*)						
2008 Utility Truck (used)	(P)	\$18,000	\$18,000				
\$90,000 July 2012	(I)	901	458				
Peoples Bank: Rate 2.5%							
SUB-TOTAL		\$18,901	\$83,708				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$236,465</b>	<b>\$250,428</b>	<b>\$176,371</b>	<b>\$172,391</b>	<b>\$257,976</b>	<b>\$227,248</b>

**Notes:**

(P) indicates Principal. (I) indicates Interest. Unless otherwise indicated, all rates are subject to annual adjustment



**BUDGET SUMMARY**

This schedule summarizes the detail budgets shown on the following pages.

	<b>Budget 17-18</b>	<b>Actual 17-18</b>	<b>Better/ (Worse)</b>	<b>Budget 18-19</b>	<b>Proposed 19-20</b>	<b>Comparison of 18-19 and 19-20 Budgets</b>		
Expenses	\$1,065,911	\$914,833	\$151,078	\$965,385	\$1,014,211	Up	\$48,826	5.1%
Income	\$374,800	\$275,229	\$(99,571)	244,650	257,600	Up	\$12,950	5.3%
Surplus				-	51,507		-	(1)
Total Budget	\$691,111	\$639,604	\$51,507	\$705,735	\$705,104	Down	\$(631)	-0.1%

Significant increases and decreases in the proposed 19-20 budget are:

Expenses:

Pay increases for employees, including increases for anticipated hours worked and anticipated needs to increase salaries to attract replacements for retiring staff.

Better/  
(Worse)

(26,621)

Increases in health insurance

(35,612)

Net change in Road supplies, garage expenses and contract services (pit crushing)

8,299

Other net changes

5,108

Total Net Change in Expenses:

\$48,826

Income:

Expected increase in state payments:

7,000

Expected increase in delinquent tax interest

6,000

Other net changes

(50)

Total Net Change in Income:

\$12,950

(1) The Selectboard used the entire FY2018 surplus to reduce the total proposed budget for FY2020. Changes in budgeting methods, which better reflect the sources and uses of funds, will likely reduce future budget surpluses.

When preparing the budget, the selectboard budgets for total anticipated expenses (the total amount to be spent on payroll, utilities, fuel, town garage and roads, etc.), and total income (the total amount expected to be received either from the State of Vermont for town operations). The net budget amount is the amount we need to raise through taxes.

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Budget 17-18</b>	<b>Actual 17-18</b>	<b>Better/ (Worse)</b>	<b>Budget 18-19</b>	<b>YTD 18-19</b>	<b>Proposed 19-20</b>
<b>EXPENSES (Note 2)</b>						
DELINQUENT TAXES (penalties only)	1,000		1,000		866	1,000
TOTAL GARAGE & EQUIPMENT	120,480	115,782	4,698	99,500	78,671	123,200
<b>GRANT EXPENSES</b>						
TOTAL INSURANCE	109,000	115,084	(6,084)	146,000	74,547	181,612
MAJOR MAINTENANCE	10,000	9,971	29	10,000		10,000
<b>MUNICIPAL FINANCING</b>						
Town Garage	102,959	99,119	3,840	101,276	96,797	95,991
TOTAL MUNICIPAL FINANCING	102,959	99,119	3,840	101,276	96,797	95,991



CATEGORY	Budget 17-18	Actual 17-18	Better/ (Worse)	Budget 18-19	YTD 18-19	Proposed 19-20
MUNICIPAL OFFICE	15,200	30,178	(14,978)	15,000	13,856	15,000
OTHER EXPENSES						
AC Regional Planning Commission	2,200	2,182	18	2,238	2,238	2,282
ACSWMD	200	100	100	200	-	200
Addison County Tax	7,500	6,339	1,161	6,500	6,876	6,500
Animal Control	2,500	2,729	(229)	3,000		3,000
Audit	6,000	6,900	(900)	-	-	
Bank Fees	120	125	(5)	12	74	120
Cemeteries	5,000	2,295	2,705	5,000	2,355	5,000
Election Materials	200	642	(442)	1,500		300
Emergency Preparedness	500	1,330	(830)	500	-	1,500
Gazette	1,600	3,299	(1,699)	1,600		1,600
Legal and Professional	2,000	5,741	(3,741)	3,000	7,612	6,000
Listers	1,500	1,858	(358)	2,000		2,000
Marriage Returns to Vermont	400	650	(250)	400		400
Mileage		81	(81)	-	485	500
Misc	500	1,311	(811)	500		500
Mowing - ballfield	3,000	2,995	5	3,000	2,995	3,000
Parcel Mapping						2,000
Paydata						2,100
Selectboard expenses						500
Solar Array	600	127	473	250		250
Speed Control	10,000	5,322	4,678	10,000	2,961	10,000
Street & Field Lights	1,560	1,651	(91)	1,560	1,172	1,560
Software	-	-	-			
Town Boards/Officers	2,000	4,055	(2,055)	2,500	295	3,000
Vt League of Cities & Towns	3,006	3,006	-	3,100	3,070	3,100
Website and Technology		16,273	(16,273)	17,000	-	6,625
Zoning	3,000	6,710	(3,710)	3,000	160	3,000
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>53,386</b>	<b>75,720</b>	<b>(22,334)</b>	<b>66,860</b>	<b>30,292</b>	<b>65,037</b>
PAYROLL						
Animal Control	1,000	973	28	1,000	175	1,000
Asst Town Clerk/Treasurer	10,000	10,901	(901)	10,000	9,097	15,000
Acting Zoning Administrator	1,000	1,654	(654)	1,000		1,000
Asst to Selectboard/Town Administration	9,000	2,314	6,686	10,000	5,047	10,280
Auditors	1,200	807	393	1,200	117	1,200
Board of Civil Authority	2,000	1,876	125	2,500	1,803	2,500
Cemetery Commissioner	200	-	200	200	-	200
Health Officer	750	344	406	750	135	750
Listers	4,000	11,373	(7,373)	9,500	2,006	9,750
Plan Com/Development Review Board	3,000	2,850	150	3,500	1,485	3,500
Recycling	1,600	1,600	-	1,600	1,600	1,600
Regional Planning Commission	100		100	100	-	100
Roads	160,045	164,368	(4,323)	164,046	77,575	181,519
Selectboard	10,000	9,633	367	10,000	4,291	10,000
Snow Removal	400	275	125	400		400
Social Security/Medicare Tax	23,171	24,458	(1,287)	24,211	14,275	24,279
Tax Collector	15,000	13,637	1,363	15,000	5,280	15,000
Town Clerk	39,117	39,117	-	40,095	13,365	41,218
Town Contribution to Retirement Plan	4,716	5,637	(921)	4,850	2,619	6,000
Town Treasurer	16,830	17,272	(442)	17,250	8,227	17,733
Town Hall Cleaning/Repair	-	358	(358)	-	61	
Zoning Administrator	27,657	22,006	5,651	28,348	12,142	29,142
<b>TOTAL PAYROLL</b>	<b>330,786</b>	<b>331,452</b>	<b>(666)</b>	<b>345,550</b>	<b>159,300</b>	<b>372,171</b>

CATEGORY	Budget 17-18	Actual 17-18	Better/ (Worse)	Budget 18-19	YTD 18-19	Proposed 19-20
<b>ROADS</b>						
Chloride for Road Stabilization	16,400	21,337	(4,937)	19,000	7,595	19,000
Equipment Rental - Other	10,000	13,154	(3,154)	10,000	3,015	10,000
Bridge Repair			-			
Hydraulic Hammer	10,000		10,000	10,000		
Other Material/Culverts	19,000	2,745	16,255	10,000	962	7,500
Resurfacing	200,000		200,000		68,130	
Pit Crushing		39,057	(39,057)	40,000	40,236	40,000
Pit Operation/Reclamation			-	19,499	537	
Pit Rental			-		2,483	
Plant Control Spraying			-			
Salt	22,500	21,979	521	23,000	13,661	23,000
Sand		4,200	(4,200)		1,660	
Sign, Post and Traffic Lights	13,000	2,734	10,266	4,000	341	5,000
Aggregate			-	8,000		7,000
Emergency Repair			-			
<b>TOTAL ROADS</b>	<b>290,900</b>	<b>105,207</b>	<b>185,693</b>	<b>143,499</b>	<b>138,620</b>	<b>111,500</b>
<b>RECYCLING &amp; LANDFILL</b>						
Landfill Closure	8,000	8,067	(67)	9,000	5,194	9,000
Recycling	4,000	1,917	2,083	3,500	4,434	3,500
<b>TOTAL RECYCLING &amp; LANDFILL</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>9,985</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>9,628</b>	<b>12,500</b>
<b>TOWN BUILDINGS</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>21,236</b>	<b>(2,236)</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>30,840</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>TOWN REPORT</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1,200</b>		<b>1,200</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,065,911</b>	<b>914,833</b>	<b>151,078</b>	<b>965,385</b>	<b>633,418</b>	<b>1,014,211</b>

CATEGORY	Budget 17-18	Actual 17-18	Better/ (Worse)	Budget 18-19	YTD 18-19	Proposed 19-20
<b>RECEIPTS (Note 2)</b>						
GRANTS			-	-	-	
INTEREST	1,000	1,450	450	1,000	849	500
MUNICIPAL OFFICE	20,000	24,510	4,510	20,000	7,921	20,000
OTHER RECEIPTS						
Animal Control	200		(200)	200	-	200
Auto registration	100	66	(34)	100	24	100
Bianchi Requests	300	1,050	750	300		300
Cemeteries	-		-			
Gazette Advertising	200	85	(115)	200		100
Maple Lease	2,000	2,200	200	2,000		2,200
Other	500	1,735	1,235	500	148	1,000
Post Office Lease	6,500	6,850	350	6,850	3,104	6,850
Recycling	2,500	2,612	112	2,000	1,020	2,000
Road Dept Sales			-			
Town Hall/Town Office Rent	3,000	3,000	-	3,000		3,000
Traffic Tickets	10,000	5,726	(4,274)	10,000	1,284	10,000
Zoning Related	3,500	6,518	3,018	3,500	2,416	3,500
Land sale	-	15,000	15,000	-	3,500	
<b>TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>28,800</b>	<b>44,841</b>	<b>16,041</b>	<b>28,650</b>	<b>11,496</b>	<b>29,250</b>
PROPERTY TAXES (Penalties only)						
Advertising	100		(100)	100	125	100
Attorney's Fees	900	680	(220)	900		750
Collector's Fees	15,000	13,647	(1,353)	15,000	11,907	15,000
Interest on Current and Delinquent Taxes	12,000	20,926	8,926	12,000	7,939	18,000
Late Filer Revenue			-			
Registered Mail			-			
Returned Check Fee		75	75			
Small Claims Court Costs			-			
Withdrawal from Current Use		2,025	2,025			
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>35,328</b>	<b>7,328</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>19,970</b>	<b>33,850</b>
STATE OF VERMONT AND FEDERAL FUNDING						
Class 2 Roads	63,000	62,934	(66)	63,000	31,465	63,000
Current Use ("Hold Harmless")	63,000	93,570	30,570	93,000	99,623	99,000
Resurfacing	160,000	0	(160,000)			
State Owned Land (PILOT)	11,000	12,596	1,596	11,000	13,312	12,000
<b>TOTAL STATE OF VERMONT</b>	<b>297,000</b>	<b>169,100</b>	<b>(127,900)</b>	<b>167,000</b>	<b>144,400</b>	<b>174,000</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>374,800</b>	<b>275,229</b>	<b>(99,571)</b>	<b>244,650</b>	<b>184,636</b>	<b>257,600</b>
CARRYOVERS (Notes 1 and 3)						
Surplus in Excess of Reserve Limit			-	-	-	51,507
<b>TOTAL GEN FUND TAX BUDGET</b>	<b>691,111</b>	<b>639,604</b>	<b>51,507</b>	<b>720,735</b>	<b>448,782</b>	<b>705,104</b>

Notes:

(1) The FY 18-19 budget shown here differs from the budget approved by voters at the 2018 town meeting. The changes reflect (a) budget amendments made at town meeting and (b) a change in the accounting for road paving.

Previous budgets have included the amounts for both the Town's and State's (grant) portion of anticipated paving monies. With the establishment of the Paving Reserve Fund (FY2017), the accounting for this item is removed entirely from the budget. One impact is that budgeted, but unused Town appropriations no longer show up as a surplus.

(2) The actual expenses and receipts are based on the modified accrual basis of accounting and include receivables and payables as shown on the General Fund Balance Sheet

(3) The Total General Fund Tax Budget equals Total Expenses less Total Receipts, adjusted for any carryovers of prior surpluses/deficits.

	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	Approved 18-19
<b><u>TAX APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>					
GENERAL FUND	511,941	501,891	677,194	691,111	705,535
REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND	0		0	0	0
ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	90,570	87,748	88,188	88,849	89,072
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	31,970	40,626	43,353	44,653	45,993
PAVING RESERVE FUND					40,000
SOLAR TRACKER RESERVE FUND	11,160	11,160			
LIBRARY FUNDING	24,825	26,100	26,525	27,450	28,750
Fire Dept/JHS Planning					25,000
Starksboro Food Shelf					2,000
IN-TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	37,175	38,925	41,425	40,925	2,703
OUT-OF-TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	26,933	27,723	28,168	29,588	29,588
<b><u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	<b>734,574</b>	<b>734,173</b>	<b>904,853</b>	<b>922,576</b>	<b>968,641</b>
<b><u>TAXES TO BE RAISED</u></b>					
MUNICIPAL	740,183	731,199	909,418	922,576	988,032
HOMESTEAD	1,794,846	1,883,864	1,788,570	1,823,615	1,785,226
NON-RESIDENT	839,434	835,089	841,700	1,119,106	836,055
TOTAL TAX MONEY REQUIRED	<u>\$3,374,462</u>	<u>\$3,450,152</u>	<u>\$3,539,688</u>	<u>\$3,865,297</u>	<u>\$3,609,313</u>
MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST	<u>\$1,612,599</u>	<u>\$160,421,089</u>	<u>\$1,654,103</u>	<u>\$1,660,127</u>	<u>\$1,666,267</u>
EDUCATION GRAND LIST - RESIDENT	<u>\$1,086,074</u>	<u>\$109,577,950</u>	<u>\$1,099,792</u>	<u>\$1,127,289</u>	<u>\$1,146,360</u>
TAX RATE - MUNICIPAL AND HOMESTEAD	\$2.1116	\$2.1750	\$2.1461	\$2.1745	\$2.1615
TAX SALE AT YEAR END	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	(1)
DELINQUENT TAXES AT YEAR END	\$61,496	\$43,133	\$53,619	\$31,668	(1)
<b><u>SCHOOL BUDGETS</u></b>					
ROBINSON SCHOOL -EXPENDITURES	\$2,868,663	\$2,924,537	\$2,921,471	(2)	(2)
<b><u>MUNICIPAL FUNDS BALANCES</u></b>					
GENERAL FUND - RESERVED	-				
GENERAL FUND - UNRESERVED	\$504,175	\$641,925	\$138,137	\$65,595	
REAPPRAISAL RESERVE FUND	\$78,856	\$57,717	\$63,206	\$69,512	\$78,281
ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	\$84,106	\$94,090	\$85,731	\$102,190	\$122,713
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	\$105,119	\$107,724	\$125,186	\$146,168	\$127,116
SOLAR TRACKER FUND	\$44,819	\$-	\$-	\$-	
EMERGENCY FUND	\$23,704	\$75,560	\$116,104	\$159,861	
PAVING RESERVE FUND				\$40,054	\$40,109
GARAGE CONSTRUCTION RESERVE			\$47,008	-	
<b><u>MUNICIPAL DEBT (Principal and Interest)</u></b>					
GENERAL FUND	-	\$25,452	\$104,830	\$146,031	\$97,797
ROAD EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	\$100,235	\$126,252	\$95,813	\$71,533	\$69,923
FIRE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	\$19,800	\$19,350	\$18,900	\$18,458	\$83,708
<b><u>SCHOOL DEBT (Principal &amp; Interest)</u></b>					
ROBINSON SCHOOL	\$1,038,151	\$831,331	\$757,185	(2)	

Notes:

(1) Not available until after the close of the fiscal year.

(2) The Robinson District merged to become a unified district in FY18. Individual school budgets and debt are no longer available.

## Appropriations

CATEGORY	ACTUAL FY 16-17	ACTUAL FY 17-18	BUDGET FY 18-19	PROPOSED FY 19-20
<b>IN-TOWN REQUESTS</b>				
COOPERATIVE PRE-SCHOOL	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
STARSBORO MENTORING PROGRAM	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
FIRST RESPONSE	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
STARSBORO FOOD SHELF				2,000
STARSBORO SPORTS PROGRAM	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,500
PROJECT READ	500			
STARSBORO SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM (RASY)	425	425	425	425
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	22,000	2,703	22,000	24,000
<b>TOTAL IN-TOWN REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$41,425</b>	<b>\$21,628</b>	<b>\$40,925</b>	<b>\$45,925</b>
<b>OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS</b>				
AC COURT DIVERSION AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECTS	600	600	600	600
AC HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE, INC.	1,964	1,964	1,964	1,964
AC HUMANE SOCIETY (HOMEWARD BOUND)	500	500	500	500
AC PARENT/CHILD CENTER	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
ADDISON COUNTY READERS	350	350	350	350
AC TRANSIT RESOURCES	1,493	1,708	1,708	1,708
AMERICAN RED CROSS	500	500	500	500
BRISTOL FAMILY CENTER	-	500	500	500
BRISTOL RECREATION DEPT.	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
BRISTOL RESCUE SQUAD	6,000	6,000	6,000	7,500
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
COUNSELING SERVICE OF ADDISON COUNTY	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
ELDERLY SERVICES	900	900	900	900
GREEN UP VERMONT	100	100	100	100
HOPE (formerly ACAG)	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750
HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SERVICES	350	325	350	500
JOHN W. GRAHAM EMERGENCY SHELTER	970	970	1,300	970
LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION	550	550	550	550
NORTHERN VT RC&D COUNCIL	-	-	-	-
OPEN DOOR CLINIC	250	250	250	250
OTTER CREEK NATURAL RESOURCES	176	176	176	176
RSVP	180	180	370	370
VERMONT ADULT LEARNING	700	700	700	700
VT ASSN FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED	500	500	500	500
VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	250	250	250	250
VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE				100
WOMENSAFE	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
<b>TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$26,933</b>	<b>\$27,623</b>	<b>\$28,168</b>	<b>\$29,588</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>	<b>\$68,358</b>	<b>\$49,251</b>	<b>\$69,093</b>	<b>\$75,513</b>

GRANTS AND GIFTS

ACTUAL  
17-18

Municipal Planning Grant

Starting balance		\$(209)	
Receipts	\$6,113		
Expenses	\$(5,294)		
Balance at Year End		<u>\$610</u>	(1)

(1) Municipal Planning Grant is a multi-year grant. Income is "requested" as expenses are incurred.



13 Rev. & Mrs. White with Baptist Church in background

Rev. William White served the Starksboro First Baptist Church from 1930 to 1958, and as needed until a replacement arrived in late 1960. He was considered a superb leader and excellent preacher. Rev. William White and his second wife Anna standing in front of the parsonage (corner of VT Route 116 and Parsonage Road) and just south of their church. (from Rev. John Burbank)

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**  
**JERUSALEM AND STARKSBORO VILLAGE CEMETARY TRUST FUND**  
 July 1, 2017 – June 30 2018

Balance 7/1/17	\$7,728.75 *	
Interest	<u>15.05</u>	
Balance on June 30, 2018		\$7,743.80

\*Added Friends, Village and Mason Hill - July 1 2017

**MASON HILL CEMETERY TRUST FUND**  
 July 1, 2017 – June 30 2018

Balance 7/1/17	\$2,836.94	
Interest	<u>6.55</u>	
Balance on June 30, 2018		\$2,843.49



14 John and Lois Burbank wedding (see photo 15)

Churches in town have held the most important rites in people's lives—baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, and funerals. Many area couples have been married in the Starksboro First Baptist Church. Rev. John and Lois (Hanson) Burbank celebrate their wedding reception in the vestry (community room) of the church on August 23, 1955. The ceiling shows the joists and underside of the sanctuary floor, painted white, before the ceiling tiles were installed. Courtesy Rev. and Mrs. John Burbank.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

July, 1 2017 – June 30, 2018

	Receipts	Disbursements
Balance 7/1/17	\$2,639.73	
Harvest Dinner	1,370.00	
Interest	6.20	
Food Harvest Dinner		\$ 349.57
Four Winds Donation		1,020.44
Balance 6/30/18	<u>4,015.93</u>	<u>2,645.92</u> <u>\$4,015.93</u>

**FRIENDS OF JERUSALEM SCHOOL HOUSE**

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Balance 7/1/17	\$39,353.95	
Memorial Donations	265.00	
Hunter Breakfast	1260.00	
Interest	6.18	
Balance 6/30/18	<u>\$40,885.13</u>	<u>\$ 40,885.13</u> <u>\$40,885.13</u>

**STARSBORO FOOD SHELF**

July 1, 2017 – June 30 2018

	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
Balance 7/1/17	\$3,619.13	
Donations	4,431.50	
Interest	.56	
Food purchases		\$ 4,563.03
Balance on 6/30/18	<u>\$8,051.19</u>	<u>3,488.16</u> <u>\$ 8,051.19</u>



## Starksboro Cooperative Preschool

### Annual Report – December 2018

The Starksboro Cooperative Preschool (SCP) is a private, nonprofit, cooperative organization run by the parents of the attending children. We are located in the center of Starksboro and are housed within the Starksboro Village Meetinghouse at 2875 Vermont Route 116. We have operated continuously since 1976, first as a part time nursery school and kindergarten. We have evolved over the years in order to meet the needs of local families and children, and currently offer both half day and full day programs, including full time care for working families. We provide a full breakfast and lunch to our students at no additional cost to families. Food is prepared at the Robinson School for us daily.

SCP's mission is to provide a positive first school experience for 3-5 year olds, and to offer a high quality, affordable childcare option for the families of Starksboro children. Teaching staff includes a Vermont state licensed teacher and three assistant teachers, all Starksboro residents. Our volunteer board is comprised of two community members and three preschool parents. Of the 19 children currently attending, 13 live in Starksboro. Our goal is to enroll as many preschool-aged Starksboro children as possible. Research shows that participation in a high quality preschool will lead to better outcomes for children, including those with challenges or special needs. Studies also tell us that an early investment in preschool-aged children will lead to future educational cost-savings.

SCP is a five star program, and a Vermont state qualified pre-kindergarten program, allowing us to access Vermont's Act 166, which makes ten free hours of preschool available to all 3,4, and 5 year olds who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

SCP curriculum is informed by Vermont's Early Learning Standards, and promotes literacy, math, social studies, and science skills. We also have a special interest in both social-emotional and nature-based learning. After two years of participation in cohort two of Vermont's Early Multi-tiered Systems of Support program, we continue to weave social emotional learning into every part of every day. We also take advantage of our lovely outdoor setting, and usually spend two hours per day engaged in both structured and unstructured outdoor play and learning. This year, we have partnered with Ruth Beecher and her grade 5/6 students at the Robinson School. We meet weekly to play and learn together. We are also providing weekly TaeKwon Do lessons this year, which not only teaches the children specific kicks and hand movements, but emphasizes the five tenets of Taekwon Do: courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self control, and indomitable spirit.

SCP remains a cooperative organization, with families working to help run the school in different ways in order to earn tuition credit. Jobs include working on fundraisers, acting as classroom assistants, or providing any number of services that help our school to function.

Registration for 2019-20 will begin on January 1, 2019 for returning students and Starksboro families. **Starksboro residents are given exclusive enrollment priority during the month of January.** With a daily capacity limit of 15 children, we expect to fill up quickly, and invite all interested Starksboro families to contact us right away to claim their child's space for next year. We welcome and encourage visits.

We are most appreciative of the support given by Starksboro voters; please come visit and see us in action! We respectfully request \$4,500.00 for the 2019-20 school year.

Starksboro Cooperative Preschool Inc

**Profit & Loss**

July 2017 through June 2018

Cash Basis

	<u>Jul '17 – Jun 18</u>
<b>Ordinary Income / Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
40000 – Tuition Income	120,169.45
40100 – Grants, Donation, Contributions	26,614.83
40200 – Fundraising Income	9,215.88
40900 – Misc Income	<u>456.24</u>
Total Income	<u>156,456.40</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	156,456.40
<b>Expense</b>	
50000 – Program Expense	112,704.15
60000 – Facility Expense	10,272.74
70000 – General & Admin	<u>18,199.17</u>
Total Expense	<u>141,176.06</u>
Net Ordinary Income	15,280.34
Other Income / Expense	<u>- 99.74</u>
Net Income	<u><u>15,180.60</u></u>

## Starksboro Project **READ!!**

We are an all-volunteer organization dedicated to encouraging reading in the youth of our community. Here is a brief description of our projects in 2018.

**Summer Bookwagon:** Volunteers delivered children's books to 9 different locations around our community for 7 weeks this summer. Each child was able to choose a book from a wide variety of books to keep. By the end of the summer, some children had received 7 new books.

**Summer Reading Incentive Program:** Children were encouraged to read each week and keep a log of time spent reading. Each child's log was entered into an end-of-summer raffle. Three lucky children won a gift certificate as a prize.

**Baby Brunch:** Families with new children were invited to a brunch at the Starksboro Public Library. Each family chose a new picture book that was dedicated to their child and left with a board book to keep. Many families became new patrons of our town library.

**Literacy Game Night:** Parents and children gathered together at Robinson Elementary School to share in a free dinner and then play games centered on literacy. Many left with a game to continue the fun at home.

**Author Visit: Jan Reynolds,** a photo journalist and author came to Robinson Elementary School for a day sharing her passion with the students. This event was funded by the Pat Young Memorial Fund.

**Used Book Fair:** Held in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair at Robinson Elementary School, children were able to buy a gently used book for as little as a quarter. Thanks to all of the generous towns folks who supplied these books.

We send a big thank you to **Jim Geier of Vermont Folk Rocker** who, once again graciously donated one of his beautiful rockers to our annual raffle this year. Proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets has become our major fundraising event each year. READ!! appreciates everyone's willingness to purchase tickets.

We wish to thank all of the volunteers that have made these projects possible. We would love to have new folks join us in our fun projects. For more information drop a note to Project READ!! Robinson Elementary School, PO Box 10, Starksboro, VT 05487. People can also contact our Coordinator Mary O'Brien at [maryovt@yahoo.com](mailto:maryovt@yahoo.com)

**We will not request money from the town this year. Thank you for your support.**

## Starksboro Sports Program

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The Starksboro Sports Program is an all-volunteer organization that provides soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball opportunities for Starksboro children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Children who want to participate in the program can do so regardless of experience or ability. Through continued support from the Town as well as fundraising efforts, the Sports program can keep participation fees low and offer financial assistance to those families that need it.

The SSP uses its fundraising money and town appropriated funds to pay for uniforms, equipment as well as field maintenance and improvements. In 2018, we purchased new soccer goals to replace aging and broken equipment.

SSP created a website in 2018. Check us out at [www.starksborosports.com](http://www.starksborosports.com)! Through the website, we now offer online registration and payment options. This has been a great improvement, reducing the number of paper forms that must be processed and entered and eliminating some administrative work. The website also features a calendar that is regularly updated with the game schedule for all the K-6 sports in town.

### Highlights from 2018:

- Jamfest is the largest elementary school soccer event in Vermont and is the largest fundraiser for the sports program. On September 29, 2018, **90 teams from 17 different towns** participated in the all-day event. Food concessions were provided by the local Mason lodge in Bristol. More than 90 games were played that day!
- 70 children participated in the fall soccer program.
- 37 children participated in the basketball program.
- 45 children participated in the baseball and softball programs.
- 5/6 girls basketball team won the Five-Town Cup! Congratulations ladies!

A group of parents organized a “ski and ride” program in conjunction with Robinson Elementary School and Cochran’s Ski Area. More than 40 kids participated on Thursday afternoon trips to Cochran’s to learn to ski or snowboard. Due to the generosity of Cochran’s and many supporters, we were able to keep costs to a minimum and provide an outdoor winter sport activity to expand our program.

During 2018, many parents involved in SSP met and decided to research the possible creation of a separate nonprofit entity in order to fundraise for the program in new ways. The group voted to establish a board of 7 members and two alternates. The group will continue to learn more about potential future nonprofit status and assess fundraising and grant opportunities for which it is not eligible now.

**We would like to thank all the volunteer coaches for their time and dedication to this program.** We could not make this a successful sports program without you!

**We also thank all the parents, families, and friends** who pitch in to help with all aspects of this program including serving as a referee or umpire at games, providing transportation to practices and games, helping to raise funds, and many other tasks associated with making this a successful program for Starksboro kids.



# STARKEBORO SPORTS

July 1, 2017 – June 30 2018

	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS
Balance 7/1/17	\$ 1,681.93	
Registrations	2,165.69	
Fundraisers	5,837.87	
Ski fundraisers	5,500.44	
Town Appropriation	2,500.00	
Field		\$ 5,215.95
Equipment and supplies		7,545.84
Ski and Ride		3,125.44
Balance on 6/30/18	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,798.70</u>
	\$ 17,685.93	\$ 17,685.93

## STARKSBORO FIRST RESPONSE 2018

Our EMTs responded to 110 calls in 2018. The breakdown is as follows:

Medical	59	Falls / Trauma	13
Motor Vehicle Accidents	9	Fires	20
Citizen Assists	2	Overdoses/Suicide	7

Our overall call volume was down slightly from last year. However, drug-related and attempted suicide calls have increased. Unfortunately, Starksboro is not exempt from the ever growing drug problems that plague the nation. This steep increase is due to a rise in illicitly made fentanyl and other highly potent synthetic opioids. These highly potent opioids are being mixed with heroin, cocaine, or meth, dramatically increasing the risk of a fatal overdose. Another contributing factor to the rise in opioid overdose deaths is an increase in the number of people receiving higher doses of prescription opioids for long term management of chronic pain. Healthcare facilities are now beginning to decrease the amount and better regulate these prescriptions.

Anyone using opioids, whether for recreational purposes or otherwise, can be at risk for an overdose.

Risk factors include:

1. Using or taking drugs alone
2. Having a lower tolerance due to recent detox or illness
3. Mixing opioids with alcohol or other drugs
4. Not knowing what drugs one is consuming, such as using heroin cut with fentanyl

An overdose can happen when the amount ingested causes suppressed breathing in a way that oxygen cannot reach vital organs, and the body begins to shut down. Our EMT's carry Narcan (Naloxone) which reverses the effect of opioids. A lot of drug users also have their own Narcan. They are under a false sense of security that as long as they have the Narcan, they are safe to use their drugs. This is not necessarily true. Some overdoses take more than one dose of Narcan, depending on what drugs are in the user's "concoction". Also, the Narcan only lasts for 30-90 minutes. It is possible that the person who overdosed could go back into respiratory arrest once the Narcan wears off. The opioid is still in their system. Some drugs are so potent that it can take 2, 3, or even 4 doses of Narcan to bring the patient out of it. Sometimes it's too late and they don't come out of it.

Narcan is given out free to drug users. We have to buy ours, which is real interesting given the fact that we are using it on the same people that can get theirs for free. We were paying anywhere from \$500 to \$800 for each Narcan that we purchased (times 5 members). It was just not affordable for the smaller squads. The cost made it impossible to carry more than one dose per EMT. After a lot of complaints, the price has dropped dramatically.

Our wish for 2019 is that those families that are struggling with a loved one with a drug addiction can find the help that they need to get them clean and healthy again.

We would like to be sure to thank the Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance with some of our calls. You are a valuable resource for us. We would also like to thank the community for their support throughout the year. Your donations and support mean and do more than you know.

Charlene Phelps

Cheryl Estey

Tracey Orvis

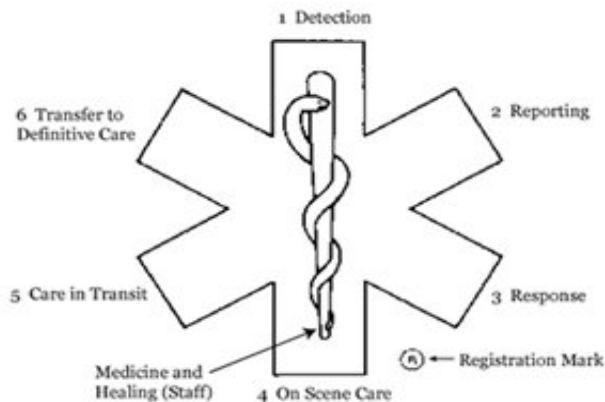
Dave Schantz

## STARSBORO FIRST RESPONSE

### *Treasurer's Report*

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on Hand – 7/01/17	15153.96	
Donations	350.00	
Town Appropriation	9500.00	
Medical Supplies		3601.43
Building Maintenance		2365.00
Radios / Active 911		138.00
Heat		1320.36
Water		60.00
Training / Certification		610.00
Transfer		<u>10000.00</u>
	<u>25003.96</u>	18094.79
Cash on Hand – 6/30/18		<u>6909.17</u>
	<u>25003.96</u>	<u>25003.96</u>



History of the Star of Life: The symbol was originally designed and governed by the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Originally, before national standards were established, many ambulances used an “Omaha orange” cross on a square background of reflective white to designate them as Emergency units. In 1973, the American Red Cross complained that the orange cross too closely resembled their logo, thus prompting a change to the Star of Life. Designed by Leo Schwartz, Chief of the EMS Branch, NHTSA, the Star of Life was adapted from the Medical Identification Symbol of the American Medical Association, which was patented in 1967. The newly designed Star of Life was trademarked on February 1, 1977.

**STARSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC**  
2018 REPORT

In 2018 the Fire Department responded to 54 calls. These include fires, motor vehicle crashes, carbon monoxide, medical assists and mutual aid to other departments. 463 hours were spent training and 472 hours answering calls.

This year we will recognize Mitch Horner. Mitch and Jayne have bought some land and a house which they plan to make their home. We are going to miss them both. Mitch is a Lieutenant in the department and in charge of a company. Mitch is our training officer, in charge of the breathing apparatus maintenance, and an auditor. He has always stepped forward and taken on jobs that needed to be completed for the department. Mitch has worked hard and has become a very good firefighter and one of our interior firefighters. He is a brother to the department family and we will miss him and Jayne very much!

We are buying new personal protective gear and to stay with the standard as needed. This includes bunker coats and pants, gloves, face masks and switching over to 4500 psi air packs.

The new tanker is working great. We have used it at every fire call. Two of those calls, with the pump that this has, we were able to pump right into the engine on the first round and saved valuable time. It handles well and has power enough to handle the hills.

We are always looking for men and women to join the department. If you think that it is something you would like to try, stop by and see us.

Officers for 2019 are Chief Tom Estey, Asst. Chief Tony Porter, Asst. Chief Matt Estey, Captain Eric Cota, Captain Greg Cousino, and Lieutenant Mitch Horner.

Burn permits for grass, brush or untreated natural wood are available by contacting Tom Estey (802-453-4511 or 802-373-6529) or Tony Porter (802-989-5096). All other burning is illegal.

If you have fire-related questions, you may contact Tom Estey.

**WORKING DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!!!**  
**CO IS DETECTED BY A CO DETECTOR OR METER ONLY!!!**  
**MAKE SURE YOUR 911 SIGN IS POSTED PROPERLY!!!**

Thank You to the First Response and Ladies Auxiliary for their support!!

Thank You to the Town for your support!!

Have a Fire Safe Year!

Tom Estey, Chief Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department Inc.



Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department, Inc  
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Checking 7/1/17	21469.04	
Tax Appropriation	22000.00	
Interest	12.16	
Coin Drop	1265.00	
Memory Tree	730.00	
Donations	1140.00	
Other Income	1581.50	
Town of Starksboro – Reimbursement of Equipment for new Tanker	5694.42	
Sale of Old Tanker	10000.00	
Heat – Station #1		2168.43
Heat – Station #2		1307.62
Fire Phone		968.27
State & County Dues & Training		688.00
Radios, Pagers, Repairs		2298.95
Fire Equipment & Supplies		8781.79
Tanker Delivery		1814.02
Shelburne Police Dept		869.24
Firemen Gear		5303.40
Truck Maintenance		2978.71
Other Expenses & Supplies		<u>6046.40</u>
	<u>63892.12</u>	33224.83
Checking 6/30/18		<u>30667.29</u>
	<u>63892.12</u>	63892.12

	<u>TRUCK FUND</u>	<u>BUILDING FUND</u>
7/1/17	11208.32	11208.32
Interest	<u>5.63</u>	<u>5.60</u>
6/30/18	11213.95	11213.92

*Treasurer, Norman Cota*

STARKSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY  
 TREASURER'S REPORT  
 July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Cash on Hand in Bank 7/1/17	\$3905.97	
Holiday Project Donations	\$2135.00	
Bites in a Bag Donations	\$5265.44	
Coin Drop 10/6/17	\$2539.11	
Interest	\$ 2.05	
Donation to Starksboro Fire Department		\$ 1265.00
Defib Unit for Robinson School		\$ 1304.00
Hygienic Faucet for Robinson School		\$ 318.86
Holiday Project 2017		\$ 2400.00
Bites in a Bag Program		\$ 2755.59
Scholarship for Common Ground Camp – 2 students		\$ 180.00
Cochran Olympians Celebration		<u>\$ 377.75</u>
Total Disbursements		\$ 8601.20
Cash on Hand in Bank 6/30/18		<u>\$ 5246.37</u>
	<u>\$13847.57</u>	<u>\$13847.57</u>

The Starksboro Fire Department Auxiliary was formed in 1976 to support our firefighters and meet other community needs. Besides raising money to purchase equipment for fire and rescue equipment, Auxiliary members prepare sandwiches and beverages during fires, and help with organizing and running fire department celebrations, memorial services, and other functions. In addition, the Auxiliary raises funds to contribute to other community service projects.

This year the Auxiliary organized a Celebration of Olympic Skiers Ryan Cochran-Siegel, Tim and Rob Kelley. We raised funds through donations to support the Bites in a Bag program for weekend lunch bags for Robinson School children. We provided scholarships for two Robinson School children to attend a week-long camp at the Common Ground Center during school winter vacation. We were able to provide gifts cards for several needy families through the Holiday Project using funds donated by town residents. We purchased an AED defibrillator unit for the Robinson School and a hygienic faucet for the school kitchen.

Submitted by Chris Runcie, Treasurer

## **STARКСBORO MENTORING PROGRAM**

This has been another outstanding year for the STARКСBORO MENTORING PROGRAM (SMP). Thirteen years of program activities have resulted in 30 carefully-considered matches between Starksboro mentors and Starksboro mentees.

The program continues to receive dependable financial backing from the MAUSD school district, the Town of Starksboro, EPSDT/MAC funding (federal early prevention, screening and detection/Medicaid), private donations received from yearly fundraising efforts, and Mentor VT (the state mentoring partnership). Mentors, both in their fundraising capacity and their day-to-day presence and participation in community life, are the strongest advocates and public relations specialists for the Program.

New ideas from the Program board and the individual mentors are always encouraged. Group mentoring events include game nights, swimming, sledding, going to theaters, Get Air jumping and craft parties.

One unmistakable sign of the success of the SMP efforts is the expansion of mentor programs in Monkton, Lincoln, and recently, Bristol, based on the Starksboro model. Additionally, Mount Abraham now offers continuance to all district mentoring matches where feasible, thus extending the scope of the Program and its potential impact.

Our feedback from the mentees is overwhelmingly positive: "You know you changed my life, right?" -recent Starksboro mentor graduate of Mount Abraham to his Starksboro mentor of 10 years.

Appropriation Requested - \$2000

## STARKSBORO SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

### Mary Johnson Children's Center

*Serving Starksboro children and families since 1998*

- Our program serves children ages 5-12 during the school year. Children may attend full-time or part-time, Monday through Friday.
- The program is based in the gym space at Robinson Elementary School. Licensed through the VT Child Development Division, our daily capacity is 75. Our program receives review yearly.
- We offer a recreational program, with a variety of enrichment activities, games, sports, cooking, reading and a nutritious snack. As a participant in the Child and Adult Care Food Program through the VT Department of Education, we accommodate the special dietary/allergy needs of participants. We use re-direction, reflection and active listening to positively guide children in our program to develop personal skills in a group setting. We view this positive guidance, beginning at the individual's level, as key to developing self-esteem and a system of intrinsic values.
- We are authorized to provide protective services placements. We accept tuition subsidies on behalf of income-eligible families from VT Department of Children and Families.

The Starksboro School Age Program has a quality rating of 4 STARS.

### **Mary Johnson Children's Center**

Mary Johnson Children's Center  
81 Water St  
Middlebury, Vt 05753

Phone: 802-388-0522  
Fax: 802-388-3063  
Email: [schoolage@mjccvt.org](mailto:schoolage@mjccvt.org)

Appropriation Requested - \$425

## **ADDISON COUNTY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE**

ACHHH is a community-focused non-profit home healthcare agency. We provide an array of services that enable our neighbors to receive care in their own home where they are most comfortable and often experience the best quality of life. Our services are offered to all individuals in need of home care, including those who do not have the financial means to pay for their care. To ensure the future of these vital programs, we turn to our community for support.

Now with drastic changes in healthcare, our services are even more important in keeping the residents of Addison County safe and at home. Patients are experiencing shorter hospital stays and going home with more complex health issues than ever before. These people may require extensive care in their home such as intravenous therapy for infection or cancer treatment, or physical, occupational and speech therapy for joint replacement, injury or stroke. Many are coping with chronic illnesses such as congestive heart failure, COPD or diabetes. And some are embracing life-limiting illnesses, striving to focus on the greatest quality of life until the end. In many cases, these people cannot afford the additional care needed at this critical time in their lives. Your town's support makes it possible for our expert team of nurses, clinical specialists, therapists, social workers, home health aides and personal care attendants to provide quality compassionate care to ALL of our patients and their families.

Total number of Starksboro residents served =37 individuals / 946 visits

Appropriation requested - \$1964

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## **AC PARENT/CHILD CENTER**

The mission of the Parent/Child is to provide support and education to families and assure that our community is one in which all young children get off to the right start, with the opportunity to grow up healthy, happy, and productive. The center provides parenting education classes and workshops (on site and in neighboring communities), community playgroups, home visits, pregnancy prevention programs, job training, academic classes, transportation, and childcare. All of these services are free for anyone and can be assessed by calling the Center at 388-3171.

Last year your financial support helped to provide services to 89 residents of Starksboro.

Appropriation requested - \$1600

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## **ADDISON COUNTY READERS**

Addison County Readers, Inc is an entirely volunteer non-profit organization that sponsors the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program. The program mails free books monthly to preschool (ages 0-5) children in Addison County. It costs ACR about \$30 per child per year to provide the program.

Reading to children even before they can hold a book on their own is one of the smartest choices parents and caregivers can make. Speaking to an 8 month old infant improves vocabulary at age 3. Reading is an essential gateway for children on the path to success in school and later in the workplace.

In November 2018, 48 children in Starksboro (46% of the possible children according to the 2010 Census) were receiving books through the program. In the past 12 months 595 books were shipped to the children in Starksboro.

Our Survey of parents in Spring 2016 showed more than half of the parents reported that they read to their children more as a result of their participation in Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library and are more willing to bring other books into their home.

We appreciate the continued support from the Town of Starksboro.

Appropriation requested - \$350

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### **ADDISON COUNTY RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES INC**

ACRJS provides community restorative justice responses focusing on the “balanced approach” in meeting the needs of the victim, the community and the offender. The goal is to help the offender develop empathy and accept responsibility for their actions, connect with the community in a positive way, and learn from their experience so as not to reoffend and cause harm to yet another person.

We have expanded our programs beyond Court Diversion and the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program to include the Driving with License Suspended Program, Safe Driving Program, Reparative Restorative Panels, Reentry Navigation and Circles of Support and Accountability for those reentering the community from incarceration, and Pretrial monitoring and Tamarack for those community members who have committed a crime and have a mental illness or substance abuse problem.

The following is a breakdown of the number of individuals from the Town of Starksboro who were provided services through our agency in FY’ 18”:

Court Diversion: 9	Driving with License Suspended: 1
Youth Substance Abuse Safety Prog: 6	Pretrial Services: 1
Reparative Restorative Panels: 0	Tamarack: 0
COSA: 1	Safe Driving: 1
Reentry Navigation: 5	

Appropriation requested - \$600

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### **ADDISON COUNTY TRANSIT RESOURCES (ACTR)**

During the past year, your support helped us provide 2,558 free trips for Starksboro residents either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles, including ACTR owned vehicles operated by Elderly Services, Inc. ACTR’s Dial-a-Ride and Shuttle Bus systems provided a total of 168,387 rides for

the year. All ACTR's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare and quality-of-life services.

**Dial-A-Ride System** – Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus systems. **In Starksboro, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to: medical treatments, meal site/senior programs, adult day care services, pharmacies, food shopping, social services, vocational rehabilitation, radiation & dialysis and substance abuse treatment.**

**Bus System** – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Starksboro residents have Monday-Friday commuter access to Hinesburg and Burlington on the 116 Commuter Bus Route and connections to Bristol, Middlebury and the entire ACTR shuttle bus system.**

Appropriation requested - \$1,708

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## AGE WELL

Age Well, formerly CVAA, are the leading experts and advocates for the aging population of Northwestern Vermont. We believe that health happens at home and focus on lifestyle, happiness and wellness – not on age. Since 1974, we have been part of Vermont's Area Agencies on Aging, coordinating services and care for Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, and Grand Isle counties.

Committed to helping individuals age well, we reduce barriers by providing access to healthy meals, in-home care and community resources. Delivered by staff members and over 1000 incredible volunteers, our sought-after services are designed to meet the diverse needs of our clients, their families and caregivers.

We do not charge for services provided. As a nonprofit, we rely on donations and encourage clients to contribute if they are able to do so.

**MISSION: TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE THAT INSPIRES OUR COMMUNITY TO EMBRACE AGING WITH CONFIDENCE.**

Appropriation requested - \$1300

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## AMERICAN RED CROSS

In the past year, the American Red Cross has responded to 3 disaster incidents, assisting 23 residents of the Addison County (no Starksboro residents). Most commonly, these incidents were home to fires where volunteers and staff were present to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders such as Police Officers and Firefighters providing food, water and warm drinks, allowing them to maximize their time on-site assisting residents.

**Home Fire Campaign** – Last year Red Cross Staff and volunteers worked throughout Addison County to educate residents on fire, safety and prepared. We installed 73 free smoke alarms in homes and helped families develop emergency evacuation plans.

**Service to the Armed Forces** – We proudly assisted 8 of Addison County’s Service Members, veterans and their families by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

**Blood Drives** – Last year Addison County hosted 19 Blood Drives with the American Red Cross, collecting an impressive total of 483 pints of lifesaving blood. Addison County is home to 12 American Red Cross Volunteers.

Appropriation Requested - \$500

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### **BRISTOL FAMILY CENTER**

The Bristol Family Center is a non-profit preschool serving over 40 families in the five-town area and beyond. We were established in 1990 to meet the growing need for high quality child care and early education. The Bristol Family Center is fully licensed by the State of Vermont Department of Children and Families’ Child Development Division. We are proud to announce we are now accredited by the Step Ahead for Recognition System (STARS) as a 4-STAR program.

While providing a day long program with a thoughtful curriculum, the Center recognizes the inherent uniqueness of each child. We offer experiences that build self-help skills and we foster independence which promotes the development of stable and long-term relationships. The Bristol Family Center supports each child as they learn at their own pace through a balance of child initiated and teacher guided activities. We create environments where children feel comfortable and are inspired to learn through play in preparation for future learning opportunities. Our staff is experienced and knowledgeable in all realms of Early Education. We specialize in social, emotional development and know that a strong foundation in this realm supports a strong base to building a person sure to make an impact on our world. Appropriation requested - \$500

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### **BRISTOL REC DEPARTMENT**

As a member of the five-town community, Starksboro residents can participate in these programs, events, and learning opportunities at a reduced rate. This appropriation will also contribute to the continued growth and availability of programs like pottery, gymnastics, dance, martial arts, and summer camps.

The Recreation Department also provides free events to Starksboro residents like Teddy Bear Picnic, Movies in the Park, Halloween Party, Candy Cane Hunt, Harvest Festival and a variety of activities such as Tai Chi, Hunter Safety, and Holley Hall Play Group.

Since 2016, The Hub Teen Center has served as a safe place for Starksboro teens from over 60 individual families. Each of these teens from Starksboro have accessed resources at The Hub on a consistent basis since the beginning of the school year. The Hub Teen Center provides youth between the ages of 12 and 19 a place of their own to socialize, study, access the internet, have a nutritious meal, hear music, explore interests like the arts, videography, and technology while experiencing the support and supervision of adults who respect the challenges of young adulthood. It is a safe, supervised, and substance free environment that is open year-round.

The Recreation Department is excited to be providing new programs this summer to be run out of the Hub Teen Center. We will be introducing an adventure camp with mountain biking, a skateboarding camp, a variety of field games and more. We will also be keeping our traditionally popular river camp, gymnastics, and pottery camps.



I joined the Bristol Recreation Department in May 2018 and, have seen firsthand the importance of Starksboro's support to maintain the programs and to support new activities and events that help our community grow.

For more information about the programs currently being offered, please visit our website at [www.BristolVtRec.com](http://www.BristolVtRec.com)

Appropriation Request - \$2500

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### **BRISTOL RESCUE SQUAD, INC**

The current level of funding being requested is level funding from last year's request. Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc is grateful for the current level of funding, and below you will find insight into how the money that is requested is being spent:

- Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc will continue to pay on our 2017, 4-wheel drive ambulance. The addition of this ambulance in 2017 has been essential in ensuring that we are able to reach all members of our service area, while ensuring the safety of our crews, and more importantly the safety of our patients. The 4-wheel drive continues to be invaluable as we serve our patients.
- Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. continues to pay for classes for anyone in our service area who is interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), or Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT). The cost of the classes are covered entirely by Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. and vary between \$500 - \$1250. The current EMT class has 11 members from Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc., once again increasing our ability to cover all medical calls within our service areas. Along with education of our members, Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. has now made a partnership with Mt. Abraham UM/HS to train all 10th grade students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), costing roughly \$1,500.
- Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. has now hired five per diem members, in order to cover the vacancies in our schedule. With the addition of these five per diem members, it will cost Bristol Rescue Squad, Inc. \$90,000 per year. The goal of the per diem members is to decrease their use as we increase our members, while providing high quality medical care to our service area.

Your funding continues to be critical in ensuring 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year life saving service for 2019 and many years to come.

Appropriation requested - \$7500

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### **COUNSELING SERVICE OF ADDISON COUNTY**

During 2018, the Counseling service provided 11,447 hours of service to residents of Starksboro who had mental health, substance abuse or developmental disability needs.

The Counseling service provides a broad array of services to:

- Children, adolescents, adults and families facing challenges and crises in their lives
- Individuals living with developmental disabilities and their families
- People with severe and persistent mental illness
- People dealing with substance abuse problems
- Elderly people suffering from depression, anxiety and other mental health issues, and
- The entire community, through educational programs and special events

**CSAC's Emergency Service, (802) 388-7641, is available 24 hrs a day, seven days a week.**

Appropriation requested - \$2200

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### **ELDERLY SERVICES, INC**

Project Independence is an adult day program for elders providing safe, medically oriented daytime care that includes:

- Fun Social Activities
- Specialized van transportation to and from home
- Hot, delicious meals tailored to the dietary needs of our participants
- Individualized nursing care
- Personalized care including toileting assistance and hygiene
- Educational programs and entertainment
- Coordination with other health care providers and social service agencies and
- Daytime respite for family caregivers

In the past year 214 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at Project Independence Adult Day Center, 3 of who were Starksboro Residents. Starksboro residents received a total of 2,753 hours of care, 771 hot meals, and approximately 721 van rides. In addition Starksboro seniors were students at our ECI College Lifelong Learning Center., many residents volunteered for us, 6 family caregivers received respite and peace of mind and residents of Starksboro are on our staff.

Appropriation requested - \$900

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### **GREEN UP VERMONT**

Green Up Day marked its 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, with 22,700 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit organization, not a state agency. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces. Green Up Vermont also focus on education for grades K-12 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12.

Seventy-Five percent of Green Up Vermont budget comes from corporate and individual donations.

Save the date: Always the first Saturday in May!! Green Up Vermont May 4, 2019. A Vermont tradition since 1970.

Appropriation requested - \$100

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### **HOMEWARD BOUND**

As the only animal shelter in Addison County, we are serving more than 850 animals each year at the shelter and we offer programs and services to meet a wide array of pet owner and animal welfare needs facing Addison County.

#### **Incoming Animals**

Stray Animals brought to HB – 7

Animals Surrendered by their owner – 1

### **Outgoing Animals**

Adopted out to residents of Starksboro – 5

Stray animals returned to owner – 0

TNR:

Feral Cats spayed/neutered, rabies vaccinated, returned to Vergennes caregivers – 0

All of these animals were cared for daily, provided with necessary medical attention, microchipped and spayed/neutered prior to being placed for adoption.

Appropriation requested – \$500

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### **HOPE**

HOPE seeks to assist individuals and families in identifying and obtaining the resources that will help them meet their own basic needs. HOPE provides significant goods and services to people in need, including food, clothing, housing and heating fuel, medical items, job-related needs and more. We work to assist people in accessing information and developing new skills in order to become more empowered and have healthier and more stable lives.

HOPE operates one of the largest food shelves in the state, serving an average of 666 people each month. Last year, we assisted 142 people with medical needs, helped 109 households end or avoid homelessness, helped 103 people with job-related needs, provided 443 vouchers for essential clothing and household goods from our resale store, and much more.

During the year ending December 31, 2017, HOPE provided assistance to 116 Starksboro residents.

Appropriation requested - \$1750

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### **HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

Hospice Volunteer Services is a non-profit agency providing free hospice service programs and bereavement support services to town residents since 1983. We are celebrating 35 years as a non-profit agency. Our primary commitment is to provide the support of trained hospice volunteers to people with terminal illnesses and their families. **(HVS is a separate but collaborating organization from Addison County Home Health and Hospice)**. We provide services to families free of charge. We do not bill patients, families, their insurance carriers or receive federal dollars. We rely on some funding from United Way of Addison County and raise a considerable percentage of our budget through our own fundraising efforts. The people of Addison County sustain us by their generous gifts to our annual appeal, memorial donations, and support of our fundraising.

We are pleased to announce the pending merger of Hospice Volunteer Services, Inc. and Addison Respite Care Home. We expect that details and legalities will be completed in early 2019, at which time our agency name will change to **End of Life Services Inc.** Current Services will continue and remain free to residents, plus we will continue the Addison Respite Care Home mission of providing comfortable rooms and suites for end of life when staying at home is not an option. We will also be able to provide all services to terminal patients whether or not they have signed onto a hospice program.

14 residents from the Town of Starksboro received services from Hospice Volunteer Services at no charge in our last fiscal period ending 12/31/17.

For more information and keep track of our progress as we complete our merge, please go to our new website: [endoflifeVT.org](http://endoflifeVT.org)

Appropriation requested - \$500

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### **JOHN GRAHAM SHELTER**

69 Main St, Vergennes  
877-2677

This year marks 38 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals. In 2018, with generous help from Addison County municipalities, the John Graham Shelter:

- Provided more than 16,000 bed nights of food, shelter, services and hope to more than 250 people, many of whom were children;
- Provided rapid rehousing to families at our own buildings in Vergennes, Middlebury and Bristol and at many scattered sites;
- Helped dozens of households find permanent housing and employment;
- Provided counseling, case management and support services that help people take the next step in their lives.

Most important, once families moved on to permanent housing, we helped them retain housing so that they don't become homeless again.

Who are Vermont's homeless? It used to be a single man, out of work and down on his luck, struggling to overcome alcohol or drug addictions.

**But today the face of homelessness is likely to be a senior with physical or mental disabilities, a young person, or a mother striving to balance a job while caring for her young children. Nearly everyone we work with at John Graham is employed!**

Again this year, the number of people in Addison County who were literally homeless increased. And the number of homeless school-aged children increased, making families with children one of the fastest growing segments of the homeless population. We see each day how homeless children are more likely to be sick, hungry, exposed to violence and at risk of school failure. The John Graham Shelter provided housing to more than 100 families with children this year.

Appropriation requested - \$970

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### **LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION**

2018 was full of exciting projects for Lewis Creek Association. So many reliable and talented volunteers as well as town and state staff helped LCA to grow its community service programs, especially the water quality education and improvement work that we promote through the "Ahead of the Storm" program. With many years of nature study, data collection and interpretation, LCA and its watershed towns have

known since 2015 that Lake Champlain receives the bulk (~80%) of its phosphorus pollution when the streams are experiencing their highest flows. Since too few people are using the knowledge today, LCA's "Ahead of the Storm" program is critically important for Lake Champlain Valley Towns and watersheds from Addison County to Chittenden County.

This year your contributions were critical in helping to leverage funds from Lake Champlain Basin Program, private donors and various State funding sources. Your contributions, town funds and grant funds helped to afford the projects highlighted below. Our partner network continues to grow, and includes town, state and regional government groups, South Chittenden River Watch, Lake Iroquois Association, Charlotte Invasive Collaborative, Responsible Growth Hinesburg, Addison County River Watch Collaborative, Vermont Family Forests, schools, state and local land trusts, foundations and conservancies, Watersheds United Vermont, Vermont Clean Water Network, Vermont Housing and Conservation Coalition and the Vermont Natural Resources Council. The list goes on and we welcome your interest. To visit a board meeting or assist with special projects and board activities, please call and visit our growing library at lewisecreek.org and learn about daily activities on Facebook.

Appropriation requested - \$550

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### **OPEN DOOR CLINIC**

**Our Mission:** The Open Door Clinic provides access to quality health services, free of charge, to those who are uninsured or under-insured and who meet financial eligibility guidelines; services are provided in a compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive manner until a permanent healthcare provider can be established.

We have served 15 Starksboro residents through 8 medical visits, 2 Vermont Health Connect visits, and 4 consults and case management services. Additionally, we have held 23 dental hygiene clinics, and our hygienist and volunteer dentists have seen 87 patients over 338 procedures.

As a free clinic, we cannot charge for any of our services and rely solely on the expertise and efforts of 140 volunteers to care for our patients. Our volunteers include our medical director, dental director, nurse practitioners and physicians, nurses, EMTs, PTs, nutritionists, pharmacists, medical interpreters, and general volunteers.

Appropriation requested - \$250

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### **OTTER CREEK NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District contracts the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, holds public and sector meetings for the Lake Champlain District Watershed Plan, and the Otter Creek Tactical Plan, holds Natural Resource Workshops for horse owners and sponsors a Tree Seedling Sale and maintains a listing of local contractors.

The District supports Conservation Education for an average 250 Addison County 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, supports scholarships for up to 6 area students to attend Green Mountain Conservation Camp, supports Envirothon and continues that outreach at Addison County Fair and Field Days and the Addison County Tour and Annual District Meeting. Otter Creek NRCD has collected soil and manure samples for 25 farms over four years and supported farmers who write their own Nutrient Management Plan in classes conducted by UVM Extension.

In 2019 the District will be looking to continue to support installation, now referred to as Green Stormwater Infrastructure. Rain gardens and other practices will recharge groundwater and reduce storm water surges in streams and rivers following storm events. They are planted with a variety of flowering shrubs, bulbs, and perennials. It is construction that has measurable water quality benefits. See the Rain Garden at Marbleworks and at the St. Stephen's Church on the Green in Middlebury installed in 2006 with renovations begun in 2013; the Robbin's residence installed in 2008, and 8 installed in 2009 in Middlebury, Bristol, Ripton and Starksboro. Cornwall and Bridport School have installed rain gardens with the support of OCNRCD and United Ways Days of Caring.

4 Starksboro residents purchased fruit and shade tree seedlings from the Annual District Tree Sale.

Appropriation requested - \$176

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### **RSVP and GREEN MOUNTAIN FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM**

RSVP is a volunteer management program which offers individuals the opportunity to share their experience, skills and time by volunteering for local non-profit organizations. RSVP considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Addison County's most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health and education.

RSVP also oversees several free community outreach programs that benefit local residents. These include Bone Builders health and osteoporosis prevention classes twice per week at many locations in Addison County; the Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program which places volunteers in our schools; the Warm Hearts Warm Hands initiative which distributes handmade items to local schools, hospitals, nursing homes, social service agencies; the RSVP/AARP Tax Program which provides income tax return services to low income residents; and the Help Fight Hunger Program which distributes needed staples to area food shelves. These programs strengthen communities through service and volunteering, and allow Addison County residents to stay healthy, engaged, and financially stable.

In FY'18, Starksboro residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as our free income tax return preparation services, and our free osteoporosis prevention classes. Overall, 462 Addison County residents received income tax services and 354 Addison County residents benefited from Bone Builders classes. In Starksboro, classes were located at the Jerusalem School House and the Starksboro Library. During winter months, RSVP provided food staples to families through local food shelves. Hundreds of blankets and warm clothing items were distributed to the Addison community. In Starksboro, items were distributed via the Starksboro Cooperative Preschool. Our Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program provided hundreds of hours of classroom support to students at Robinson Elementary School. Through RSVP, Starksboro residents volunteered over 1,800 hours to support the community.

Appropriation requested - \$370

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### **VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

The VABVI's 2018 Fiscal Year was an exciting one. We served more clients than ever before and we launched our new iOS Training program for adult clients.

It's clear to us that our mission and services will continue to play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. We are working harder than ever to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

**iOS Training Program:** Starting in January 2018 VABVI began providing clients with one on one IOS Training on iPhones and iPads.

**PALS (Peer Assisted Learning and Support) Groups:** PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and to discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss.

**HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence):** The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehab Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

**IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience):** IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, meet adult mentors, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills.

During Fiscal Year 2018, we served 1770 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included 1 adult client and 1 student in Starksboro, and 56 clients and 16 students in Addison County.

Appropriation Requested - \$500

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## VERMONT ADULT LEARNING

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. We work with each student to develop an individual learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing and math and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

VAL also offers WorkKeys certification, a nationally recognized career readiness certificate based on "real world" skills that employers look for in employees. In addition, we are contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences. ***Our programs are free and confidential.***

Appropriation requested - \$700

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## VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

During our FY'18 (10/2017-9/2018) show VCIL responded to over 3,700 request from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with disabilities.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

Appropriation requested - \$250

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### **VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE**

The RFP Program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction.

We have made a number of adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing RFP systems are eligible for grant funding on an on-going basis. We now consider applications from Vermont Towns and Fire Departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

214 Vermont Communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection Program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont Towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Appropriation requested - \$100

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### **WOMEN SAFE, INC**

**Last year WomenSafe staff and volunteers provided the following services:**

- 5,769 in-person meetings and phone calls to 529 women, children and men who accessed services
- Worked with relatives and caregivers of a total of 376 children affected by the violence in their lives.
- 345 supervised visits for 26 children needing increased safety during parent-child contacts through The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe
- WomenSafe's Transitional Housing Program funded through the Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) assisted 29 families find and maintain secure, stable housing.
- The Training and Education Program reached 1,641 adults and youth through 255 presentations, trainings and community outreach events that covered healthy relationships, preventing child sexual abuse, sexual harassment and consent.
- Seventy-Five volunteers contributed 9,270 hours by providing services such as: staffing the 24hr hotline, in person office support, court accompaniment and administrative support.



- o WomenSafe honored Valerie Ortiz of Shoreham as the 2018 recipient of the Kimberly Krans Women Who Change the World Award.

Starksboro: WomenSafe provided direct services to at least 5\* Starksboro residents including the parents of at least 5 children who were exposed to violence. WomenSafe also provided 9 presentations to 142 students and 1 adult MAUHS.

\*\* For their safety some people do not share their town of residence.

**Advocacy services are Free and Confidential**

**24-Hour Hotline: 802-388-4205 or 1-800-388-4205**

The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe: 802-388-6783

Business: 802-388-9180

Fax: 802-388-3438

E-mail: [info@womensafe.net](mailto:info@womensafe.net)

Web: [www.womensafe.net](http://www.womensafe.net)

Appropriation requested - \$1250



15. 50th anniversary

Rev. John and Lois (Hanson) Burbank celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2005 at the Starksboro First Baptist Church, where they were married.

Courtesy Rev. and Mrs. John Burbank.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

A lot has changed for our schools in the recent past. The VT State Legislature passed Act 46 in 2015, calling for restructuring of educational districts in Vermont. This act is an attempt to address the rising costs of school funding, coupled with corresponding decreases in student enrollment statewide. In 2016, our 5-town community voted in favor of consolidating our school supervisory districts into one new larger school district, which is now called the Mount Abraham Unified School District (MAUSD). The MAUSD board officially began full responsibility for the Robinson Elementary School, Mount Abraham Union High/Middle School, and the four other elementary schools in Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, and New Haven, on July 1, 2018. As a result of this restructuring, the MAUSD leaders will be publishing their own annual report, and some of the information you are accustomed to seeing here is now available elsewhere. To help you find the information you need, we provide this guide:

**MT. ABRAHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (MAUSD) meeting agendas, minutes, annual report and warnings** are available:

- **Online** at: <http://www.anesu.org/school-boards/anesd-board>.
- **MAUSD Annual meeting warning** is also:
  - posted on bulletin boards in each member town at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting Day;
  - posted at Town Clerk's Offices (Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro);
  - posted at all 6 schools in the MAUSD district; and
  - on page 100 of this report.
- **MAUSD Annual Report hard copies** are available at:
  - The MAUSD Supervisory Union Office, 72 Munsill Ave., Suite 601, in Bristol;
  - Town Clerk's Offices (Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro); and
  - The main offices of each of the six schools in the district.
- **Questions? Call the MAUSD Office at: (802) 453-3657**

**PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL** agendas, minutes, annual report and warnings are available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/pahcc2019>

- **Hannaford Career Center Annual meeting warning** is also:
  - posted on bulletin boards in each member town at least 30 days prior to Town Meeting Day;
  - posted at Town Clerk's Offices (Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro);
  - posted at all 6 schools in the MAUSD district; and
  - On page 102 of this report.
- **Hannaford Career Center Annual Report hard copies** are available for pick up at:
  - The Hannaford Career Center in Middlebury.
  - Town Clerk's offices of the member towns.
- **Questions? Call Hannaford Career Center at (802) 382-1012.**

**VOTING ON MAUSD AND HANNAFORD CAREER CENTER SCHOOL BUDGETS**

will be by Australian ballot:

- **Tuesday, March 5, 2019** in each of the district member towns.
- **Starksboro's polling place is at the Robinson School on Parsonage Rd**
- **Polling hours in Starksboro are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
- **Early voting** is available upon request from your Town Clerk.
- **Questions? Call the Starksboro Town Clerk at (802)453-2639.**

**Minutes  
Town of Starksboro  
Annual Town and Town School District Meeting  
Saturday, March 3, 2018  
Robinson Elementary School Multipurpose Room**

The Town of Starksboro met for their yearly Town Meeting on Saturday, March 3, 2018 with 135 voters in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Dan Dubenetsky, Moderator, at 9:05. Child Care was provided by Shayna Block and Charlotte Doyle, a special Thank You to the service they provided on such an important day.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator, Dan asked for a show of hands in how many years they have been attending. First timers received a \$25.00 GC to Moes, which were 7, and 12 that have been attending 45 plus years, received a pint of maple syrup. Dan went over Robert's Rule's and other Town procedures before commencing the start of Town Meeting. Frank Bryant was not able to attend Town Meeting to share his wisdom, but sent a UVM colleague instead - Richard Watts.

Jenna McArdle, Ruby Ball and Justice Greene from Mt. Abe Varsity Softball were present for a fundraiser for their Florida Spring Training Trip. They were Division 2 State Champions in 2017 and hope to have a repeat performance.

Four Winds Nature was providing excellent food for the attendees and all proceeds go to the program for future use.

Project Read was also on hand to sell VT Folk Rocker rocking chair Tickets, only 200 are sold each year, the price per ticket is \$10.

Ryan Cochran-Siegle was awarded a round of applause for his Olympic Team debut on the ski team. There will be an announcement later on for a homecoming party that the entire town is invited to, to welcome Ryan home. Congratulations Ryan!!

Our new Town Fire Truck, that was driven from Minnesota by Tom and Matt Estey, was available for the townsfolk to see. Thank you Tom and Matt!

Representatives present were Dave Sharpe, Chris Bray and Fred Baser. They each spoke in reference to Natural Resource Energy, Special Education, Clean Water Act, and Tax Education Fund. Dave Sharpe gave a heartfelt goodbye to the attending towns folks as he has decided not to run for re-election. We Thank you for your service Dave and best of luck with your next adventure.

Polls were open from 7am to 7pm on March 6, 2018 at the Robinson Elementary School to elect town and school district officers, also to vote on the Mount Abraham Unified District Budget, Mount Abraham Bond Renovation, Hannaford Career Center Budget.

**At 9:39 the Starksboro Town Articles were called to vote:**

A special Thank You for Susan Jefferies and her dedication to the Town of Starksboro. This will be Susan's last Town Meeting as a Selectboard member. She was first elected to the board 12 yrs ago and has served as SB Chair for 11 of those years. For most of her years on the Board, she has also acted as scribe taking notes and writing up minutes of all meetings she attended. Her knowledge of the intricacies of public, non-profit finances has been invaluable to the Board when formulating budgets, borrowing for the purchase of equipment, financing the construction of the Town Garage. Her common sense, patient diplomacy and general good cheer has made the SB both enjoyable to serve on and effective as well. She will be truly missed! She was presented with a beautiful vase with roses and irises. Thank you Susan!!

**Article 1** -Mary O'Brien made a motion to bring Article 1 to the floor, seconded by Jeff Keeney.

Results of the Australian Ballot voting held on March 6, were as follows:

Dan Dubenetsky - Moderator 1yr - 375  
Koran Cousino -Selectman 3yrs - 382  
Eric Cota - Selectman 2 yrs - 188  
Nancy Boss - Selectman 2 yrs - 169  
Cheryl Estey - Town Clerk 3yrs - 400  
Celine Coon - Town Treasurer 3yrs - 372  
Auditor 3yrs -  
Cemetery Commissioner 3yrs -  
Cemetery Commissioner 2yrs -  
Cemetery Commissioner 1yr -  
Norman Cota - Lister 3yrs - 373  
Tax Collector 1yr -  
Celina Aiguier - Library Trustee 3yrs - 356  
Denny Barnard - Town Planning Commission 3yrs - 317  
Dennis Casey - Town Planning Commission 3 yrs - 335  
First Grand Juror 1yr -  
First Constable 1yr -  
Second Constable 1yr -  
Jim Runcie - Town Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits 1yr - 368  
Nancy Cornell - School Dir 3 yrs - 344  
Brad Johnson - MT Abe HS 3 yrs - 300  
Stephen Rooney - MT Abe HS 3yrs - 291  
Stephen Rooney - MAUHS 3 yrs - 319

The total number of voters that turned out this day was 415.

Nancy Boss introduced herself to the Town and her intention to run for a Selectboard term of 2 yrs. She has lived in Starksboro for 6 years, currently works for a local school. She is one of five kids. She describes herself as loyal, honest, fair and approachable to discuss anything. She has raised 3 daughters here in VT. Welcome Nancy!

Stephen Rooney also introduced himself - in running for the MT. Abe Unified School District Director - He has lived in Starksboro with his significant other Alice Weston since 2004. He is an architect with Breadloaf that is located in Middlebury and wanted to share his expertise. Welcome Stephen!

**Article 2** - Colin O'Brien-Lucas made a motion to accept the auditor's report for the year ending June 30, 2017. Seconded by Chris Runcie. Voice vote called Article 2 passes.

**Article 3** - Peter Ryersbach made a motion to vote the following sum of money for the proposed FY 18-19 General Fund Budget, seconded by Susan Jefferies.

Susan Jefferies made a motion to amend Article 3 to "Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote the following sum of money for the proposed FY 18-19 General Fund Budget, being expenses of \$1,125,385 less receipts of \$404,650 and FY 16-17 surplus of \$34,031 for an amount of \$686,704?" seconded by Jeff Keeney.

The Town is looking to change systems for accounting from Quickbooks to NEMRC. Which this system is already in place at the town for Grandlist and Tax information. Amendment passes.

**Article 3 Amendment** - Mary O'Brien made a motion to vote the following sum of money for the General Budget FY 18-19, being expenses of \$1,125,385 less receipts of \$404,650 and FY 16-17 surplus of \$34,031 for an amount of \$686,704?" seconded by Rob Liotard. Voice vote called. Article 3 with proposed amendment passes.

**Article 4** - Dan Nugent made a motion to vote for the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, seconded Norman Cota. Voice vote called. Article 4 passes.

**Article 5** - Ben Campbell made a motion to vote for the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, seconded by Norman Cota. Voice vote called. Article 5 passes.

**Article 6** - Larry Jones made a motion to vote the following sum of money for the Paving Reserve Fund, seconded by Peter Ryersbach.  
Alice Weston asked which roads were on the list to be paved this year. Tom Estey replied right now, States Prison Hollow Rd. Voice vote called. Article 6 passes.

**Article 7** - Mary O'Brien made a motion to vote the following sum of money for the Starksboro Public Library for FY 18-19, seconded by Judith Kessler.  
Thank you to Marc Lucas for his 22 years of service on the Board. His dedication toward the library was invaluable. Also a Thank You to Nancy Kerwin for her service as Asst Librarian, has decided to retire and start her next adventure. Lynn Stewart-Parker has fulfilled her place. The library holds many different activities throughout the year for people of all ages, from paint tutorials to craft shows, art shows and sugar on snow parties.  
Voice vote called. Article 7 passes.

**Article 8** - Susan Jefferies made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$167,000 for the purchase of a replacement utility truck for FY 18-19. Loan will be paid within 5 yrs from Road Equip Fund starting FY 19-20, seconded by Tony Porter.  
Discussion was in hopes to extend the life of the utility truck. Voice vote called. Article 8 passes.

**Article 9** - Dennis Casey made a motion to authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for the purchase of up to a 1 ton pickup truck with plow and sander, seconded by Cecilia Elwert.  
Discussion involved was the use of the 1 ton that was being used for small jobs that made it harder and inefficient to do their jobs, such as hauling around road signage, cones and regular road maintenance. The road crew currently use their own personal vehicles to do road inspections during the year. No new personnel will be added and only 4 trucks are currently working for the road crew. Municipalities do get a special discount, tax exempt and have programs out there to help purchase equipment for towns that are necessary for their job. This will include a sander and plow. Voice vote called Article 9 passes.

**Article 10** - Koran Cousino made a motion for the voters of the town to agree to exchange parcels of land between the Town of Starksboro and Robinson Elementary School? Robinson School is currently located on a parcel of land owned by the Town of Starksboro. Robinson School owns the land located west of Robinson School - a proposal to exchange these properties so that the land Robinson School is located on, is entirely owned by the school district and the land located west of it will be owned by the Town of Starksboro. The agreement can be reviewed by the public at the Starksboro Town Office, seconded by Chris Runcie.  
Discussion on the land exchange - school still needs an easement for the backup septic - the easement will be a permanent easement, and their solar trackers. These are tax exempt parcels, so there will be no taxes incurred. Voice vote called. Article 10 passes.

**Article 11** - Keegan Tierney made a motion to vote for the sum of \$25,000 for surveying , developing of architectural plans, preparation for permitting for the purposes of constructing a replacement Fire Station #2 and renovating the Historic Jerusalem Schoolhouse, seconded by Susan Klaiber.

Discussion on the major renovations that are needed to upgrade the building , such as handicap accessibility, to be used for emergency shelter, #2 Fire Station (eliminate out of code station), park and ride and to preserve the building. Voice vote called. Article 11 passes.

**Article 12** - Laurie Webber made a motion to vote for the following sum of money \$2000.00 for the purchase of food for the Starksboro Food Shelf, seconded by Jan McCleery.  
Discussion on article- this will be in conjunction with all the donations, not in place of. Especially during the holiday months. Article 12 passes.

**Article 13** - Norman Cota made a motion vote the following sum of money for the listed In-Town request of \$40,925, seconded by Jeff Keeney.  
Starksboro Cooperative Preschool - \$4500  
Robinson Mentoring Program - \$2000  
Starksboro First Response - \$9500  
Starksboro Sports Program -\$2500  
Starksboro School Age Program - \$425  
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Dept - \$22000  
Voice vote called - Article 13 passes.

**Mary O'Brien made a motion to take a short recess before addressing the School District Meeting at 10:42. Seconded by Jim Runcie.**

**Started School District Meeting at 11:06 - this is for discussion only, no voting will be taking place on these articles until March 6, 2018 by Australian Ballot only.**

**Article 1** - Louis DuPont made a motion to elect Town School District Officers as follows, each for a term that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement as approved by the VT State Board of Education on September 20, 2016 by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 6, 2018. Seconded by Rob Liotard. Official informational meeting took place February 27, 2018. The last time for their authority to sign off on business issues is June 30, 2018. All informational meetings will now be held at the district level and all discussion must be done there at that time, not at the Starksboro Town Meeting.

**Article 2** - Jen Turner made a motion to elect Town Unified School District Directors for the coming year by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 6, 2018, seconded by Dan Nugent.  
Discussion only - Caleb Elder and Stephen Rooney will be our new representatives for our Unified Board.

**Article 3** - Jeff Dunham made a motion to act upon reports of the Town School District Officers and Directors, seconded by Judith Kessler.  
A special Thank You to Louis DuPont for his years of service and dedication to the board. He has gone above and beyond for the school service. His pride and loyalty shown through with his countless meetings and goals he strived for to better the education for all involved.  
Our community still needs to be involved with mentoring, community activities and being informed at the State Level.

**Article 4** - Susan Jefferies made a motion to consider any further business that may legally come before this meeting seconded by Louis DuPont.  
Edorah Frazier spoke on behalf of Robinson School and the commitment behind the staff and parents of the education for the children involved.

Edorah would like us to recognize Frank Spina on his retirement this coming school year ending in 2018, his 25 years of education service will be irreplaceable. He teaches from the heart and has a profound respect for the kids and their abilities as children on what they can do. He recognizes each and everyone of them as human beings and encourages all to explore and expand their knowledge no matter it takes them. He will be greatly missed by the staff, children and parents here at Robinson School.

Braeden Pudvah won the Geo Bee Contest and will be participating at the one at Castleton University along with Aidan Harris from Mount Abraham Union High School. Congratulations and Good Luck to both!!

Joanna Toy and Morgan Barnard recently competed in a Middle School District Chorus Concert against kids from across west central VT. They were chosen to participate in an all day rehearsal and evening performance at St. Joseph's College in Rutland. Congratulations Joanna and Morgan!

Congratulations to the 5% Girls Basketball team that won the Championship of 2018. I had the pleasure of watching them and they played like a well-oiled machine. The coaching in this town is amazing with the dedication and skill level that is brought forth. The ¾ Girls Basketball also had an amazing year. Congratulations to all!

Mentoring at Robinson School is still going strong with over 30 participants that spend an average of 1 hr per week (usually more) with their mentees during and after school. The love and time they share with these individuals is priceless. Thank you!!

Bites in a Bag Volunteers - Koran Cousino, Peg Casey, Erin Bent - a special thank you to these ladies for all the extra effort they give.

Community support for the school is amazing and make the school a special place. By consolidating the school districts we will not lose that feeling or dedication from the community. We are too strong of a community to allow that and know the needs of the school come first at all costs. Thank you for being a part of Robinson School.

Louis DuPont asked for a straw poll to see if the Town still wanted the School District Meeting and Reports to still be on agenda. All in favor - yes.

**Starksboro School District meeting motion to adjourn by Judith Kessler, seconded by Rebecca Elder. Meeting adjourned at 11:38.**

**Town Meeting resumed at 11:38.**

**Article 14** - Peter Ryersbach made a motion to vote the following sums of money for the listed out of town requests, seconded by Heather Ragsdale.

AC Restorative Justice Services - \$600

AC Home Health & Hospice - \$1964

AC Parent/Child Center - \$1600

AC Readers - \$350

AC Transit Resources - \$1708

American Red Cross - \$500

Bristol Family Center - \$500

Bristol Rec Center - \$2500

Bristol Rescue Squad - \$7500

Age Well - \$1300

Counseling Service of Addison Cnty - \$2000

Elderly Services - \$900

Green Up VT - 100

Homeward Bound - \$500

HOPE - \$1750



Hospice Volunteer Service - \$500  
John Graham Emergency Shelter Services - \$970  
Lewis Creek Association - \$550  
Open Door Clinic - \$250  
Otter Creek Natural Res. Conser. Dist - \$176  
RSVP - \$370  
VT Adult Learning - \$700  
VT Assoc for the Blind/Visually Impaired - \$500  
VT Center for Independent Living - \$250  
VT Rural Protection Task Force - \$100  
WomenSafe - \$1250  
Total out of town requests - \$29,588  
Voice vote called Article 14 passes.

**Article 15** - Susan Jefferies made a motion to vote that property owned by the Starksboro Volunteer Fire Dept be exempt from property taxes, seconded by Norman Cota. This is a State Statute and must be voted on every 5 years. They are exempt status and have not been taxed in the past. Voice vote called Article 15 passes.

**Article 16** - Mary O'Brien made a motion to vote the Real Estate Taxes to be paid, without discount, to the Treasurer on or before Thursday November 1, 2018, at 5 pm, becoming delinquent after November 1, 2018 at 5pm. Taxes must be received by this time, postmarks are not considered receipt, seconded by Susan Jefferies. Voice vote called, Article 16 passes.

**Article 17** - Ben Campbell made a motion to transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting, seconded by Sherry Pachman. Voice vote called - Article 17 passes.

Susan Jefferies asked a request from the attending voters in reference to the gazette mailing. Do the townspeople want to continue to receive the gazette as a mailing or prefer to receive it emailed, or read on the web. Census seemed to be people wanted it emailed or can read it on the web.

Rebecca Elder extended a Thank you to the all the Boards for the Town of Starksboro - Development Review, Planning Commission and the Selectboard. The hard work and dedication that each board puts forth is invaluable and most towns people don't realize the time and effort it takes for these boards to work properly.

Bob Hall made a comment in reference to the Vital Records Info for the Town Report. He was disappointed that they have been left out and hope we can incorporate them next year.

Leo and Dylan Elder are currently designing a Starksboro Flag for the community and hope to have it complete by next Town Meeting.

Susan Jefferies made a motion to adjourn the town meeting, seconded by Mary O'Brien, so voted. **Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm.**

Asst. Town Clerk,  
Amy McCormick

Moderator,  
Dan Dubenetsky

## VOTER INFORMATION

**Town Meeting: Sat, March 2, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Robinson School multipurpose room.**

### **Applications for names to be added to the checklist:**

A new Election Day voter registration law went into effect on January 1, 2017. As of that date, eligible residents will be able to register to vote on any day up to and including Election Day. Registration will be available at the town office on any day prior to the election during normal business hours, and on Election Day during the hours the polls are open. Registering may be done through the town office or online at <https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>.

**Nominations, Petitions for Candidates for Office:** Nominations of the municipal and school officers shall be by petition. The petition shall be filed with the Town Clerk, together with a written consent of the prospective nominee to the printing of his/her name on the ballot, no later than 5:00 pm on the sixth Monday preceding the day of the election, which will be January 28, 2019. A petition shall contain the name of only one candidate. A voter shall not sign more than one petition for the same office, unless more than one nomination is to be made, in which case he/she may sign as many petitions as there are nominations to be made for the same office.

A person consenting to be nominated may withdraw by notifying the Town Clerk in writing no later than 5:00 pm on the Wednesday after the filing deadline (January 30, 2019).

### **Petitions for Articles to be included in the Warning:**

The Warning shall also contain any article or articles requested by a petition signed by at least 5% of the voters of the municipality and filed with the Town Clerk by January 17, 2019, by 5:00 pm.

### **Absentee Voting:**

A voter who expects to be an absent voter, or an authorized person in his/her behalf, may apply for absentee ballots not later than 5:00 pm on the closing of the Town Office on the day preceding the election (March 4, 2019).

Absentee ballots may be requested by phone, in person, or in writing, and shall be valid for only one election.

A person may vote absentee in person at the Town Clerk's Office, by mail, by picking up a ballot and bringing it home to be voted, or, if ill or needing assistance, a pair of Justices can bring the ballot(s) to your home on the day before the election. Please call the Town Office if you have questions.

## **Common Rules and Procedure at Town Meeting**

1/2/19

**Call the Question: (Previous Question)** A motion made from the floor and seconded to stop debate and discussion on an article or an amendment. You must have the floor when you make this motion. 2/3 vote needed by the assembly in favor of killing debate and moving to the actual vote. You then vote on the article, or amendment or go back to discussion depending on the vote.

**Division of the House:** A voter can request this when they feel a voice vote is in question. No second is required for this motion.

**Object to Consideration:** A motion can be made from the floor prior to an article being discussed. No second required. This essentially is a motion designed to NOT discuss an article. A 2/3 negative vote (those voting in favor of NOT discussing and article, please stand). (Those wishing to consider the article, please stand).

**Other Business:** No binding action may be taken on items discussed and voted on under “other business.”

**Paper Ballot:** There must be (7) voters requesting a paper (secret) ballot. The motion must be seconded. This can be done before or after a voice vote or standing vote.

**Pass-over:** There is no such motion in Robert’s Rules. Therefore if this motion is made before discussion starts it is really Object to consideration. If it occurs after debate has started it means that you desire to postpone indefinitely, it needs a second and then a majority vote to effectively kill the article from consideration.

**Reconsideration:** This can only happen by a motion before the next article is taken up. The motion to reconsider must be made by someone who voted on the prevailing side of the just passed vote. A second is required. It then takes a majority vote to bring the article back for consideration and eventual vote.

**Suspend the Rules:** Needs a motion and second and then 2/3 vote to: let out of towners speak (not Vote), or change the order of articles or basic Robert’s Rules.

At this point in time we do not vote the school budget from the floor. It is voted by Australian ballot on the first Tuesday of March with other articles and candidates running for offices. However we can consider have discussion on school budgets Town Meeting, although it is not binding.

**Selectman Budgets:** Suggestions can be made to budgets and adjusted line by line. In the end it is the total amount voted up and down.

Candidates for offices can be given the opportunity to introduce themselves at the Saturday meeting as it is prior to the voting done on Tuesday.

Finally, you may speak twice on an article but only after all others have had the opportunity to speak first.

## **CANDIDATES for ELECTION on MARCH 5, 2019**

Moderator, 1 year	Dan Dubenetsky
Selectboard, 3 years	Nancy Boss
Selectboard, 2 years	Tony Porter
Lister, 3 years	Larry Shepard
Auditor, 3 years	Robert Turner
Auditor, 2 years	
Planning Commission, 3 years	Jeffrey Keeney
Planning Commission, 3 years	Rodney Orvis
Planning Commission, 3 years	Brad Boss
Cemetery Commissioner, 2 years	Larry Shepard
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	
Library Trustee, 3 years	Katie Antos-Ketcham
Library Trustee, 3 years	Liz Fairchild
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	Amy McCormick
First Constable, 1 year	
Second Constable, 1 year	
Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits, 1 year	James Runcie
First Grand Juror, 1 year	

**WARNING**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

The legal voters of the Town of Starksboro in the County of Addison and State of Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Robinson School multipurpose room within said Starksboro on **Saturday the second day of March, A.D. 2019**, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss and transact the following business viz:

Polls will be open on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to elect Town Officers to vote on the Mt. Abraham Unified School District Budget, and to vote on the Regional Technical School Budget. (See separate warnings for School items.) The Business meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2019.

**Article 1: To be voted by Australian Ballot on March 5, 2019.**  
To elect Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Moderator, 1 yr	
Selectboard, 3 yrs	Library Trustee, 3 yrs
Selectboard, 2 yrs	Library Trustee, 3 yrs
Tax Collector, 1 yr	Town Planning Commission, 3 yrs
Auditor, 3 yrs (2 yr balance)	Town Planning Commission, 3 yrs
Auditor, 3 yrs	Town Planning Commission, 3 yrs
Cemetery Commissioner, 2 yrs	First Grand Juror, 1 yr
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yrs	First Constable, 1 yr
Lister, 3yrs	Second Constable, 1 yr
	Town Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 yr

**Article 2:** Shall the voters of the town accept the Auditors' Report for the year ending June 30, 2018?

**Article 3:** Shall the voters of the Town of Starksboro vote the following sum of money for the proposed FY 19-20 General Fund Budget, being expenses of \$1,014,211 less receipts of \$257,600, less the FY17-18 carry over surplus of \$51,507 for an amount of \$705,104?

**Article 4:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$47,373?

**Article 5:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, being \$93,526?

**Article 6:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Paving Reserve Fund, being \$40,000?

**Article 7:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sum of money for the Starksboro Public Library to fund the costs of its operations for FY 19-20, being \$30,000?

**Article 8:** Shall the voters of the town authorize the Selectboard to borrow an amount not to exceed \$210,000 for the purchase, in FY 19-20, of a replacement tandem dump truck? The loan will be paid within five years from the Road Equipment Reserve Fund, with the first payment due in FY 20-21.

**Article 9:** Shall the voters of the town vote the sum of \$3,000 for the support of the Starksboro Village Meeting House to provide necessary exterior upkeep in support of its function as a trustee operated Community Building to provide services to residents of the town?

**Article 10:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed In-Town requests?

Starksboro Cooperative Preschool	4500
Robinson Mentoring Program	2000
Starksboro First Response	9500
Starksboro Food Shelf	2000
Starksboro Sports Program	3500
Starksboro School Age Program (RASY)	425
Starksboro Volunteer Fire Department	24,000
<b>TOTAL IN-TOWN REQUESTS</b>	<u><b>\$45,925</b></u>

**Article 11:** Shall the voters of the town vote the following sums of money for the listed Out-of-Town requests?

AC Restorative Justice Services, Inc	600
AC Home Health & Hospice	1964
AC Parent/Child Center	1600
AC Readers	350
AC Transit Resources	1708
American Red Cross	500
Bristol Family Center	500
Bristol Rec Department	2500
Bristol Rescue Squad	7500
Age Well	1300
Counseling Service of Addison County	2200
Elderly Services, Inc	900
Green Up Vermont	100
Homeward Bound (AC Humane Society)	500
HOPE (formerly ACCAG)	1750
Hospice Volunteer Services	500
John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services, Inc	970
Lewis Creek Association	550
Open Door Clinic	250
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation Dist	176
RSVP	370
Vermont Adult Learning	700
Vermont Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	500
Vermont Center for Independent Living	250
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100
WomenSafe	1250
<b>TOTAL OUT-OF-TOWN REQUESTS</b>	<u><b>\$29,588</b></u>

**Article 12:** Shall the voters of the town vote the Real Estate taxes to be paid, without discount, to the Treasurer on or before Friday, November 1, 2019, at 4:30 pm becoming delinquent after November 1, 2019 at 4:30 pm? Taxes must be received by this time, postmarks are not considered receipt.

**Article 13:** To transact, vote and act upon any further non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Starksboro, this 23rd day of January, A.D. 2019

s/ Eric Cota

s/ Koran Cousino

s/ Peter Marsh

s/ Tony Porter

s/ Keegan Tierney

**WARNING FOR  
ANNUAL MEETING  
MOUNT ABRAHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton New Haven, Starksboro)**

The legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District, consisting of the towns of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro are hereby notified and warned to meet in the large Cafeteria of the Mt. Abraham Union Middle/High School in Bristol, Vermont on **Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM** to consider and act upon the following articles (1-9) and to discuss the articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Articles 10-11).

**To be acted upon on Tuesday, February 26, 2019:**

- Article 1: To elect a moderator who shall assume office immediately and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.
- Article 2: To elect a clerk who shall assume office immediately and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.
- Article 3: To elect a Treasurer who shall assume office immediately and serve a one year term or until the election and qualification of a successor.
- Article 4: To establish the salaries for the elected officers of the District.
- Article 5: To hear and act upon the reports of the School District directors and officers.
- Article 6: To authorize the District Board of Directors to borrow money by the issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the fiscal year 2019-2020 per 16 V.S.A. §562(9).
- Article 7: To discuss articles to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Articles 10-12).
- Article 8: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.
- Article 9: To adjourn the meeting until 7:00 AM March 5, 2019 when voting by Australian ballot shall commence.

**To be voted by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2019:**

- Article 10: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District authorize the School Board of Directors to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be initially funded with \$610,118.00 of the District's audited fund balance existing on June 30, 2018? The audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 is \$1,519,376. The remaining \$909,258 has been applied to the proposed budget to offset taxes.
- Article 11: Shall the Mount Abraham Unified School District adopt a budget of \$30,223,788 for school year 2019-2020? It is estimated that this budget amount, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,928 per equalized pupil. This proposed spending per equalized pupil is 8.17% higher than spending for the current year.



**For the purpose of voting by Australian ballot:**

Voters of the Town of Bristol will vote at Holley Hall located at 1 South St, Bristol, VT 05443. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Lincoln will vote at the Town offices located at 62 Quaker St, Lincoln, VT 05443. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Monkton will vote at the Monkton Fire Station located at 3747 States Prison Hollow Rd, Monkton, VT 05469. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town New Haven will vote at the New Haven Town Hall located at 76 North St, New Haven, VT 05472. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

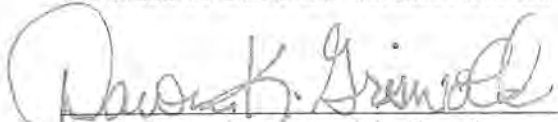
Voters of the Town of Starksboro will vote at the Robinson Elementary School located at 41 Parsonage Rd, Starksboro, VT 05487. The Polls will open on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:00AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, transported to and re-opened at the Superintendent's Office in the Town of Bristol, where the ballots will be commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro under the supervision of the Clerk of the Mount Abraham Unified School District.

The legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

On behalf of the Mount Abraham Unified School District Board of Directors:



Dawn Griswold, Chair of the Board

Received for the record and recorded this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019 by:



Karen Wheeler, Clerk of the District

**For the full Annual Report please use the following link.**

**<https://tinyurl.com/pahccannualreport19>**

## **WARNING**

### **PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 13 and MARCH 5, 2019**

**Member Districts are Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham and Weybridge.**

The legal voters of the Regional Technical School District are hereby warned to meet at the Hannaford Career Center, Middlebury, Vermont in said district on February 13, 2019 at **7:00 P.M., to transact and vote on the following business:**

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect the following officers:

a) A Moderator b) A Treasurer c) A Clerk

**ARTICLE 2:** To hear and act upon the reports of the Treasurer and Auditors of the District.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payment from member districts, by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date for the purpose of paying the sum approved by the voters.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to use funds in the Building and Equipment Reserve Fund for capital improvements and program equipment.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the voters of said district will vote to authorize its board of directors to place **\$53,000** of the FY18 reserve in the Health Reserve Fund.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to use funds in the Health Reserve Fund for expenses related to Health Care Coverage.

**ARTICLE 7:** To do any other business proper to come before said meeting.

**The meeting will then be recessed to March 5, 2019 on which date member district voters are further warned to vote on the article listed below by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:**

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the voters of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend **\$3,468,337.65** 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 at the Patricia A Hannaford Career Center to be \$22,102.00 per full-time equivalent student. This projected spending per full-time equivalent student is 2.96% higher than spending for the current year.

The legal voters and residents of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held on the above-listed Australian ballot article on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at the Hannaford Career Center in the Town of Middlebury, Vermont immediately following the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District's annual meeting which begins at 7:00 pm.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 at Middlebury, Vermont.

Suzanne S. Buck, Chair

The polling places and hours of the member districts of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are as follows:

District	Location	Polling Hours
Addison	Addison Town Clerk's Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Bridport	Bridport Masonic/Community Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Bristol	Holley Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Cornwall	Cornwall Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ferrisburgh	Town Hall - RT 7	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Lincoln	Town Clerk's Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Middlebury	Town Offices, 77 Main St.	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Monkton	Monkton Fire Department	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
New Haven	New Haven Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Panton	Panton Town Clerk's Office	9:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ripton	Ripton Town Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Salisbury	Salisbury Town Office	8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Shoreham	Shoreham Fire House	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Starksboro	Robinson Elementary School	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Vergennes	Vergennes Fire Station	9:00 AM-7:00 PM
Waltham	Waltham Town Clerk's Office	10:00 AM-7:00 PM
Weybridge	Weybridge Town Clerk's Office/Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM

The legal voters of the Patricia A Hannaford Regional Technical School District 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, and by Section 706W of Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Australian ballots shall be commingled and counted at the Middlebury Union High School cafeteria by representatives of the Boards of Civil authority of the member town school districts under the supervision of the Clerk of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF STARKSBORO, VERMONT  
MARCH 5, 2019**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the SQUARE  to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ■  
 B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.  
 C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the SQUARE.  
 D. If you wrongly mark, tear or deface this ballot, return it to the ballot clerk and obtain another.

<p><b><u>For Moderator, for 1 year</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>DAN DUBENETSKY <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b><u>For Lister, for 3 years</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LARRY SHEPARD <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b><u>For First Grand Juror, for 1 yr</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b><u>For Selectboard, for 3 years</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>NANCY BOSS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b><u>For Library Trustee, for 3 years</u></b> Vote for not more than TWO</p> <p>KATIE ANTOS-KETCHAM <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>LIZ FAIRCHILD <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b><u>For Cemetery Commissioner, for 2 years</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>LARRY SHEPARD <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b><u>For Selectboard, for 2 years</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>TONY PORTER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b><u>For Delinquent Tax Collector, for 1 year</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>AMY MCCORMICK <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b><u>For Cemetery Commissioner, for 3 years</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b><u>For Auditor, for 3 years</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>ROBERT TURNER <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b><u>For First Constable, for 1 year</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b><u>For Auditor, for 2 years</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b><u>For Second Constable, for 1 year</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b><u>For Planning Commission, for 3 years</u></b> Vote for not more than THREE</p> <p>BRAD BOSS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>JEFFREY KEENEY <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>RODNEY ORVIS <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b><u>For Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits, for 1 year</u></b> Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>JAMES RUNCIE <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-In) <input type="checkbox"/></p>	



OFFICIAL BALLOT

Article 10: Shall the legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District authorize the School Board of Directors to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be initially funded with \$610,118.00 of the District's audited fund balance existing on June 30, 2018? The audited fund balance as of June 30, 2018 is \$1,519,376. The remaining \$909,258 has been applied to the proposed budget to offset taxes.

If in favor of the article, make a cross (X) in this square

If opposed to the article, make a cross (X) in this square

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SAMPLE ONLY

Warned Budget Article

PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 5, 2019

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

January 17, 2019	Last day to file petitions with Town Clerk, signed by 5% of the voters for Articles to be included in Town Meeting Warning, by 5:00 pm.
January 28, 2019	Last day to file nominating petitions for town offices to be filled by Australian Ballot, signed by 1% of the voters, by 5:00 pm.
February 13, 2019	Patricia A. Hannaford Annual Mtg, 7:00 pm, Hannaford Career Ctr
February 26, 2019	Mt. Abe Unified School District Meeting, 6:00 pm, Mt. Abe Cafe
March 2, 2019	TOWN MEETING, 9 am at the Robinson School multipurpose room
March 4, 2019	Last day to request absentee ballots for Australian Ballot voting
March 5, 2019	Australian Ballot voting, polls open 7 am to 7 pm at the Robinson School
March 16, 2019	Annual Rabies Clinic – 9:00-11:00 am, Starksboro Town Office
April 1, 2019	All dogs are required to be licensed with the town by this date
November 1, 2019	Property Taxes are due in full on or before this date by 4:30 pm

## **REGULAR MEETING DATES**

Selectboard	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:30 pm at the town office
Robinson School Board	Every other month, 5:30, at Mt. Abe
Mt. Abe School Board	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7 pm at the Mt. Abe Library
Planning Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at the town office
DRB Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays at the town office
Conservation Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday at 7 pm at the Starksboro Public Library
Starksboro Public Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday at 4:30 pm at the Starksboro Public Library
Starks. Village Water Coop Library	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of March, Jun, Sept, & Dec at the Starksboro Public Library

## **HOURS OF BUSINESS**

Town Office	Mon through Thurs, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Starksboro Food Shelf	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month @ 9:30 – 6:30
Recycling	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 8 – 11 am, new town garage
Starksboro Public Library	Mon, 10-6; Thurs, 10-5; Sat, 9-2
Post Office	Mon-Fri, 7:30-11:30, and 12:30-2:30 Saturdays, 7:30-11:00

## INFORMATION PAGE

<b>TOWN CLERK:</b> Cheryl Estey	453-2639
Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:30-4:30	
<b>TOWN TREASURER:</b> Celine Coon	453-2639
<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:</b> Rebecca Elder	453-2768
Hours: Tues, Wed-8:30-3:30, Thurs- 8:30-11:30	
<b>LISTERS:</b> Norm Cota, Amy McCormick, Charles Webber	453-2778
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:</b> Amy McCormick	453-2639
<b>HEALTH OFFICER:</b> Peter Ryersbach	453-3597
<b>ROAD FOREMAN / TOWN GARAGE:</b> Tom Estey	453-2319
<b>FIRE WARDENS:</b> Tom Estey – 453-4511;	Tony Porter – 989-5096
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:</b> Charlene Phelps	363-4276
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<b>TOWN WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://www.starksborovt.org">www.starksborovt.org</a>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:</b> Heather Ragsdale	453-6485
<b>POST OFFICE:</b> Pat Haskins	453-3711
<b>STARSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY:</b> Catherine Goldsmith, Librarian	453-3732
<b>ROBINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:</b> Eдора Frazer	453-2949
<b>MT. ABRAHAM UNION HIGH SCHOOL</b>	453-2333
<b>SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE:</b> Patrick Reen, Superintendent	453-3657
<b>GAME WARDEN</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>STARSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>BRISTOL RESCUE / STARSBORO FIRST RESPONSE</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>STATE POLICE</b>	<b>911</b>

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**POST OFFICES:** *Starksboro* – 453-3711; *Monkton* – 453-3115; *Bristol* – 453-2421

ENDNOTES

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*Middlebury Register*, June 8, 1869; *Rutland Herald*, February 24, 1870. <sup>13</sup>*Bertha's Book*, p.23; *Orleans Standard*, December 7, 1869; *Rutland Herald*, January 18, 1870; Smith, p.639. <sup>14</sup>Henry Crocker, *History of Baptists in Vermont*, (Bellows Falls, Vt.: P.H. Gobie Press, 1913), pp. 627, 631. <sup>15</sup>*Rutland Herald*, December 5, 1868. <sup>16</sup>*Middlebury Register*, September 7, 1875. <sup>17</sup>*Rutland Globe*, August 5, 1874; *Vermont Farmer*, March 6, 1874; *Vermont Farmer*, May 22, 1874; *Vermont Farmer*, August 7, 1874; *Addison County Journal*, January 4, 1877. <sup>18</sup>*Rutland Globe*, November 3, 1875; *Burlington Free Press*, August 18, 1887. <sup>19</sup>*Burlington Free Press*, June 16, 1892; *Vermont Watchman*, September 17, 1902; *Middlebury Register*, January 21, 1910. <sup>20</sup>*Vergennes Enterprise & Vermonter*, June 9, 1899; *Enterprise & Vermonter*, August 25, 1899. <sup>21</sup>*Voice of Freedom*, March 2, 1839, p.1; *Burlington Free Press*, June 15, 1903; *Vermont Watchman*, August 12, 1909; *Burlington Free Press*, February 10, 1910. <sup>22</sup>*Middlebury Register*, January 19, 1906; *Burlington Free Press*, February 28, 1907 and March 14, 1907. <sup>23</sup>*Burlington Free Press*, July 23, 1908, April 25, 1912, September 30, 1920. <sup>24</sup>*Burlington Free Press*, May 31, 1894, June 14, 1894; *Middlebury Register*, February 3, 1905; Crocker, p. 618. <sup>25</sup>*Burlington Free Press*, March 7, 1907, October 8, 1908, October 31, 1919; Edith Painton, "Clubbing a Husband," (Chicago: T.S. Denison, 1915); *Burlington Free Press*, October 31, 1919, December 16, 1920. <sup>26</sup>*Burlington Free Press*, September 14, 1911; *Middlebury Register*, June 7, 1918. <sup>27</sup>*Burlington Free Press*, March 30, 1916, June 29, 1916, December 28, 1916, August 30, 1917; May 13, 1920. <sup>28</sup>*Burlington Free Press*, June 29, 1916; May 13, 1920. <sup>29</sup>*Bertha's Book*, p. 23; *Burlington Free Press*, September 21, 1916; *Enterprise & Vermonter*, November 2, 1916; *Barre Times*, February 10, 1917; *Enterprise & Vermonter*, November 22, 1917. <sup>30</sup>*Bertha's Book*, p. 122. <sup>31</sup>*Enterprise & Vermonter*, September 2, 1915. <sup>32</sup>*Barre Times*, June 13 1919; *Enterprise & Vermonter*, May 23, 1918; *Bertha's Book*, p. 12.



16. Meeting House & oil lamp chandelier

The mirrored oil lamp chandelier, a gift from Cynthia Holcomb, was installed in the Starksboro Village Meeting House in 1884, when the beaded board ceiling was added. The chandelier, with its 14 lamps, is lit for special occasions, such as the annual Christmas Candlelight Service.



Town of Starksboro  
P.O. Box 91  
Starksboro, Vt 05487

Patricia A. Hannaford Annual Mtg:  
Mt. Abe Unified School Dist. Mtg:  
Town Meeting:  
Australian Ballot Voting:  
Rabies Clinic:

Feb 13, 2019 @ 7:00 pm, Hannaford Career Ctr  
Feb 26, 2019 @ 6:00 pm, Mt. Abe  
Sat, March 2, 2019, 9:00 am, Robinson School  
Tues, March 5, 2019, 7:00-7:00, Robinson School  
Sat, March 16, 2019, 9:00-11:00, Starksboro Town Office; \$15