

Peacham Vermont



Annual Report 2017
School and Town

Town Meeting Day

Tuesday March 6th, 2018

10:00 AM

Peacham Congregational Church

(School District Meeting followed by Town Meeting)



Town Meeting Potluck Luncheon

Please bring your best dish to make this traditional dinner the best ever!

Last names beginning with *A-M* please bring a Main Dish
N-Z bring a Side Dish or Salad

Beverages, rolls and desserts provided
\$3.00 per person
Children 5 and under are free.

Please thank our coordinators, Lynne and Barry Lawson, and their many volunteers!

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of the Town Officers
TOWN OF PEACHAM
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SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR ENDING
June 30th, 2017

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Cover: Peacham School volunteers Omri Parsons and Nancilu Bundgus lead an art class.

Warning of the Annual School District Meeting

The legal voters of the town of Peacham are hereby warned to meet in the Peacham Congregational Church on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following school meeting business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a School Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the report of the Board.

ARTICLE 3: To elect one School Director for a term of 3 years.

ARTICLE 4: To elect one School Director for a term of 2 years.

ARTICLE 5: To elect a School District Clerk/Treasurer.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize the Peacham School Board to expend one million eight hundred ninety-one thousand nine hundred eighty-two dollars (\$1,891,982.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,816 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.76% lower than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize the School Board to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters of the Peacham School District vote to authorize the School Board to expend thirty-one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$31,700) to install a pellet heating system at Peacham School, and further authorize the School Board to borrow that amount with annual payments up to \$3,818 to be made with projected energy savings.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Peacham School District vote to authorize the School Board to establish an Education Reserve fund for the purpose of education costs, capital improvements to the property and facilities, equipment, and technology under the control of the School Board of Directors with the School Board as agents to expend from this reserve for the purpose stated, and further to transfer any uncommitted fund balance June 30, 2018 to the Education Reserve Fund. If there is no remaining fund balance, no funds will be transferred.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Peacham this _____ day of January, 2018.

Peacham School Board of Directors:

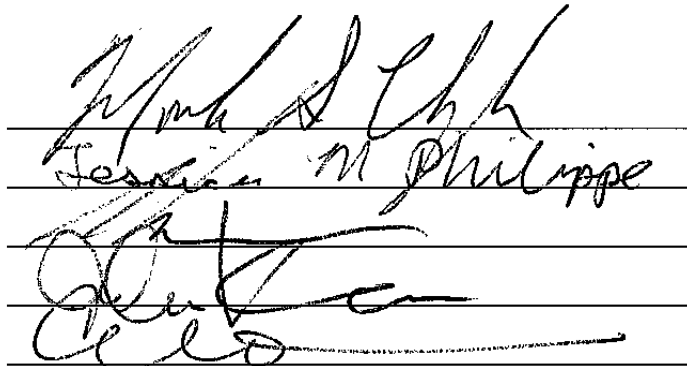
Mark Clough, Chair


Jessica Philippe, Vice-Chair

Mike Heath, Clerk

Adam Kane

Cornelia Hasenfuss





Attest: Tom Galinat, School District Clerk

Minutes of 2017 School District Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham, Vermont on Tuesday March 7th, 2017 at 11:45AM

Tim read the Warning to the 2017 Meeting.

Article 1: To elect a School Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting.

Diana Senturia nominated Tim McKay. Rick Scholes seconded. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed by voice vote. **Tim McKay** elected School Moderator by voice vote.

Tim discussed the time remaining before lunch was limited and suggested a resident make a motion to suspend the rules and move to Article 5 before Article 2. Jerry Senturia made a motion to suspend the rules and move to Article 5 before Article 2. John Marshall seconded.

Article 5: To elect a Clerk/Treasurer for a term of 1 year

Cathy Corcoran nominated Thomas Galinat. Diana Senturia seconded, there were no other nominations, **Thomas Galinat** is elected by voice vote.

Mark Clough introduced the Peacham School Principal, Ashley Gray.

Julie Hansen introduced exchange students from Germany.

Moderator Tim MacKay declared a recess at 12 noon for lunch and to resume with Article 2 at 1pm after lunch.

The meeting resumed at 1:05pm.

Article 2: To hear and act upon the report of the Board.

Richard Browne moved to receive the report of the Board, Diana Senturia Seconded. The Report was received by voice vote.

-Mark Clough, chair, introduced the Schoolboard and thanked the PTF for their support. He also thanked Eric Kaufman for his work at the school especially with the skating rink. Mark thanked Margaret MacLean and the group of volunteers for her work with the Act 46 Committee. Mark discussed the main goals: Changing the environment, Curriculum, Values of ACT 46.

-Adam Kane introduced and thanked principal, Ashley Gray. Adam spoke on testing and how testing in Peacham School helps tailor our education around the needs for our students.

-Cornelia Hasenfuss thanked Ashley Gray and the CCSU, thanked Mark Clough and Jess Philippe. Cornelia discussed that the school is integral for the Peacham Community and how

the school continues to open its doors and grounds for the community. Cornelia discussed that the school census is growing. There is a wait list for the preschool. Cornelia discussed the employees and the extracurricular offerings at the school. Cornelia discussed the ELO programs. Cornelia discussed fundraising for ELO and PTF.

-Mark discussed that the schoolboard has been looking to see how well the school is really doing. The testing that we are using is now being used as a baseline to hold the principal and the superintendent accountable.

-Mike Heath discussed the heating system. There are issues with the ventilator units which need to be replaced. The heat is not zoned. Individual classrooms cannot control the heat. Price to replace is around \$100,000. Mike said we have room in the budget. The boiler is also at the end of life which will cost about \$50,000 to replace. Jen Surat received a grant for about \$24,000 for a pellet boiler system, saving about \$5,000 in fuel oil. The offset is a savings of \$1500/yr. The new ventilators will be more efficient and save on electricity, he is unable to know that savings. Mike said the board will have a special meeting once the board decides how to fund this.

-Jess Philippe discussed Act 46. Jess said we are a PreK-12 District, not a PreK-6. Jess discussed the goals of Act 46: equity, quality, variety, operational efficiency, transparency, cost. Jess stated that Peacham is meeting these goals or working towards them. Jess discussed the 4 options for Act 46 structures:

- 1) Form a PreK-6 school district and tuition grades 7-12 with like communities. Most probable communities are Greensboro and Stannard. The board has connected with them to investigate. The other communities are unable to merge due to their current structure.
- 2) Form a PreK-8 school district and tuition grades 9-12 by merging with Barnet, Walden, Waterford. Peacham would have to give up choice for grades 7-8. The board took part in a exploratory process, the board did not choose to formally merge. The board does not see any significant educational opportunities by merging that would significantly outweigh the loss of 7-8 choice. The board was also concerned about losing a voice for Peacham in the event of this merger. Peacham would only have one member on the new board.
- 3) Remain a standalone school district in a new supervisory union. There are changes in the state legislation to make this option easier. This option means Peacham would continue to control and operate the school. There would be a local board with local board members. Peacham still has to opportunity to collaborate with its neighbors. This is potentially the most expensive option. Would not qualify for tax incentives.
- 4) Tuition all students and close the school. Financially a wash.

Jess stated the board will move forward with option 3.

Q&A:

-Diana Senturia asked about s-15 and h-15 in the state legislature. Jess stated that if they pass it would make it easier for Peacham to move forward with option 3.

-Gillian Sewake asked about the timeline. Jess replied the board is not rushing the decision to meet the July 1 deadline to receive the tax incentives.

-Cathy Corcoran asked how many students are tuitioned from grades 7-12. Mark Clough replied 50-52 students.

-Alfred Dedam asked the board to explain the tax incentives. Jess said the incentives sunset in 3 years.

-Charlie Byron wanted to know the importance of 7-8 choice. Adam Kane stated the community poll stated 7-8 choice was very important. Mark Clough mentioned that if we were to merge with Barnet, Waterford, and Walden, Peacham would lose the option to go to Danville. George Kempton clarified that students would be able to go to Danville for 9-12.

-Julieann Barney thanked the board. Mark Clough mentioned the school choice option for Peacham makes this town a desirable place to live.

-Rick Scholes asked if we go with option 3 what are the cost implications? Mark Clough said we would lose 75k in small schools grants. Rick stated that is a very small percentage of the budget.

Margaret MacLean asked permission to speak, the moderator asked the residents, permission granted.

-Margaret MacLean discussed the small school grant is not lost yet, also said we are an isolated structure, and legislation is in place to protect us. She said the small school grant will be granted until 2020.

-Jock Gill asked how broad was the survey, and what are the consequences of Act 46 not changing? Jess replied that 130 people replied in the survey and 70% felt 7-8 choice was important and 90% felt maintaining a voice was important. Cornelia reinforced that the survey was delivered to a wide variety of residents. Jess stated that Peacham would remain a stand alone district and Peacham would not receive tax incentives.

-Barry Lawson asked how did the comparison of choice for 7-12 compare to the choice for 9-12? Jess said the survey did not ask that question because the board is not considering giving up 9-12 choice. Barry asked what was the board's second choice? Jess said that the merger with Barnet, Walden, and Waterford would likely be the second choice. Barry wanted to know what would be the most financially advantageous for Peacham. Jess said that the merger with Barnet, Walden, and Waterford would likely save the most money for Peacham because Peacham is expensive. Barry also asked if we decide to change our minds later can we join another merger later? Mark said that we would likely be able to join another merger, however we would not have been part of their process from the beginning and that could mean we wouldn't have much choice in what that merger would look like.

-Cathy Corcoran said that Peacham has had this discussion of rethinking the school system before but we also come back to the same place, we have a great little school in this town. The residents clapped in approval.

-Jess Philippe stated that Peacham is exceptional because we don't just take care of our own children, we take care of everyone's children. We value everything we have to offer here in Peacham.

-Julie Hansen asked a question to the moderator for Margaret MacLean: She stated she didn't know how much the State would tolerate or if Peacham will be left alone. The moderator gave permission to Margaret to speak. Margaret stated that Peacham can't be forced to merge, however by 2019, Peacham may be forced to merge with schools with like structures. She said that Peacham has its best chance if we work collaboratively with its neighbors.

-Marcia Garrison asked if the board explored the idea that Peacham maintain k-6 while merging. Marcia continued by stating the current system allows for flexibility through trading students. Marcia was concerned why didn't we explore the merger with the neighboring towns, and that

she was concerned by the idea of being forced to merge. Jess stated that the board did not join the exploratory committee because if they joined they could not leave that choice. The board did attend all the meetings to track the process. The board anticipates that future agreements would have to be rewritten to meet the law but keep the flexibility. Mark stated that the board hopes to retain all the synergy of the CCSU. Peacham will be taking advantage of the all services from the CCSU. Act 46 provides opportunities for Peacham, but there is cost for that. The law was not written for small rural schools. Mark said he testified at the legislator, however there was not much sympathy for small schools.

-Mary Daly called the question, George Kempton asked what the question was and what happened if its voted down. Tim McKay stated that there is no binding vote but merely a vote of guidance for the board. Tim called the question to a vote, pointing out that to pass it needed 2/3rds. The vote passed by a voice vote. Discussion ended.

Article 3: To elect 2 School Directors for a term of 3 years.

Dick Brown moved, Diana Senturia seconded. Adam Kane made a motion to amend the Article to read “to elect 1 School Director for a term of 3 years”. Diana Senturia seconded. The amendment passed by a voice vote.

-Adam Kane clarified that the article was written incorrectly. The article needs to be amended to make sure the terms cycle correctly. Rick Scholes wanted to know who was up for which terms. Adam responded that Mike Heath was up for a 3 year term and Jess Philippe is up for a 1 year term. Dick Brown clarified that between Article 3 and Article 4 the residents will be voting on 2 schoolboard members. Adam Kane agreed. Becky Jensen wanted to know what the term for Article 4. Adam Kane said that Article 4's term should read 1 School Director for 2 years.

James Minichiello nominated Mike Heath. Morris McCain seconded. There were no other nominations. Cathy Corcoran moved to close nominations. Diana Senturia seconded. The nominations were closed by voice vote. **Mike Heath** elected by a voice vote.

Article 4: To elect 1 School Directors for a term of 1 year.

Dick Browne moved to accept, Diana Senturia seconded. Adam Kane made a motion to amend the article to read “to elect 1 School Director for a term of 2 years”. Diana Senturia seconded. The amendment passed by a voice vote.

James Minichiello nominated Jess Philippe. There were no other nominations, Tim McKay, Moderator, made a motion to cease nominations. Diana Senturia seconded. **Jess Philippe** elected by a voice vote.

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize the Peacham School Directors to approve the Schoolboard to expend \$1,808,778, which is the amount the Schoolboard has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,667 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.1% higher than spending for the current year.

Jerry Senturia moved to accept the article, Diana Senturia seconded. The article passed by a voice vote.

-Jock Gill questioned the cost per student, it is labeled in 3 different amounts in the Town Report. Mark replied that the State has several ways of calculating the cost per student. For today's vote, the residents should use the number in Article 6 as written.

-Bruce MacLean asked how does the 3.1% increase match up to the Governor's request to keep all school budgets the same as the previous year? Are there consequences? Mark replied that the board is certain that there will be no consequences and clarified the Governor level funded the state's contribution and not the town's contribution.

-Rick Scholes wanted to know where the \$100,000 for the new ventilators are in the budget. Mark stated that in the previous year there were less tuition students than were forecasted. The final decision once the numbers come in will be decided at a special meeting sooner than later.

-Mark Clough pointed out the items that will be consolidated next year. Mark felt that the CCSU would do a good job. The food services were level funded and more farm to table programs added. Mark continued that Peacham is expensive, there is no single item to lower the budget. The school can only increase its number of students to reduce the cost per student and the penalties associated with the high cost per student amount. The board feels good about the budget.

-Mary Daly asked what percent of the healthcare costs do the employees pay? Mark said that the employees pay 15% and the governor wants the teachers to pay 25%.

-Marcia Garrison asked what items led to the 3% increase? Mark said that the board added an interventionist, there was a special ed increase, increase for Ashley Gray to be an almost full time principal, cut library staffing, tuition students increased, and we lost the state revenue to the SU.

-Nick Comerci asked is the principal full time? Mark said that Ashley will be the same as the former principal at 75% principal, 25% teaching. The 25% is an interventionist role.

-Lynne Lawson asked what is the amount of the penalty we pay? Mark said we're over the state average by \$1700 per student. This can be found on page 89. Treasurer, Thomas Galinat said the penalty is paid through the municipal portion of the taxes and can be found on page 15. The liability for education is a what we pay as our penalty. If we were below the state average we would receive money. The amount is going down from \$356,000 a year to \$208,000 next year. Mark stated that the Common Level of Appraisal affects the penalty. We've been benefiting from a high CLA. The reappraisal will affect this amount and the board needs to take a good look next year on how that will be affected. Barry Lawson asked for clarification on what was the penalty. Thomas said that on page 15 the liability, education tax payable, is the penalty. The town will pay \$104,000 on 6/1/2017. On 7/1/2017 the town will receive another amount due 10 days after taxes are received. The penalty will be roughly \$200,000.

Article 8: Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize the Schoolboard to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30th, 2018 in the amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of the other funds to be used for those purposes?

Cathy Corcoran moved to accept the article, Wynn Brown seconded. The Article passed by a voice vote.

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

-George Kempton wants to see what the cost of merging with Barnet, the board should look into what that number should be. Mark replied stating that the board did look at merging with just Barnet. If we merged with just Barnet we would lose Danville as an option.

-Julieann Barney asked if the decision is based on the loss of voice. The board answered yes (indistinguishable, multiple yeses from the board)

-Margaret MacLean stated to George, that with the merger with Barnet, not only would choice be lost, but our voice would be lost too. As a result it would be likely that Peacham would lose its K-6 school altogether.

-Andrea commended Jess Philippe for her attendance at Act 46 meetings. She also commended the survey for reaching 170 people. Andrea wanted to know how many towns are unresolved by Act 46, Diana Senturia said 80 towns. Jess Philippe confirmed. Adam Kane stated that the legislation to follow will be dictated by what happens today.

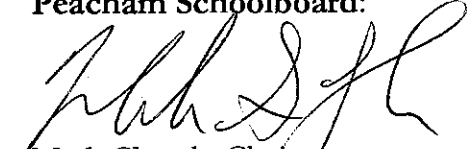
-Rusty Barber said that affordable housing is an issue in Peacham, and the science building is an option to address this issue. He invited everyone to attend the meeting discussing the building. The residents clapped in excitement.

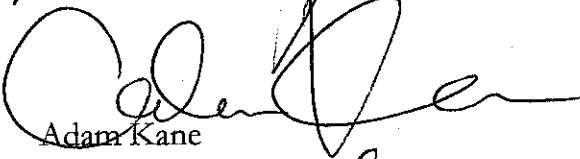
-Dave Stauffer said universal school choice through waivers has not been discussed. Small positive schools will thrive.


-John Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting, Rick Scholes seconded. The movement was passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.


The foregoing is approved and attested by:


Peacham Schoolboard:



Mark Clough, Chair

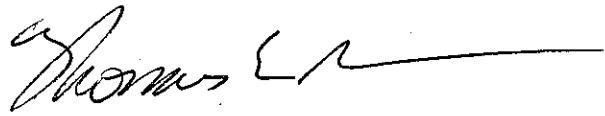

Adam Kane


Cornelia Hasenfuss


Mike Heath


Jessica Philippe

Moderator:

Timothy McKay

School Clerk/Treasurer:

Thomas Galinat

Peacham School Auditors' Report

As the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union (CCSU) is now required to undergo an annual professional audit, we have relied on the that audit to assure that the reports presented here represent the financial position of the Peacham School District (PSD) on June 30, 2016, and give an accurate account of the funds during the school year.

This year the financial documents include:

- Peacham School District Revenue Budget - Expected sources of funds for the PSD's operation, such as local taxes and Federal and State aid.
- Peacham School District General Fund Budget - Planned expenses for the PSD's operation.
- Caledonia Central Supervisory Union Budget Summary.
- CCSU Costs By District For Comparison.
- CCSU Food Service Budget - Meal program expenses for each of the component Districts.
- Peacham School District Employee Compensation.
- Tax Impact - Relates the budgeted revenue and expenses to the Peacham educational tax rate, over the past 3 years.
- Note that the State was not able to complete their Comparative Data for Cost Effectiveness reports in time for inclusion in Town Reports. They are aiming to have these available at Town Meetings as handouts.

We thank the Peacham School Board and the CCSU for the information and hope you find it useful.

Charles Byron, Jan Eastman, and Stan Fickes

Peacham School District Auditors

School Board Letter

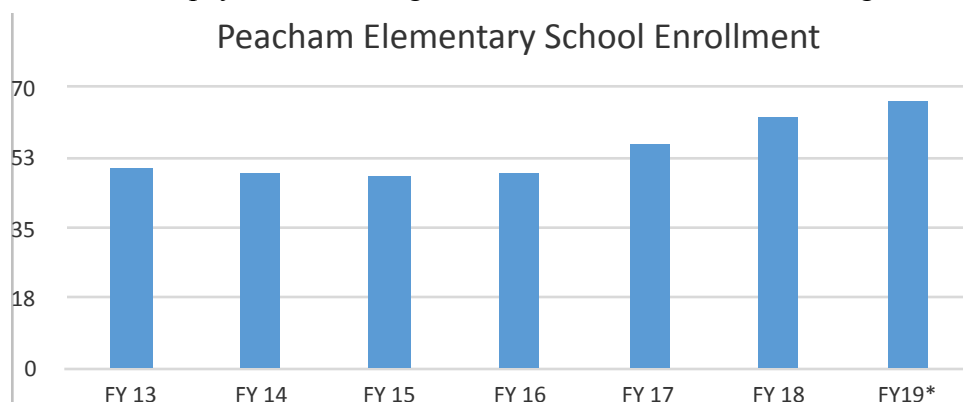
The Peacham School had a productive year for its students and the community. The school continues to provide an outstanding education to our students through the hard work of its devoted staff, parents and community.

Peacham School Enrollment

The enrollment for this year is 63, which is a continuation of an upward trend which started in the 2016-2017 school year. Enrollment has increased by 21% since its 50 student plateau between 2012 and 2016. This increase is particularly notable in the lower grades, and has necessitated dividing the multiage kindergarten and pre-kindergarten groups into separate classes. Our understanding of Peacham’s demographics suggests that this trend will continue at least in the short term.

Increasing enrollment brings the following benefits:

- Lower per-pupil costs due to efficiencies created through higher staff to student ratios and the avoidance of state imposed excess per-pupil cost penalties.
- Lower taxpayer costs through increased state education funding.



*FY19 is an estimate based on currently available information.

School Building

Investments in the school’s infrastructure last year are providing dividends. In particular, the replacement of inefficient windows and air handlers have led to costs savings in fuel and electricity. Additionally, the air-handlers created continual noise; their replacement has improved the classroom learning environment.

We’ve also been working on switching from fuel-oil to wood pellets. The planning for this change is well along with the work anticipated for summer 2018. Pending voter approval, we will bond for this work. Current projections show the cost savings on fuel versus the bond payments to be cash flow positive.

Finally, we’re working on a plan for a joint school/town solar installation at the school. This installation would be done at no cost to the school or town and would provide an immediate modest reduction to the school’s electricity bill. This would also facilitate the school’s use as an emergency shelter if necessary.

Leadership

Principal Ashley Gray is completing her second year in the position. Ms. Gray has proven to be a strong advocate for Peacham’s students and families, which resulted in the School Board executing a

two-year contract with Ms. Gray last spring. With her leadership and strong teaching staff, Peacham's students continue to perform well in relation to their peers locally and throughout Vermont based upon a variety of testing data. Her leadership is also evident in Spanish instruction which is integrated into multiple different classes and subjects due to the fortuitous Spanish language skills of Ms. Gray and several Peacham teachers. The School Board has tremendous confidence in school's dedicated, smart and caring staff.

Act 46

After three years of hard work by the staff, school board and community volunteers, the Peacham School has a clear path forward. In November 2017, Peacham voters overwhelmingly endorsed the plan for the Peacham School District to continue to operate a PK-6 school and tuition its 7-12th grade students. This plan was subsequently approved by the Vermont Agency of Education. Remaining our own district allowed Peacham students to retain 7-12 school choice and allows Peacham voters to determine the future of its school.

The Peacham School District continues to be part of the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union which includes the Danville School District and the newly formed Caledonia Cooperative District (Walden, Waterford and Barnet). We anticipate the Agency of Education will alter the supervisory unions as part of the Act 46 process, however, the Peacham School District will continue to exist as a district regardless of the state's final arrangement.

Budget

The 2019 proposed budget for the Peacham School District is \$1,891,982, a 3.7% increase over the 2018 budget. The budget will result in an 11.5% tax rate decrease and a 4.75% decrease in per pupil spending. Although a modest budget increase resulting in substantial tax savings may seem counterintuitive, school funding is not a straight line calculation. The District's cost to taxpayers is decreasing due to the following reasons:

- Increased enrollment yielding an increase in our equalized pupils which results in lower per pupil costs.
- Avoidance of excess spending penalties because we were able to keep the budget below the threshold.
- A favorable Common Level of Appraisal

Looking forward the Board is concerned about the tax rate in FY20 and beyond which may be adversely effected by the current town-wide property assessment and the potential loss of our small schools grant. To that end, we will be placing an article on the warning regarding the creation of an Education Reserve Fund. This fund would be established with savings currently in hand and anticipated savings this year (from having fewer tuition students than anticipated). The Education Reserve Fund would allow the board to use this funding to supplement the budget with an eye toward tax rate stabilization.

The Board is always available to talk one on one or at our Board meetings and are continually looking for community input as we navigate through the State mandated changes and how it interacts with our community values.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Clough, Chair

Jessica Philippe, Vice-Chair

Cornelia Hasenfuss

Mike Heath

Adam Kane

Superintendent's Report

Dear Citizens

Over the past several months all the school districts within Caledonia Central Supervisory Union have engaged in much discussion and debate over Act 46. The Act 46 process has been a daunting task for all the school boards, administrators and citizens throughout Caledonia Central Supervisory Union, but resulting in Waterford, Barnet and Walden forming the Caledonia Cooperative Unified Union School District (CCUUSD), with all three districts merging into one. Peacham joined the newly formed district in a state approved merger model called a 3x1. The new CCUUSD board will continue to meet and discuss creating opportunities for the community's children.

The Danville School Board has submitted a proposal for an alternative structure to the State Board of Education. As we move forward with Danville's alternative proposal, it will be crucial to continue discussions with St. Johnsbury Academy and Blue Mountain to determine what other possibilities can be created for our students in Danville. Much work still needs to be done here. I personally believe that Danville High School plays a very important role in the educational landscape in our region. It is my hope that we work collaboratively with all Danville's citizens to address the needs of the communities children.

Our discussions thus far with St. Johnsbury Academy have been fruitful. Danville High School and St. Johnsbury Academy have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding which offers Danville students access to extracurricular activities at the Academy, including Theater, FIRST Robotics, Scholars Bowl, Science Olympiad, Dance Club, Language Clubs, and Automotive Club and increased academic course offerings outside of the CTE courses in the areas of Japanese, Latin, Chinese and the performing arts (i.e. acting, dance).

There are many opportunities that can be explored in this partnership if the Danville community wishes to pursue them. For example, should Danville create academic programming that would be attractive to not only Danville students but St. Johnsbury Academy students as well, the Academy is willing to market Danville High School both nationally and internationally and to have a fluid relationship with Danville where students from the Academy attend Danville High School and Danville students attend the Academy. This relationship could possibly increase revenue flows to Danville, increase Danville's student population and opportunities for our students, also providing stability for the Danville School High School.

I look forward to all these discussions throughout our supervisory union in the hopes to create more opportunities for our communities children.

Best Wishes,

Mat

Dr. Mathew G. Forest Superintendent

Principal's Report

The Peacham Elementary School is a community of learners and teachers dedicated to developing the ability of each individual to think and communicate clearly, to explore the world, to make responsible decisions, and to have concern for the common good.

January 5, 2018

Dear Peacham Families,

The Peacham Elementary School is having a successful 2017-18 school year. I am privileged to be leading the amazing staff and students of Peacham for a second year and continue to love my work here. Our students and teachers have worked very hard this year to improve student outcomes and we are seeing their hard work pay off. I am proud of each student and staff member for their progress and dedication to excellence and appreciate the support and dedication we get from our community in their continuous support of our school. I enjoy working with families and community members to improve our school collaboratively.

PES has added a few new programs to embed into our curricula this year. Our school has changed the way we teach foreign language. We have begun to integrate the Spanish language into our daily activities in all areas of our school which has proven to be a great success with students. We believe that students need to be exposed to other languages and cultures so that they can become global citizens and that elementary school is the best place to begin learning other languages. Additionally our students in grades PK-1st are using the Fountas and Pinnell literacy program and students in 2nd-6th are using the Wit & Wisdom program. We are finding that students are more engaged with this new material and that it is relevant, rigorous and captivating.

Peacham School is growing! We began last year with 46 students and currently have 62 students enrolled at our school, elevating our per pupil count at the state. I believe that the increase in students can be partially credited to our amazing staff for providing a high quality education that families want their children to experience. We added a classroom teacher this year which has allowed us to have a separate preschool from our kindergarten. This is proving to be very successful and has also allowed us to accept more preschool students into our program.

The Peacham Elementary School is a special place to teach, learn and grow. Our commitment to academic excellence and citizenship provides students with a rich learning environment. We welcome community visitors at our school at all times and hope that you will have a chance to experience our great culture of learning! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding our wonderful school.

Sincerely,

Ashley Gray
Principal, Peacham Elementary School

ELO-After School Program Report

The E.L.O. (Extended Learning Opportunities) program is about to wrap up the fifth year of after school and summer programming. We are currently preparing an application for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant to help fund the next five years. If the grant is awarded, the investment will be no more than 50% of the proposed budget. The remaining funds will come from the school budgets, fees, donations, and fundraising. The Waterford School is joining the Barnet, Danville, Peacham, and Walden Schools in the new application. The program goals will remain the same: to improve academic performance; to employ the 21st century skills of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity; to offer activities that require these skills; and to increase individual health and wellness.

The cost per day per child will increase slightly in the next grant cycle to offset the decrease in the grant investment. The cost will be \$5 per day, or \$2 per day for students eligible for free or reduced lunch. The cost for the summer program will be \$60 per week, or \$30 per week for those who are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Full and partial scholarships will continue to be offered.

So far this year we have had 84 students enroll at Barnet, 54 at Danville, and 34 each at Peacham and Walden. Classes have been offered in computer programming, martial arts, 3-D printing, chemistry, comic books, math games, engineering, animation, science, crafts, swimming, art, music, fitness, and cooking. Classes where students from all four schools come together include Pen Pals, chess and Hunter's Education. Students at Barnet will be entering two state-wide competitions in March: the Jr. Iron Chef competition and the Be Money Wi\$e poster competition. Tutoring is also being offered through E.L.O. in all of the schools this year.

E.L.O. helps students be more successful in school, both academically and socially. In the words of one parent, "Daily he is experiencing the joys of learning new ideas without the pressure of a typical classroom setting... My son's life has been changed by the experiences and opportunities E.L.O has provided him. I do not have the extra money to sign him up for anything outside of school. This program helps me provide him with experiences that otherwise would not be available. The benefits of this program are endless for us. The classroom growth he has seen in the past school year has been very exciting, and I believe that E.L.O has been an instrumental part of that."

You are all invited to see exhibits and performances by the E.L.O. students at 5:00 on Wednesday, March 21st at the Danville School. All students will be coming to showcase their projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gaston, Project Director

Peacham PTF Report

The Peacham School PTF (Parent Teachers Friends) Group is a separate non-profit organization. Our mission is to support the school and its role in Peacham by facilitating unity between the parents, school and residents by enriching our children's education and community experiences.

Each year we work to assist the school in expanding the arts, music and physical education programs without putting a burden on the school's budget. We work hard to encourage community involvement in all that we do. We certainly hope that the PTF provides a welcoming place for everyone to work in unison with our school on special events and more. This year we are meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 6PM at school and we always welcome new faces.

The PTF elected the following officers at its first 2017-2018 school year meeting: Jen Burchell - Co-Chair, Jen Surat - Co-Chair, Katherine Skahan – Co-Vice Chair, Erin Lane – Co-Vice Chair, Rose Dedam - Treasurer, and Rebecca Washington -Secretary. The PTF is thankful for all the parent, community and staff participants during this year.

Some of the PTF's annual activities include organizing the Fall Foliage luncheon for the town, providing a free and safe Halloween party that is open to the community, organizing and managing the school's community Holiday Caroling, maintaining and funding a community-based skating rink at the school (thank you Eric Kaufman), a Winter Snowball Dance open to the public (scheduled for 2/10th this year!) supporting physical education opportunities through the Three Rivers League baseball program (thank you Matt Kiley and Nate Giroux), an April Easter egg hunt, and for the first time in 2017, a Career Awareness week was organized which brought in members of our community to talk to our children about future career opportunities.

This year, the PTF was able to donate funds to the school so that a new literacy program could be purchased. In addition, funding has been earmarked for the Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) afterschool program so that it can continue to offer educational opportunities to our children in a safe afterschool environment. Every year, the PTF also allocates monies to the Thelma White Scholarship Fund and the Santa Fund. The PTF also sponsors the Teacher appreciation week and the school's end-of-year BBQ and 6th grade graduation.

Thanks to generous donations and fundraising events, the PTF continues to be able to fully fund the children's ski program at Q-Burke where grades K-6 receive 4 lessons and equipment rentals in January and February. This year, we added a day of cross country skiing at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center as well. The kids will end the winter season with swim lessons at the St.Johnsbury Academy, also fully funded by the PTF.

Our three largest fundraisers are the Fall Foliage Luncheon, Holiday Wreath fundraiser and our famous Mud & Muck Auction. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated or purchased or donated to any of our fundraisers. Thank you for enriching our town's most valuable asset, our children.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 24th from 3-7PM for the 25th Anniversary Mud & Muck Auction. More information will be arriving but you can expect just a little more than the ordinary to help us celebrate this milestone!

Sincerely, **Jen Surat & Jen Burchell – Co-Chairs**

Peacham Elementary School Annual Report Card

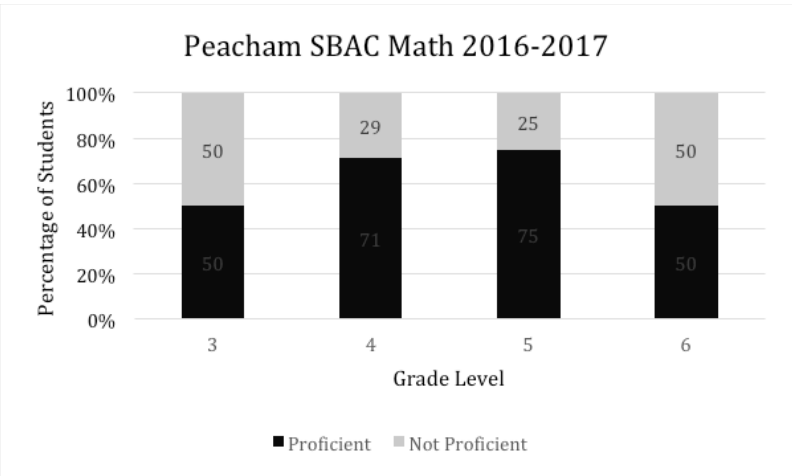
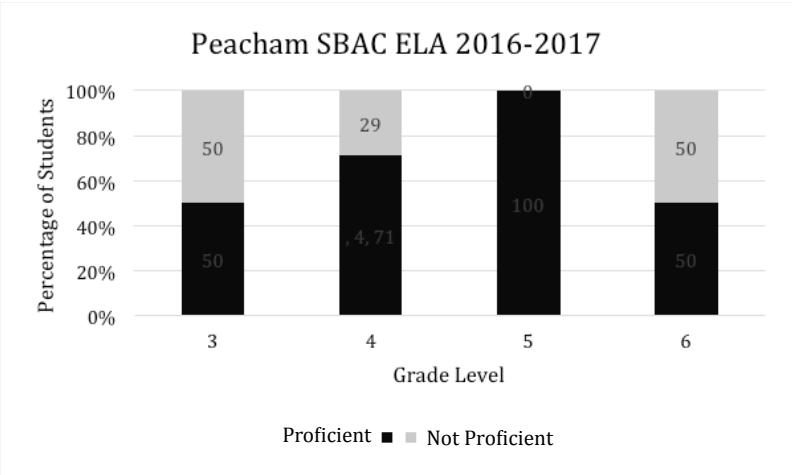
Vermont State Assessment Program

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) is a standardized test consortium. It creates Common Core State Standards-aligned tests to be used in several states. Currently SBAC provides to states tests in mathematics and English language arts. The test items are comprised of multiple choice and constructed response, as well as multi-step performance tasks. Tests are administered online through a secure browser during the academic school day to students in grades 3 through 6.

While no single test can give a complete picture of achievement, annual assessments can provide information about student progress and areas for improvement, especially when combined with student grades and teacher reports.

Smarter-Balanced Student Achievement

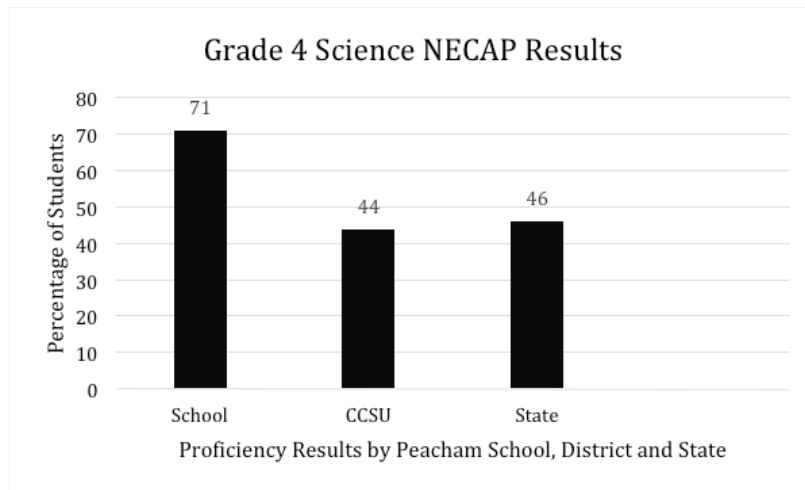
One hundred percent of Peacham Elementary School students in grades three through six were assessed in the spring of 2017 using Smarter-Balanced Assessments in both English Language Arts and Mathematics



Science NECAP Data

The state Science NECAP test is administered to students in grades four and eight only. Students in grade four at the Peacham Elementary School took the Science NECAP test in the spring of 2017 during the academic school day.

71% of fourth grade students at Peacham Elementary School scored proficient or above on the NECAP science test in 2017. These results show a higher percentage of proficient students as compared with supervisory union and state results.



School Financial Reports

Peacham School District Revenue Budget

Peacham School District						
Budget						
Revenue						
General Fund		Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	Proposed Budget FY19	Increase/ (Decrease)
Local						
1510	Interest Income	2,000	6,945	5,100	5,100	0
1900	Miscellaneous	250	868	250	250	0
	Carryforward (Fund Balance) Reserve	17,660		18,000	50,000	32,000
	Total Local Revenue	19,910	7,813	23,350	55,350	32,000
State						
3110	Education Fund Payments	1,582,385	1,582,385	1,705,150	1,753,169	48,019
3114	On Behalf Voc Ed	4,118	4,118	2,336	2,741	405
	Total Education Spending	1,586,503	1,586,503	1,707,486	1,755,910	48,424
3145	Small Schools Grant	75,895	75,895	76,642	79,722	3,080
3150	Transportation Aid	18,177	17,404			
3201	SE Mainstream Block Grant	34,811	34,811			
3202	SEER Reimbursement	52,395	39,034			
3204	Essential Early Education	5,550	5,550			
3205	State Placed Student Reimbursement					
	Total State Revenue	1,773,331	1,759,197	1,784,128	1,835,632	51,504
Federal						
5900	E-Rate	1,800	1,107	1,300	1,000	(300)
	Total Federal Revenue	1,800	1,107	1,300	1,000	(300)
Other						
5100	bond proceeds for HVAC project		50,000			
5990	Prior Year Adjustment		16,125			
GENERAL FUND TOTALS		1,795,041	1,834,242	1,808,778	1,891,982	83,204

Peacham School District General Fund Budget

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Proposed FY19</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Direct Instruction</u>						
1.6.1100.100	Salaries	333,555	307,346	317,896	385,655	60,052
1.6.1100.200	Benefits	94,724	97,355	103,262	113,032	2,477
1.6.1100.330	Prof. Services Instruction	750	-	2,500	2,700	200
1.6.1100.430	Repairs	-	-	-	100	100
1.6.1100.535	Licensing Fees	-	349	344	1,000	656
1.6.1100.560	Tuition	787,296	691,411	806,135	768,239	(37,896)
1.6.1100.610	Supplies	4,340	3,233	4,940	7,650	2,710
1.6.1100.640	Books	1,500	1,533	1,570	20,480	18,910
1.6.1100.730	Furniture/Equipment	500	381	480	700	220
1.6.1100.810	Dues & Fees Instruction	-	100	-	-	-
1100 Instruction total		1,222,665	1,101,708	1,237,127	1,299,556	47,429
<u>Guidance</u>						
1.6.2120.610	Supplies Guidance	-	-	100	100	-
2120 total		-	-	100	100	-
<u>Nurse</u>						
1.6.2130.101	Salaries - Nurse	5,324	5,324	5,497	20,122	14,625
1.6.2130.200	Benefits	613	476	474	10,257	9,783
1.6.2130.610	Supplies Nurse	200	129	100	300	200
2130 total		6,137	5,930	6,071	30,679	24,608
<u>Speech</u>						
1.6.2150.330	Prof. Svcs. Speech/Hearing	1,250	281	-	-	-
2150 total		1,250	281	-	-	-
<u>Other Student Support</u>						
1.6.2190.535	Licensing Fees Student Support	-	-	200	200	-
1.6.2190.610	Supplies Student Support	-	-	250	250	-
1.6.2190.640	Books Student Support	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
1.6.2190.730	Equipment/Furniture Student Support	-	-	100	400	300
2190 total		-	-	1,550	1,850	300
<u>Professional Development</u>						
1.6.2210.295	Tuition Reimbursement	7,000	4,140	7,000	7,000	-
1.6.2210.320	Workshops and Consultants	2,400	7,874	7,700	8,000	300
1.6.2210.580	Staff Travel Prof. Devel.	500	1,895	500	500	-
2210 total		9,900	13,909	15,200	15,500	300
<u>Library</u>						
1.6.2222.100	Salaries - Library	16,642	5,577	9,140	10,713	1,573
1.6.2222.200	Benefits	8,552	515	820	1,046	226
1.6.2222.535	Licensing Fees Library	500	558	600	600	-
1.6.2222.610	Supplies Library	200	121	150	200	50
1.6.2222.640	Books Library	2,000	819	2,000	2,000	-
1.6.2222.670	Software Library	300	-	300	300	-

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Proposed FY19</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1.6.2222.730	Equipment/Furniture Library	250	-	250	200	(50)
1.6.2222.810	Dues & Fees Library	100	35	100	100	-
2222 total		28,544	7,625	13,360	15,159	1,799
<u>Technology</u>						
1.6.2225.535	Site Licenses Technology	1,100	1,290	-	-	-
1.6.2225.610	Supplies Technology	200	118	500	500	-
1.6.2225.730	Equipment/Furniture Technology	3,250	2,750	4,000	5,000	1,000
2225 total		4,550	4,158	4,500	5,500	1,000
<u>General Administration</u>						
1.6.2300.109	Salaries - School Board	1,275	1,295	1,575	1,500	(75)
1.6.2300.220	FICA taxes	98	99	132	126	(6)
1.6.2300.360	Legal Services	10,000	138	10,000	10,000	-
1.6.2300.520	Insurance - Liability	1,750	1,873	2,000	2,300	300
1.6.2300.540	Advertising General Admin.	1,000	150	500	500	-
1.6.2300.550	Printing General Admin.	2,000	1,330	1,500	1,500	-
1.6.2300.810	Dues & Fees General Admin.	1,200	1,589	1,250	-	(1,250)
2300 total		17,323	6,474	16,957	15,926	(1,031)
<u>Principal Office</u>						
1.6.2410.100	Salaries - Principal Office	65,306	85,447	95,477	99,263	3,786
1.6.2410.200	Benefits	16,680	19,221	20,948	20,729	(219)
1.6.2410.330	Prof. Svcs. Principal Office	-	2,951	-	-	-
1.6.2410.532	Postage Principal Office	500	299	200	200	-
1.6.2410.535	Licensing fees Principal Office	200	-	200	200	-
1.6.2410.580	Staff Travel Principal Office	500	332	500	500	-
1.6.2410.610	Supplies Principal Office	1,200	1,303	1,000	1,500	500
1.6.2410.730	Equipment/Furniture Principal Office	200	173	200	200	-
1.6.2410.810	Dues & Fees Principal Office	1,200	812	600	600	-
2410 total		85,786	110,537	119,125	123,192	4,067
<u>Fiscal Services</u>						
1.6.2520.610	Supplies Fiscal Services	100	109	100	100	-
1.6.2520.810	Dues & Fees Fiscal Services	300	280	300	300	-
1.6.2520.830	Interest Debt-Short Term	2,000	2,500	800	-	(800)
2520 total		2,400	2,889	1,200	400	(800)
<u>Plant Operation</u>						
1.6.2600.102	Salaries - Plant Operation	30,740	28,737	30,353	30,416	63
1.6.2600.200	Benefits	18,500	13,844	14,013	11,240	(2,773)
1.6.2600.330	Professional Svc. Plant Operation	-	2,671	2,500	3,000	500
1.6.2600.411	Water/Sewage	200	762	300	800	500
1.6.2600.421	Rubbish Removal	2,050	2,197	2,000	2,300	300
1.6.2600.422	Mowing/Snow Removal	3,000	3,266	3,000	3,400	400
1.6.2600.430	Repairs/Maint. Plant Operation	15,500	7,248	15,000	10,000	(5,000)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Actual FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>	<u>Proposed FY19</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1.6.2600.450	Building Construction/ Renovation	5,000	1,333	-	-	-
1.6.2600.490	Security Plant Operation	800	1,497	2,000	1,700	(300)
1.6.2600.520	Insurance Plant Operation	2,000	1,660	1,900	4,100	2,200
1.6.2600.530	Phone & Internet	3,000	2,702	2,800	2,800	-
1.6.2600.580	Staff Travel Plant Operation	250	294	200	200	-
1.6.2600.610	Supplies Plant Operation	5,500	4,618	6,000	6,000	-
1.6.2600.622	Electricity Plant Operation	12,000	10,640	11,000	8,000	(3,000)
1.6.2600.623	Propane	-	-	-	800	800
1.6.2600.624	Fuel Oil Plant Operation	20,000	12,294	18,000	14,000	(4,000)
1.6.2600.730	Equipment/Furniture Plant	1,000	91,280	700	700	-
1.6.2600.810	Dues & Fees Plant Operation	80	70	100	100	-
2600 total		119,620	185,112	109,866	99,556	(10,310)
<u>Equipment</u>						
1.6.2640.431	Maint. Agreements Equip	3,000	2,749	2,500	2,800	300
1.6.2640.440	Lease/Rental Equipment	2,000	1,922	1,900	1,900	-
2640 total		5,000	4,672	4,400	4,700	300
<u>Extra Curricular Activities</u>						
1.6.2720.515	Extra-Curr/Athletic Transport	5,000	293	2,000	2,000	-
2720 total		5,000	293	2,000	2,000	-
<u>Debt</u>						
1.6.5100.910	Debt-Long Term Principal	2,400	2,400	2,400	400	(2,000)
5100 total		2,400	2,400	2,400	400	(2,000)
<u>Transfers</u>						
1.6.5390.930	Transfer to ELO	10,133	10,133	13,215	14,294	1,079
5390 total		10,133	10,133	13,215	14,294	1,079
Subtotal		1,520,708	1,456,120	1,547,071	1,628,812	66,741
SU Services						
1.6.1100.332	SU Interventionist Services	-	-	32,927	-	(32,927)
1.6.2190.332	SU Student Support	-	2,410	-	-	-
1.6.2210.332	SU Curriculum Development	15,100	17,213	26,255	22,838	(3,417)
1.6.2225.332	SU Technology	10,020	9,556	12,518	27,252	14,734
1.6.2321.331	SU Assessment General Admin.	40,604	40,400	40,236	42,913	2,677
1.6.2520.331	SU Assessment Fiscal Svcs	31,222	30,490	31,537	29,185	(2,352)
1.6.2711.332	SU Transportation	39,430	38,430	21,326	28,751	7,425
	subtotal	136,376	138,500	164,799	150,939	(13,860)
1.6.3120.332	SU Food Service Program	35,177	25,202	34,524	33,979	(545)
		<u>total expenses</u>		<u>net costs</u>		
1.6.1200.332	Special Education	102,780	140,024	62,384	78,252	15,868
	SU Services TOTALS	274,333	303,726	261,707	263,170	1,463
GENERAL FUND BUDGET GRAND TOTAL		1,795,041	1,759,846	1,808,778	1,891,982	68,204

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union Budget Summary

General Fund Budget Summary		Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	APPROVED Budget FY19	Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenses - Regular Programs						
2310	Gen'l Admin/Legal/Negotiations/Audit/Ins moved from Supt Office below		55,514	56,300	84,550	28,250
2321	Superintendent's Office	338,526	293,013	293,865	365,990	72,125
2420	Special Area Administration	7,000	4,383	4,000	-	(4,000)
2520	Business Office/Fiscal Svcs	248,225	247,036	254,856	278,678	23,822
1100	Instruction - Regular programs		50,597	87,124	-	(87,124)
2210	Curriculum Development	121,369	160,614	212,172	218,069	5,897
2225	Technology	158,289	159,270	220,105	272,813	52,708
2700	Transportation - regular progs	439,556	407,370	430,004	557,213	127,209
SubTotal Expenses - Reg Progs		1,312,965	1,377,797	1,558,426	1,777,313	218,887
Expenses - Special Education		Special Ed. teachers		All Special Ed. Expenses		
Special Ed Expenses all districts		1,086,053	991,329	2,607,841	3,925,378	1,317,537
SubTotal Gen'l Fund Budget		2,399,018	2,369,126	4,166,267	5,702,691	1,536,424
Fund 6 Food Svc Summ of Exps		Personnel costs only			all costs all districts	
	Salaries	177,728	172,600	188,296	238,395	50,099
	Benefits	58,439	30,144	46,811	55,622	8,811
	Food, supplies & licenses, eq	-	531	1,050	225,350	224,300
Total CCSU Food Svc funded by districts		236,167	203,275	236,157	519,367	283,210
Total CCSU Budget		2,635,185	2,572,401	4,402,424	6,222,058	1,819,634
*	Waterford School oversight, transportation, special education and food service costs have been added to this budget as they will join this SU under the newly formed Caledonia Cooperative Unified Union School District made up of:					
	Barnet, Walden and Waterford Schools.					

General Fund Revenues		Budget FY17	Actual FY17	Budget FY18	APPROVED Budget FY19	Increase/ (Decr)
Regular Programs						
1510	Interest	150	223	200	200	- 0
1990	Miscellaneous	- 0	51	-	-	- 0
3150	Transportation - State Aid			176,761	222,401	45,640
5990	E-Rate Reimbursement	6,480	7,426	24,213	30,380	6,167
5200	Grant Administration Revenue	10,000	12,970	12,800	12,800	- 0
5200	Fund balance carry forward			10,000	10,000	- 0
	<u>District Reimbursements to SU</u>					
1931	Administration	328,896	328,898	325,152	409,760	84,608
1934	Business Office	248,225	248,224	254,856	278,678	23,822
1941	Interventionists		54,480	87,124	-	(87,124)
1945	Curriculum Development	121,369	160,614	212,172	218,069	5,897
1943	Technology	158,289	159,270	201,905	260,213	58,308
1941	Transportation	439,556	407,372	253,243	334,812	81,569
Subtotal District reimbursements		1,296,335	1,358,858	1,334,452	1,501,532	167,080
Subtotal Revenues Reg. Progs		1,312,965	1,379,528	1,558,426	1,777,313	218,887
Special Education						
1941	SU District reimbursements	1,086,053	991,330	1,094,024	1,544,841	450,817
1941	Outside District reimbursement			43,000	75,000	32,000
3201	State Mainstream Grant			341,767	409,094	67,327
3202	State SEER reimbursement			887,320	1,435,494	548,174
3203	State Extraordinary costs			208,611	460,949	252,338
3205	State Placed Students			33,119	-	(33,119)
	Subtotal Special Ed. Rev.	1,086,053	991,330	2,607,841	3,925,378	1,317,537
SubTotal Gen'l Fund Revenues		2,399,018	2,370,858	4,166,267	5,702,691	1,536,424
	Food Service All Revenues	236,167	203,275	236,157	519,367	283,210
Total Budget Revenues		2,635,185	2,574,133	4,402,424	6,222,058	1,819,634

CCSU Costs By District For Comparison

SU Costs by District for Comparison*					Added	
	<u>Barnet*</u>	<u>Danville</u>	<u>Peacham</u>	<u>Walden*</u>	<u>Waterford*</u>	<u>Total</u>
Administration	102,850	132,664	42,913	54,490	76,843	409,760
Business Office	69,948	90,225	29,185	37,059	52,261	278,678
Curriculum Development	54,735	70,602	22,838	28,999	40,895	218,069
Interventionists	0	-	-	-	-	0
Technology	65,313	84,247	27,252	34,603	48,798	260,213
Transportation	97,077	118,543	28,751	28,751	61,690	334,812
Subtotal Regular programs	389,924	496,281	150,939	183,901	280,487	1,501,532
Special Education Costs by District	324,479	525,013	78,252	366,304	250,792	1,544,841
Food Service Net Cost by District	51,174	48,278	33,979	13,811	40,600	187,842
	765,577	1,069,572	263,171	564,016	571,879	3,234,215
Prior Year Costs by District						
Regular Programs	426,982	557,678	164,800	184,992		
Increase/(Decrease)	(37,058)	(61,397)	(13,861)	(1,091)		(113,407)
Special Education	268,497	519,138	62,384	244,005		
Increase/(Decrease)	55,982	5,875	15,868	122,299		200,025
Food Service Transfers	41,387	42,942	34,524	17,422		
	9,787	5,336	(545)	(3,611)		10,967
Increase/(Decrease) from prior year	28,711	(50,186)	1,463	117,597		
*Note: Barnet Walden and Waterford will be combined under Caledonia Cooperative Unified Union School District effective July 1, 2018.						

CCSU Food Service Budget

FOOD SERVICE BUDGETS ALL DISTRICTS Combined under SU					2018 - 2019
Expenses					
<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Caledonia Coop.</u>	<u>Danville</u>	<u>Peacham</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>
6.6.3120.100	Personnel & Admin. Costs	166,444	92,640	36,924	296,008
6.6.3120.103	Substitutes Food Service	2,000	500	3,000	5,500
6.6.3120.220	Substitutes FICA taxes	291	38	230	559
6.6.3120.430	Repairs	3,550	4,000	750	8,300
6.6.3120.580	Travel	400	200	50	650
6.6.3120.610	Supplies	7,000	4,000	850	11,850
6.6.3120.630	Food	120,000	50,000	16,000	186,000
6.6.3120.730	Furniture/equipment	4,500	5,000	1,000	10,500
	total expenses	304,185	156,378	58,804	519,367
Revenues					
<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Caledonia Coop.</u>	<u>Danville</u>	<u>Peacham</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u>
6.5.1610	Food Sales - students	40,000	28,000	9,500	77,500
6.5.1620	Food sales - adults	8,300	13,000	1,600	22,900
6.5.1690	Food Sales - Other	2,750	2,000	700	5,450
6.5.3450	State Match - Lunch	2,600	1,000	200	3,800
6.5.3452	State Match Breakfast	950	200	85	1,235
6.5.3453	State Additional Breakfast	500	200	40	740
6.5.4448	After School Snack	2,100	2,500	200	4,800
6.5.4449	Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Gr	12,500		1,350	13,850
6.5.4450	Federal-Lunch	96,100	48,000	8,000	152,100
6.5.4452	Federal-Breakfast	31,500	12,000	3,000	46,500
6.5.3474	State Lunch Initiative	1,300	1,200	150	2,650
	total revenues	198,600	108,100	24,825	331,525
Revenues less expenses for each district =					
1.6.3120.332	FY19 pay difference to SU	105,585	48,278	33,979	187,842
1.6.5310.930	FY18 Prior year difference	99,950	42,942	34,524	177,416
	Increase/(Decrease)	5,635	5,336	(545)	10,426

Peacham School District Employee Compensation

Peacham School District		Salary & Wages FY17			
Professional Personnel			Substitutes		
Name	Salary	Assignment	Name	Salary	
Brisco, Janice M	69,220	Teacher Intervention	Burchell, Jennifer	12	
Cobb, Mary	12,448	Teacher Foreign Language	Chamberlain, Mariah	42	
Colosa, Kevin	19,784	Teacher Music	Chase, Tyler	300	
Fox, Stacey J	7,574	Teacher Health	Cobb, Mary	63	
Gadway, Leslie R	31,718	Teacher Grade 5-6	DeShone, James	498	
Gray, Ashley	60,541	Head of School	Dimick, Mary	4,770	
Hoffmann, Linda	4,710	Nurse	Heath, Laura	474	
Lyons, Heidi A	9,536	Teacher Art	Hudson, Jessica	519	
Ostrander Kurrle, Regina M	11,443	Teacher Physical Ed.	Lawlor, Annie	249	
Parker, Sarah	33,251	Teacher Pre-K	Markewinski, Thomas	987	
Parker, Sarah	33,251	Teacher Kindergarten	Nester, Kathryn	468	
Thompson, Aimee L	31,718	Teacher Grade 3-4	Noble, Deborah	84	
Youngberg, Kelly	38,879	Teacher - Grade 1-2	Nunn, Rose J	2,190	
	364,073		Ostrander Kurrle, Regina M	1,344	
			Pelletier, Shannon	174	
Support Staff			Samuels, Courtney	39	
Lyons, Heidi A	5,238	Library Support	Sheerin, Evelyn	1,437	
Mulligan, Kelly	20,568	Paraeducator	Sheerin, Mary Jane	762	
Ryan, Shirley	20,010	Admin Assistant	Stevenson, Cheryl	102	
Sheerin, Mary Jane	11,552	Paraeducator	Youens, Alison	1,227	
Stevenson, Cheryl	26,523	Custodian		15,741	
Stevenson, Cheryl	12,181	Paraeducator	ELO Program		
	96,072		Assignment	Salary	
School Board			Site Coordinator	10,620	
School Board	800		Instructors	3,574	
Clerk	495		Staff	6,385	
	1,295			20,579	
			Total Wages	497,760	

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Annual Report
of the Town Officers
TOWN OF PEACHAM
Town Reports
Vermont
2017



TOWN FISCAL YEAR ENDING
December 31st, 2017

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Cover: Bob Fuerher, winner of Peacham Community Housing's 2017 Harry Barnes Award For Extraordinary Volunteer Service to the Peacham Community, and wife Sharon.

Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Peacham Congregational Church in the Town of Peacham on **Tuesday, March 6th, 2018** immediately following the Peacham School District meeting to transact the following business:

1. To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as Moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.
2. To receive the report of the Town Auditors.
3. Shall the voters establish a reserve fund, to be called the Capital Building Fund, to be used for maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and new construction on town property in accordance with 24VSA 2804?
4. Shall the voters deposit \$45,962.51 from the General Fund into the Capital Building Fund? The amount of \$45,962.51 is the sum of unexpended funds from 2017 which was budgeted for a renovation which was delayed for a redesign.
5. Shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$1,258,507, of which \$648,979 shall be raised by taxes and \$609,528 by nontax revenue?
6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$35,883 to be raised in taxes to support the following organizations?

ORGANIZATION	Request	Services to Peacham (see agency reports for further information)
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	* \$2,000.00	Home health care; hospice; long-term care; maternal/child care; homemaking; nursing visits; home health aides; therapy visits.
Catamount Arts	*\$500.00	Arts education, live performances, films, festivals, gallery exhibits, First Night.
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Kingdom Animal Shelter	*\$500.00	To facilitate placement of stray and unwanted animals and pets (cats); to establish and maintain an animal shelter; and to prevent overpopulation and cruelty to animals.
NEK Council on Aging (formerly Area Agency on Aging for NE'ern Vermont)	*\$660.00	Services to seniors: senior meals programs; wellness and fitness programs; health insurance counseling; family caregiver support; elder justice advocacy; benefits advocacy; problem-solving for Social Security and insurance; budgeting assistance.

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Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	*\$769.00	Mental health services (request based on \$1.05 per resident from 2010 census).
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services	*\$250.00	Adult Basic Education; literacy tutoring; GED preparation, dropout recovery program.
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	*\$500.00	Services to teens; parent education program; Living Room day shelter for teens; court diversion program; school outreach/mentoring programs; transitional living assistance.
Peacham Community Housing	*\$1,000.00	Affordable housing for Peacham residents; historic preservation; support for community development projects including Café, Guild, and Acoustic Music Fest.
Peacham Fire District #1	*\$1,500.00	Maintains water supply for Peacham Village, including public facilities.
Peacham Historical Association	*\$1,000.00	Community programs and exhibits, preservation of historic archives and collections; Peacham research and publications.
Peacham Library (Increased from \$9000 by petition)	\$12,000.00	Library services, including books, periodicals, films, audio books, internet access, community programs and gatherings, technology training, used book sale.
Rural Community Transportation, Inc.	*\$500.00	Regional public transportation services with scheduled services to Peacham.
Umbrella	*\$500.00	Counseling, support, and safety for women, children, and families in crisis; safe house network; childcare assistance
VT Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired	*\$500.00	Training, services, support for visually impaired Vermonters.
VT Green-Up	*\$50.00	Green Up Day activities and supplies in Peacham provided by VT Green-Up.
West Danville Community Club	*\$500.00	For maintenance of free public beach at Joe's Pond.
<u>Total Requests for 2017</u>	<u>\$35,883.00</u>	

7. Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before November, 1st, 2018, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date?
8. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of one year.
9. To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year.
10. To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.

11. To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
12. To elect an Auditor for a term of three years
13. To elect a Grand Juror for a term of one year.
14. To elect a Town Agent for a term of one year.
15. To elect a First Constable for a term of one year.
16. To elect a Second Constable a term of one year.
17. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year.
18. To elect a Trustee of the Peacham Library (to represent the Town) for a term of three years.
19. Shall the voters of Peacham start the process of planning and exploring funding options for the adaptive re-use of the tennis court?
20. Shall the voters of Peacham approve the following resolution?

WHEREAS, extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing our state, nation, and the world, and

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont has a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress toward achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the Town urges the State of Vermont to:

1. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to energy pipelines;
2. Firmly commit to at least 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and
3. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents, with no harm to marginalized groups or rural communities.

21. Shall the voters of Peacham request the Vermont State Legislature to:

Support HR 105, a bill that proposes to

1. Prohibit retailers from providing single-use carryout bags and,
2. Establish standards for reusable and compostable bags provided by retailers?

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

Dated in Peacham, Vermont: January 17, 2018

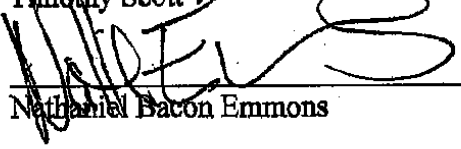
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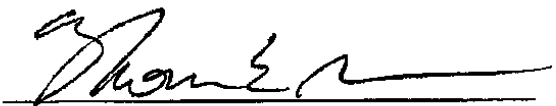
David Jacobs, Chair



Timothy Scott



Nathaniel Bacon Emmons

ATTEST: 

Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk & Treasurer

Minutes for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting

The Legal Voters of the Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham, Vermont on Tuesday March 7th, 2017 at 10:04 AM

Tim McKay introduced John Marshall to welcome all to the Peacham Meeting House.

Tim reminded the attendees that free daycare is available, thanked Peacham Collaborators Group for organizing the potluck lunch today. Tim spoke of the importance of the lunch not only as a tradition but as a way to share a meal with neighbors and possibly meet some new residents. This is an opportunity to share a meal as a community despite any differing opinions that emerge during today's meeting. Tim thanked Patrice McDonough and Frank Miller for the use of their quilts to decorate the meeting house. Tim asked all to take a moment of silence to remember all who we have lost during the last year. Tim also congratulated the new parents and new families who have joined us this past year. Tim asked all to stand and recite the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Tim went over the ground rules for the day: Respect is the order of the day, this meeting is for registered voters, visitors may speak by permission only, the meeting is governed by Roberts Rules of Order. Tim pointed out there are several polls in the lobby for residents to fill out.

Tim read the Warning of the 2017 Town Meeting.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as Moderator for a term of 1 year or until his or her successor is elected.

-Diana Senturia nominated Tim McKay. Seconded by Julieann Barney. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed by voice vote. **Tim McKay** elected School Moderator by voice vote.

Article 2: To hear and act upon the report of the Town Auditors.

Rick Scholes moved to receive the report of the Town Auditors, Marilyn Magnus Seconded.

Jan Eastman gave the report of the Town Auditors. Jan Eastman spoke about the status of the Town. She mentioned the town is in great shape. The Town currently has no debt. Jan stated the Town has done an excellent job collecting taxes this year and the numbers present are as of January 26th. Jan pointed out this year's cover as a tribute to Annette Lorraine for her excellent artwork and contributions to the Town. Peacham's residents clapped in approval. Jan said if there are any questions to please ask any of the three auditors. The Report was received by voice vote.

Article 3: Shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$1,077,634, of which \$566,154 shall be raised by taxes and \$511,480 by non-tax revenue?

John Marshall moved to accept the article as written, Diana Senturia seconded. The article passed by a voice vote.

Annette Lorraine explained that the budget is higher this year and expects the budget to go down next year. Reasons for the increase: The town is purchasing a new loader, performing a reappraisal, renovations to the Town Hall, and a new website. Annette pointed out that the budget increase is still lower than 10 of the past 15 years.

Lynne Lawson asked for clarification about recent cemetery transfers and the endowment. Treasurer Thomas Galinat explains that there are two separate funds: the Endowment fund for perpetuity and the Cemetery Working Capital for emergency maintenance. The transfer was for two CD's transferred into a low-risk, investment account that created the Cemetery Working Capital Fund. The Endowment Fund was not touched.

Mark Clough asked about the Tax Anticipation Note showing \$200,000, Jan Eastman, Auditor, explained we budget for the Tax Anticipation Note “just in case”, it is represented as an income and an expense so it zeros out. Jan commended the Treasurer and the Selectboard for this year's budget. The residents clapped in approval.

Annette Lorraine commended Treasurer, Thomas Galinat and his Assistant, Rebecca Washington. The residents clapped in approval.

Article 4: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$32,883 to be raised in taxes to support the following organizations?

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Jerry Senturia moved to accept the Article as written, Diana Senturia seconded.

Charlie Browne spoke to explain that the sum is same as last year. Adam Kane reminded residents that with this appropriation, Peacham residents received free admission year round. The article passed by voice vote.

Article 5: Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31st, 2017, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of 1 percent per month with an 8 percent penalty charged against them from the due date.

-Diana Senturia moved to accept the article as warned, Wynn Browne seconded. The article passed by voice vote.

Article 6: Shall the Town raise the Working Capital Fund maximum cap from \$150,000 to \$200,000?

Dick Brown moved to accept the article as warned, Rick Scholes seconded. The article passed by voice vote.

Annette Lorraine explained that the working capital fund was essential for the cleanup of Hurricane Irene and funded by expended funds. George Kempton asked for clarity. Annette Lorraine explained the difference between the retreatment fund, capital equipment fund, and the working capital funds. Adam Kane asked what the process to access of the funds is, Annette clarified that it takes action from the Selectboard. Jan Eastman explained that the working capital fund has been a long standing recommendation of the Auditors.

Article 7: To elect a Town Clerk for a term of 1 year.

Jerry Senturia nominated Thomas Galinat. Ron Craig seconded. There were no other nominations. The nominations were closed by voice vote. **Thomas Galinat** elected Town Clerk by voice vote.

Article 8: To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.

Diana Senturia nominated Thomas Galinat. Charlie Brown Seconded. There were no other nominations. The nominations were closed by voice vote. **Thomas Galinat** elected Town Treasurer by voice vote.

Article 9: To elect a Selectboard member for a term of 3 years.

Dave Stauffer nominated Natty Emmons, Marilyn Magnus seconded. There were no other nominations. George Kempton moved to close nominations, and for the clerk to cast one ballot, Dick Browne seconded. The motion passed by voice vote. **Natty Emmons** elected to the Selectboard.

Article 10: To elect a Lister for a term of 3 years.

Rusty Barber nominated Betsy McKay, Jan Eastman seconded. There were no other nominations. Diana Senturia moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast one ballot, Charlie Browne seconded. The motion passed by voice vote. **Betsy McKay** elected Lister.

Article 11: To elect an Auditor for a term of 3 years.

John Marshall nominated Charlie Byron, Morris McCain seconded. There were no other nominations. Diana Senturia moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast one ballot, Julieann Barney seconded. The motion passed by voice vote. **Charlie Byron** elected Auditor.

Article 12: To elect a Grand Juror for a term of 1 year.

Dick Browne nominated Charles Browne. Cathy Corcoran seconded. There were no other nominations. **Charles Browne** elected Grand Juror by voice vote.

Article 13: To elect a Town Agent for a term of 1 year.

Lynne Lawson nominated Bob Fuehrer. Charlie Brown seconded. There were no other nominations. **Bob Fuehrer** elected Town Agent by voice vote.

Article 14: To elect a First Constable for a term of 1 year.

Ron Craig nominated John Sheehan. Bob Fuehrer seconded. There were no other nominations. **John Sheehan** elected First Constable by voice vote.

Article 15: To elect a Second Constable for a term of 1 year.

Ron Craig nominated Peter Craig. John Marshall seconded. There were no other nominations. **Peter Craig** elected Second Constable by voice vote.

Cathy Corcoran asked if you had to be a resident of Peacham to be a constable. The moderator answered yes.

Article 16: To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.

Ron Craig nominated John Sheehan. There were no other nominations. **John Sheehan** elected Delinquent Tax Collector by voice vote.

Article 17: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

David Magnus made a motion as read "The citizens of Peacham, Vermont support the efforts of our State and Federal Legislators regarding proposed laws that require the disclosure of federal tax returns before a presidents name can be placed on the Primary and General Election ballots. Upon passage we request that our town employees and/or officials convey the vote to the appropriate persons in our state and federal legislative bodies." Diana Senturia seconded. The motion passed by a hand vote 79 for, 7 opposed.

Discussion ensued.

Other Business:

-Betsy MacKay thanked David Jacobs for making the effort to rush home from Russia, and to thank Annette Lorraine. The residents clapped wildly with approval.

-Charlie Browne mentioned PCH is holding a meeting to discuss the future of the Science Building, PCH will now be offering a Harry Barnes award for excellence in volunteering.

-Barry Lawson discussed the volunteer group AWIP. Discussed the revitalization of the Town Picnic. Barry commended Dina Danielson for her hard work on the Peacham Winter Carnival. Also to thank Tim Scott and Bruce MacLean for their efforts in preparing the dog sled track.

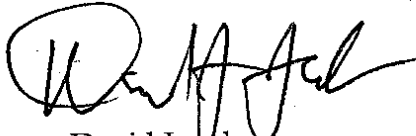
-Diana reminded residents of the Peacham Farmers Market

-Jeff Berwick mentioned the need for members for the Peacham Fire Department.

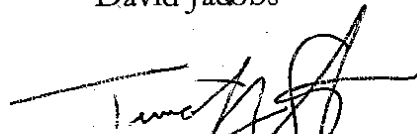
John Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Diana Senturia. The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.

The foregoing is approved and attested by:

Peacham Selectboard:



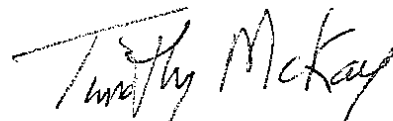
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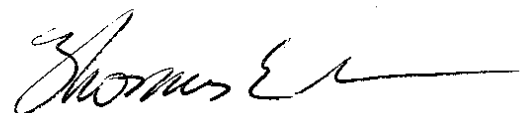
Nathaniel Emmons

Moderator:



Timothy McKay

Town Clerk:



Thomas Galinat

Auditors' Report

We have examined the finances presented to us by the Town Treasurer. We have verified stated cash balances, inspected certificates of deposit, loan documents and investment account statements. Checks have been written according to statements and warrants.

We believe the reports presented here represent the financial position of the Town as of December 31, 2017 and give an accurate account of the Town's financial position and activities.

This year's Annual Report again includes a short Budget Summary Report, with explanatory footnotes. In addition, the Budget Detail Report identifies lines with significant differences between last year's budgeted and actual numbers, or between last year's and this year's budgets. The differences are explained in footnotes.

Over this year we have continued monthly reconciliation of the Town's bank accounts, combined with rotating checks of many other areas including cash deposits, Town checks, and employee time sheets. This year we have formalized this process in a Town procedure document so that these practices can be passed on as appropriate.

In the coming year we plan to similarly formalize and document the materials utilized in producing the Town Report, and finally to transfer all Auditor materials and document to the Town-owned computer recently purchased, as well as associated online accounts.

We extend our thanks to Town Treasurer Tom Galinat and Assistant Treasurer Rebecca Washington for their work in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Byron, Jan Eastman and Stan Fickes

Town of Peacham Auditors

Selectboard Report

The Town of Peacham is endowed with a splendid municipal staff in both the Town Office and the Town Garage. They keep our town business and roads in excellent order. The town also has a huge pool of people working behind the scenes on a volunteer or minimal paid basis that include the listers, auditors, planning, DRB, fire and rescue, just to mention a few. Many thanks to all those that find the time to participate in keeping our special community working well.

Budget discussion

Below are a few of our budget items for the coming year. The 2018 budget will be higher than the 2017 budget. Again, Kudos to Tom and Rebecca for constant budget updates throughout the year and for formulating the bulk of the 2018 figures for our perusal.

Equipment needs now through 2019 -This year we will replace an aging 10 wheel dump truck. The truck will be put into operation mid in 2018. It will be funded by a 5 yr. lease agreement. The Highway department will also be looking at replacing the pick up truck in 2019.

The fire department is in need of a new tanker truck. The truck will be ordered in 2018 and delivered and paid for with a 7 year lease starting in in 2019.

Capitol Equipment Fund and Retreatment Fund revitalization- It came to our attention that these funds have not been added to for 5-6 years. We are suffering the consequences of the lack of funds now as our roads and equipment age. You will find in the 2016 Town Report an equipment Inventory. The table shows where we should be now with our reserve funds. We have some catching up to do, therefore the practice of capitol saving will go into effect this year.

Town Hall-The energy audit is complete. The audit will help us make informed decisions on replacing our aging boiler and other energy smart improvements.

Implementation of plans to renovate has been delayed due to a new development. The Postal Service has requested that we reduce the space that they rent. Reduction of the P.O. space opens potential to design better office spaces, proper accessible bathrooms, and storage and conference spaces.

Many thanks to Rusty Barber who has donated many hours to the Town Hall renovation design development and for his continuing work on the project.

Reappraisal-The State mandated reappraisal is coming along well. We expect the project to be done by the end of 2018.

Highway Department

We are very pleased with the work of our highway crew. They not only keep the roads well maintained, they are responsible for keeping the equipment and shop in good working order and they do a very good job of it.

Jeremy writes several grants each year to help pay for large drainage projects along our back roads. He was a key player in formulating the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) inventory. The state mandated MRGP considers all stretches of roadway that require erosion control work that will protect our waterways from pollution. Peacham has 100+ such sites. A plan is in the works to address these erosion concerns.

We are aware of the condition of our paved roads. However, without reserve funds we cannot take on the excessive cost of repairing them this year. The cost of grinding and repaving is very high. We hope to build the reserve fund and receive grant awards to take on another section in a few years. In the meantime the crew will do the best they can to keep the paved roads drivable.

Planning Initiatives

Town Plan under the direction of Geoff Sewike and the planning commission, and with a grant from NVDA the plan will be complete by the end of May. The planning commission also completed a new version of the Zoning Regulations that were adopted in early 2016. A new zoning application is in the works.

Emergency Hazard Mitigation Plan underway thanks to the direction of Neil Monteith and Brian Barney our Emergency Management coordinators. Having the plan in place will help the town to be eligible for FEMA assistance in the case of a disastrous storm or the like.

Energy Plan is in the works thanks to our tireless Energy Coordinator, Jock Gill. We will be working with NVDA to develop a comprehensive plan that will guide the energy future of Peacham.

The Town and School are considering the feasibility of solar power and storage at the school to power the school and other town buildings and provide the town with a powered emergency shelter.

Highlights

Viable recreation role in the town office -The big Peacham events require a volunteer army. Historically, each event also had a volunteer coordinator in some cases for years. The coordinator position has been difficult to fill for Winter Carnival and July 4th. Given how important these events are, we have authorized Tom Galinet and Rebecca Washington to coordinate these events. We still need a committee for each event and volunteers to work in preparation for and the day of and after the event. The coordination of the events will be within the town office.

Ewell Mill Historic Park-The park construction and land transfer are complete. Thanks to Ed Vilandre and Martha Cavanaugh for their role in creating the park, a valuable asset for the town. Go have a stroll, picnic, and ski. An interpretive sign is in the works that will identify the history that is associated with the park site.

Fullerton Property was a mystery land locked property that was handed to the town through the tax sale in 2016. The property has been transferred to the rightful owner and no longer turns up as a delinquent tax property.

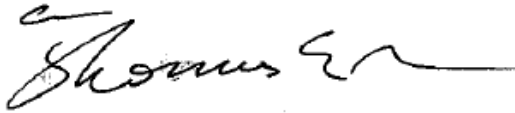
Tennis Court is currently an underutilized property with great potential. At the 2017 Town Picnic community members wrote their wish list of possible uses. The suggestions include: covered multi-use space, outdoor dance floor, tennis court, ice skating rink, picnic area, event space, and surely a few more uses will arise.

We would like to pursue planning of an adaptive re- use or revitalized tennis court use for the property. We would like to generate enough interest in the project to form a committee that will, with the help of the Select Board, explore scenarios, estimate costs, look into grant funding...Please contact David Jacobs if you are interested in being part of the process.

Speed Enforcement-Speeding through the villages is the issue that we heard the most concern about. We have increased the budget for enforcement. The Sherriff has instructions to make Peacham known as a speed trap, so watch your speed!!

In conclusion, the Select Board welcomes hearing from community members about concerns, praise or suggestions. We strive for transparency within and out of our Town Government. We will work hard to keep our Town the best it can be and appreciate and thank all of you that help us make that happen.

David J. Jacobs-outgoing Select Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Jacobs", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Town Clerk's Annual Report

This year was a very busy year for our office. We continue to look to improve efficiencies and accessibility for our residents and researchers. As our town grows with new residents, long-term volunteers retire, and municipal turnover shifts responsibilities, our office continues to reach out to pick up the loose ends and tie us all together here in Peacham. Our first responsibility is maintaining the land records, our first priority continues to keep things Peachy in Peacham.

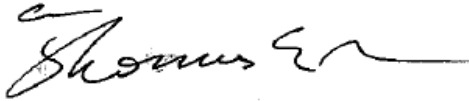
Early in the year we retrieved all our land record microfilm from Good-way Document Services and returned them to the Vermont State Archivist. Upon doing so we now have photographs of our microfilm rolls for on-site indexing. This allows us to pull a single roll of microfilm instead of our entire collection. This reduces any unnecessary risk of damage to our microfilm. I feel this extra step will continue to preserve our land records in perpetuity.

Late in 2016 the Selectboard voted to change how we breakdown the revenue from the Recording of Land Records. The revenue is broken into two parts: Town Clerk Fees (General Fund) and Restoration Land Records (Restricted Fund). Prior to 2017 we collected 80% into the general fund and only saved 20% to restore and preserve our land records. We now collect 60% into the general fund and 40% to restore and preserve our land records. This will save us tax dollars. It is my opinion that we can, and should, fund the growth and preservation of our vault from recording fees. In 2017 we collected \$3088 from non-tax revenue towards the preservation of our vault and land records. Although the details of this matter should come from the Treasurers report, the idea of increasing our Restoration Land Record fund to protect and preserve our land records really gets my bow tie spinning.

The Town planned a large renovation of the Town Hall in 2017. This prompted us to clean out the area of the Town Hall which was going to be renovated. Throughout the early spring we went through a storage closet packed to the brim of about 60 boxes of files dating back to the 80's. We worked with the State Archivist to make sure we followed the state's retention schedule, and then shredded the documents. Most of the documents were payroll files and invoices. Tucked in between the files were little gems of history. We simply could not toss a whole box at a time; we went tirelessly through them, page by page. We have consolidated the remainder of the files to about 15 boxes to be sorted again and read more closely. We plan to address those boxes in 2018 and they are available for viewing in the vault.

We started a project in 2017 with Bob Hansen to compile all the old zoning permits. Our files are incomplete during the early 2000's. Bob has been very gracious to let us borrow and copy his files to replace any missing items in our records. The new records will be stored in the vault instead of the conference room to try to prevent loss in the future. We hope to continue this in 2018 and expect this project to take 2 to 3 more years.

We heard word in late summer that the Winter Carnival Committee Chair had to step down and the committee was having trouble filling the position. This came as our town is growing with youth, new residents, and tourists. Unfortunately we are not gaining as many new volunteers. To try to fill this void, Rebecca and I agreed with the Selectboard's good graces to start a recreation department in our Town Office. Although small, we are growing quickly. We assist with the planning and grunt work for the Winter Carnival, we manage the schedule for the Town Gym, and we're working with the Peacham Collaborators to create a welcome packet for new residents and guests. Volunteers are the backbone of this community. If you're considering lending a hand, please reach out to an organization or call the Office and we can try to connect your interests to a local organization.



Thomas Galinat
Peacham Town Clerk

Town Treasurer's Annual Report

In the end we had \$45,962.51 remaining of unexpended funds. We budgeted \$48,750.00 and spent \$596.71 towards a renovation of the Town Office which was not completed for a variety of reasons. A difference of \$2,190.78. We missed our mark by \$2,190.78, that's only 0.4% of the total budget. This demonstrates the superb efforts from the Selectboard, Highway Foreman, Town Office, Listers, and Fire and Safety, to come up with a realistic budget and stick to it. Hats off to all the Town officers for really working hard to present a meaningful budget and follow through in 2017.

For the second year in a row we did not have to borrow any funds in the anticipation of taxes. The Town of Peacham owes Jeremy Withers a huge round of applause for his patience, cooperation, and his willingness to save the town money. He desperately needed a new loader but waited until taxes came in before making the first lease payment. The Town Office kicked it into high gear and got tax bills mailed out on 7/12/17, about 3 weeks earlier than usual. 7/12/17 is only three days after the Selectboard set the tax rate. We worked with the Listers to get the tax bills created, then we checked for errors, printed, folded, stuffed, and out the door. This four department effort to work together on common goals will continue to save you money.

This is the first year since 2014 we have held any debt. The single largest purchase in 2017 was a lease on a new John Deere 544K loader. The town paid \$134,000 towards the loader in 2017; of which \$17,000 was from the trade in on the older John Deere 524 loader, and \$100,000 was from the Capital Equipment Reserve, leaving the \$17,000 which was raised in taxes. The remaining debt is \$23,800 to be paid over two years at \$11,900 a year.

This year the Road Foreman worked to obtain two grants. A Better Backroads grant funded the ditching, resurfacing, and softening of the shoulders to Green Bay Loop in front of the Kempton's main farm. The project cost the Town an additional \$16,904.80 over our budgeted highway funds, however Jeremy Withers secured the \$20,000 grant to offset the additional spending. Jeremy also completed the ditching and resurfacing of Maple Tree Lane near Alan and Hattie Thresher's place. The work was completed for the Maple Tree Lane grant but funding is expected to be received in 2018. This can be seen as revenue, \$12,000, in the highway section of the 2018 budget.

As a town, we need to come to an agreement on how we want to spend, save, and raise funds. Five of the last seven years we saw an increase of \$0 to our budget. We saw an increase of \$80,000 last year and another increase of about \$100,000 for 2018. We have roads and equipment to maintain and a town to run. Costs continue to go up and we did not match our expense growth; we simply spent from reserves and cut where we could. This practice led to two sharp increases over the past year and this year. The \$180,000 increase over these 2 years averages out to about \$25,700 a year if we broke it out over the 7 year period where we had no increase plus 2017 and 2018's budgets (the two representing the sharp increase). If we had increased at that pace we would have seen a gradual increase in our tax bills but we would have raised an additional \$300,500, which is not raised until the spike in the sharp-increase model. It is possible that we may not have to raise the budget as much as we are now if we had increased with the actual cost of running the town. Neither model is better or worse, just food for thought as we plan for the future. Do you prefer a consistent municipal tax bill with an occasional sharp increase or do you prefer a small gradual increase in your bill? We have to raise the same amount of money in the end.

Peacham residents – don't forget to file your HS-122 and HI-144 forms with the State before the April 17th deadline. Late filing will result in a penalty, which will be applied to your 2018 Tax Bill.

Thomas Galinat

Peacham Town Treasurer

Town Financial Reports

Balance Sheet

Assets	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17
Main Checking	\$ 300,979	\$ 860	\$ 11,300	\$ 241,562	\$ 162,882
ICS High Interest	\$ -	\$ 212,085	\$ 390,607	\$ 138,774	\$ 186,307
Electronic Receiving	\$ 300	\$ 480	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
ACH High Risk				\$ 950	\$ 1,058
Retreatment	\$ 116,323	\$ 146,482	\$ 21,531	\$ 5,451	\$ 5,454
Road Capital Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 41,021	\$ 61,061	\$ 1,114
Total assets	\$ 418,601	\$ 380,907	\$ 464,959	\$ 448,299	\$ 357,315
Liabilities*					
Education tax payable	\$ 145,378	\$ 182,606	\$ 135,525	\$ 104,879	\$ 51,987
VT State Withholdings	\$ -	\$ 759	\$ 668	\$ 1,031	\$ -
Tax Sale Excess				\$ 2,517	\$ -
Prop Tax Credits Payable	\$ 660	\$ 13	\$ 4,105	\$ 200	\$ 16,306
Restricted Funds					
Restoration Land Records	\$ 7,748	\$ 8,239	\$ 6,274	\$ 6,571	\$ 7,935
Conservation Reserve	\$ 9,627	\$ 10,392	\$ 10,892	\$ 11,092	\$ 11,092
Vt Money For Reappraisal	\$ 18,877	\$ 25,431	\$ 38,274	\$ 44,589	\$ 7,217
Lister education fund	\$ 839	\$ 1,309	\$ 566	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Building fund	\$ 22,000	\$ 16,615	\$ 23,935	\$ 23,764	\$ 23,764
Working Capital Fund	\$ 150,001	\$ 142,536	\$ 148,439	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Ball field grant	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,318
Veteran's memorial fund	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,298
Bridge Fund	\$ 23,828	\$ 23,828	\$ 23,828	\$ 23,828	\$ 23,828
New Recycling Shed	\$ 1,019	\$ 1,019	\$ 1,019	\$ 1,019	\$ 1,019
Fire Warden Capital Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Peacham Farm Support Fund		\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Roller Barn Card Fund		\$ 330	\$ -	\$ 320	\$ 370
Jean Berwick Tent Fund		\$ 1,830	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,850
Winter Carnival			\$ 400	\$ 3,509	\$ 2,301
Ewell Mill Historic Site					\$ 500
Retreatment	\$ 116,323	\$ 146,482	\$ 21,531	\$ 5,451	\$ 5,454
Road Capital Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 41,021	\$ 61,061	\$ 1,114
Total Liabilities	\$ 503,914	\$ 590,503	\$ 464,942	\$ 448,297	\$ 311,352
Assets - Liabilities	\$ (85,313)	\$ (209,597)	\$ 17	\$ 2	\$ 45,963
* These liabilities are accounts payable or reserve funds.					

2018 Budget Summary

§	Note	Description	2015	2016	2017		2018
			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
General Government							
General Revenue							
1	A.	Current Tax & Tax Related	\$2,383,307	\$2,361,137	\$2,643,837	\$2,443,837	\$203,250
1		Delinquent Taxes & Interest	\$142,994	\$66,311	\$48,563	\$48,563	\$46,300
2+4		Fees & Other Town Revenue	\$20,516	\$29,532	\$18,950	\$66,812	\$35,100
3	B.	State Current Use Payback	\$86,445	\$88,213	\$88,212	\$86,301	\$86,000
3		Other State of Vermont	\$18,463	\$21,087	\$21,115	\$26,281	\$26,273
5	C.	Money rec'd for Restricted Fds	\$51,662	\$28,210	\$9,488	\$19,067	\$19,905
6	D.	Money used from Restr. Fds	\$29,210	\$17,144	\$75,040	\$55,734	\$15,425
	A.	Subtotal General Revenue	\$2,732,599	\$2,611,635	\$2,905,205	\$2,746,595	\$432,253
Road Revenue							
8		State Highway Aid	\$121,951	\$121,915	\$120,000	\$121,885	\$120,000
8		State & FEMA Project Grants	\$148,203	\$175,625	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
10	E.	Transfers from Restricted Funds	\$145,121	\$36,099	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
7+9		Permits & Other	\$3,542	\$1,868	\$17,300	\$17,620	\$850
		Subtotal Road Revenue	\$418,817	\$335,508	\$237,300	\$259,505	\$140,850
11		Transfer Station Revenue	\$35,794	\$33,946	\$39,000	\$34,991	\$35,000
12		Fire & Rescue Revenue	\$2,055	\$4,874	\$0	\$0	\$0
13		Cemetery Revenue	\$1,766	\$10,189	\$2,375	\$2,970	\$1,425
Total General Revenue			\$3,191,031	\$2,996,150	\$3,183,880	\$3,044,061	\$609,528
General Expenses							
14	F.	Payroll	\$106,912	\$133,854	\$153,250	\$150,095	\$170,950
15	A.	School Allocation	\$1,862,749	\$1,885,441	\$1,885,766	\$1,885,766	\$0
15		Tax Anticipation Note Principal	\$50,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
15		Other General Expenses	\$71,463	\$59,994	\$45,061	\$51,582	\$57,924
16		Town Office	\$58,920	\$43,492	\$47,695	\$48,782	\$46,705
16	G.	2017-2018 Reappraisal	\$0	\$0	\$74,758	\$44,051	\$45,000
16	H.	2017 Town Hall Renovation	\$0	\$0	\$48,750	\$597	\$0
17	C.	Transfers into Restricted Funds	\$51,662	\$28,210	\$9,488	\$19,067	\$19,905
18		Transfers from Restricted Funds					\$14,800
	A.	Subtotal General Expenditures	\$2,201,707	\$2,150,991	\$2,464,768	\$2,199,940	\$555,284
Road Expenses							
19	I.	Payroll	\$161,843	\$168,443	\$206,550	\$205,209	\$250,000
20	J.	Operating Expenses	\$153,963	\$87,651	\$83,510	\$72,859	\$162,701
21	J.	Town Garage	\$34,698	\$33,940	\$155,600	\$188,338	\$39,100

22	K.	Road Maintenance	\$129,989	\$129,791	\$156,200	\$131,025	\$156,200
22		Paving Projects	\$145,121	\$274,056	\$0	\$0	\$0
22	L.	Other Road Projects	\$13,395	\$0	\$0	\$20,960	\$0
		Subtotal Roads Expenses	\$639,010	\$693,880	\$601,860	\$618,391	\$608,001
23-25		Transfer Station Expenses	\$40,284	\$39,554	\$38,900	\$39,551	\$40,000
26-28		Fire & Safety Expenses	\$38,033	\$51,510	\$44,650	\$38,854	\$40,800
29		Cemetery Expenses	\$10,479	\$10,788	\$13,222	\$14,722	\$14,422
30		Appropriations	\$31,383	\$32,883	\$0	\$32,883	\$0
Total General and Road Expenses			\$2,960,896	\$2,979,604	\$3,163,400	\$2,944,341	\$1,258,507
Cemetery Endowment							
31	M.	Endowment Revenues	\$94,261	\$5,231	\$6,000	\$14,491	\$6,000
31		Endowment Expenses	\$96,648	\$1,050	\$900	\$1,140	\$1,000
Cemetery Working Capital							
32		Revenues				\$1,229	\$500
32		Expenses				\$2,201	\$200
Contributions to Restricted Funds (included in totals above)							
17		Capital Building Fund	\$14,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
33	J.	Retreatment Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
35		Capital Equipment Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Amount To Be Raised In General Fund Taxes							
	O.						\$648,979

Footnotes to Budget Summary Report

The footnotes below key to letters in Note column above. The line numbers in the first column key to sections of the 2018 Budget Detail report, below.

- A. Budget numbers don't compare to actuals on these lines. Tax revenue is not budgeted by the SelectBoard, it's voted on at Town Meeting. The 2018 budget for Current Tax & Tax Related Revenue is shown as \$203,250; representing the likely Tax Anticipation Note amount. The Warning shows the SelectBoard request for current-year tax revenue. The School Warning shows the budget total, but the actual property tax required to achieve this is not determined until Fall, when the State sets the education tax rates for each town.
- B. The State of Vermont pays a portion of the Town's property tax in lieu of property owners, based on their Current Use designation.
- C. Restricted Funds ("rainy day funds") from various sources, earmarked for specific non-road purposes including the State, such as for reappraisal; and private donations, such as for Winter Carnival. The revenue line (5) is balanced by the expense line (17).

- D. Withdrawals from Restricted Funds for non-road projects, such as reappraisal. These are “rainy day funds” being used in the current year, in lieu of current taxes.
- E. Withdrawals from Restricted Funds for road-related purposes such as paving or equipment. These are “rainy day funds” being used in the current year, in lieu of current taxes.
- F. Health insurance will increase in 2018 due to improved benefits for Town Clerk and Ass’t Town Clerk; offered in lieu of raises for increased duties. All Town employees now receive comparable health benefits.
- G. The 2018 property reappraisal cost of \$45,000 will be covered by about \$14,000 of restricted (e.g. “rainy day”) funds and about \$31,000 of current tax revenue.
- H. The Town Hall renovation was not completed in 2017 due to a combination of higher than expected costs, the possibility that future shrinkage of the Post Office’s space may offer opportunities for Town expansion, and the related uncertainty in the lease agreement. The Town expects to develop proposals in the future for the completion of renovations in 2020. The budget for the renovation of \$48,750 is the subject of Item 4 of this year’s Warning which adds this money to the newly-created Capital Building Fund.
- I. Road crew payroll is expected to be about \$45,000 higher in 2018 due to having a full complement of 4 staff.
- J. Changes in planned road Operating and Garage Expenses are related. In 2017, fuel expenses were almost \$12,000 under budget resulting in under-spending that line. Unexpected truck repairs and higher-than-expected truck replacement costs pushed garage expenses almost \$30,000 over budget. For 2018 fuel prices are expected to rise, but lack of major equipment purchases or paving projects means contributions to the rainy day fund for paving (Retreatment Fund) can be resumed and overall road expenses still decline by about \$10,000.
- K. Road maintenance expenses were under budget in 2017 due to conservative budgeting and good weather.
- L. Road projects covered by grants from the State.
- M. Cemetery endowment revenue was over budget in 2017 due to positive market conditions.
- N. The key reasons general fund taxes in 2018 are higher than in 2017 is the higher use of rainy day funds in 2017, full staffing, and consistent benefits across Town staff.

2018 Budget Detail

§	Note	Description	2015	2016	2017		2018
			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		General Revenue					
		Revenue from taxes					
1		Tax Related					
		Taxes - Current - muni	\$458,829	\$2,353,626	\$0	\$2,422,074	\$0
		Taxes - Current - edu	\$1,862,749	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Del. Taxes: Principal	\$120,764	\$59,086	\$20,000	\$41,973	\$40,000
		Del. Taxes: Interest	\$22,230	\$7,225	\$0	\$6,591	\$6,300
		Del. taxes: Penalty	\$10,244	\$6,689	\$0	\$4,656	\$3,250
a.		Municipal tax adjustment	\$1,485	\$822	\$0	\$17,107	\$0
		Tax anticipation note rev	\$50,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
2		Clerk's Office					
b.		Town Clerk's Fees	\$6,243	\$7,295	\$4,700	\$7,264	\$6,000
		Dog Licenses	\$590	\$496	\$500	\$496	\$500
		Liquor License Fees	\$0	\$115	\$0	\$0	\$0
3		State of Vermont					
		Current Use Payback	\$86,445	\$88,213	\$88,212	\$86,301	\$86,000
		Pilot State Land	\$16,688	\$19,346	\$19,346	\$24,505	\$24,505
		PILOT buildings	\$1,757	\$1,722	\$1,750	\$1,758	\$1,750
		Lease Land	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19
4		Other Town Revenue					
		Zoning Fees	\$818	\$806	\$750	\$570	\$400
		Rentals	\$11,498	\$14,533	\$12,700	\$13,175	\$13,100
		Misc Revenue	\$1,011	\$372	\$0	\$899	\$0
		Tree Board	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Kinnerson Drive		\$3,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Interest On Investments	\$356	\$514	\$300	\$357	\$300
		Reappraisal Money Spent			\$0	\$44,051	\$14,800
		Planning Grant 2016		\$1,700			\$0
		Planning Grant 2017			\$0	\$0	
5		Money received for Restricted Funds					
a.		Restoration Land Records	\$1,221	\$1,502	\$2,600	\$3,088	\$2,600
		Conservation Reserve	\$500	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$0
		VT Money for Reappraisal	\$12,844	\$6,688	\$6,688	\$6,679	\$6,680
		Lister Education Fund	\$390	\$0	\$0	\$625	\$625
		Capital Building Fund	\$14,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
		Working Capital Fund	\$12,458	\$1,562	\$0	\$0	\$0
d.		Peacham Farm Support Fd	\$9,800	\$5,500	\$0	\$6,380	\$0

§	Note	Description	2015	2016	2017		2018
			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		Roller Barn Cards	\$30	\$320	\$0	\$50	\$0
		Jean Berwick Tent Fund	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d.		Winter Carnival	\$400	\$4,439	\$0	\$1,745	\$0
		Ewell Mill Historic Site				\$500	\$0
6		Money withdrawn from Restricted Funds					
a.		Restoration Land Records	\$3,182	\$1,204	\$0	\$1,724	\$0
		Conservation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		VT Money for Reappraisal	\$0	\$373	\$51,277	\$44,051	\$14,800
		Lister Education Fund	\$1,134	\$566	\$0	\$625	\$625
		Capital Building Fund	\$6,680	\$8,172	\$23,763	\$0	\$0
		Working Capital Fund	\$6,555	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d.		Peacham Farm Support Fund	\$11,300	\$5,500	\$0	\$6,380	\$0
		Roller Barn Cards	\$360	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Jean Berwick Tent Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d.		Winter Carnival	\$0	\$1,330	\$0	\$2,954	\$0
		Ewell Mill Historic Site				\$0	\$0
7		Permits					
		Access Permits	\$0	\$51	\$50	\$0	\$50
		Excess Weight Permits	\$200	\$240	\$250	\$290	\$300
		Fines	\$78	\$1,577	\$2,000	\$330	\$500
8		State & FEMA Aid					
		State: Highway Aid	\$121,951	\$121,915	\$120,000	\$121,885	\$120,000
		Aiken Farm Rd Grant	\$3,203	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		County Road Box Culvert	\$135,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Academy Hill 2015 Grant	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9		Other					
		Equipment sale	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$0
		Employee insurance copay	\$3,265	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Paving 2016		\$175,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
		2015 PACIF Equipment Grant		\$625	\$0	\$0	\$0
f.		Green Bay Loop Grant 2017				\$20,000	\$0
f.		Maple Tree Ln Grant 2017				\$0	\$12,000
f.		Road Inventory Grant				\$0	\$8,000
10		Transfers from Restricted Funds					
		Retreatment money used	\$145,121	\$36,099	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Capital Equip money used	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
11		Transfer Station					
		Transfer Station Fees	\$35,695	\$33,946	\$39,000	\$34,991	\$35,000

§	Note	Description	2015	2016	2017		2018
			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		Recycling Revenue	\$99	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12		Fire & Rescue Revenue					
		Fire Repeater Grant	\$2,055	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Generator Grant		\$4,874	\$0	\$0	\$0
13		Cemetery Revenue					
		Cemetery Plots	\$1,400	\$3,275	\$2,000	\$800	\$1,200
		Cemetery Markers	\$225	\$0	\$225	\$170	\$225
		Davis Lease	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0
		Endowment Revenue	\$0	\$4,864	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Grant Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Misc Revenue	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Interest on Investments	\$51	\$525	\$50	\$0	\$0
		Donations	\$0	\$1,524	\$0	\$0	\$0
	w.	Working Capital Used			\$0	\$2,000	\$0
14		Payroll					
		Selectmen's Salaries	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
		Board Clerk Salary	\$3,002	\$4,792	\$5,200	\$5,313	\$5,200
	g.	Listers'salaries	\$12,577	\$19,765	\$22,000	\$11,255	\$22,000
		Animal Control Person	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
		Zoning	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
		Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$33,127	\$30,225	\$32,800	\$33,025	\$32,800
		Asst Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$20,023	\$24,225	\$24,000	\$24,225	\$24,000
		Auditors' Salaries	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
		Constable	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
		Del tax collector	\$10,244	\$6,689	\$0	\$4,464	\$3,500
		FICA/MEDI	\$7,097	\$8,293	\$8,000	\$12,246	\$12,000
		Unemployment	\$4,264	\$3,889	\$4,000	\$3,067	\$3,000
		Workers Comp	\$9,579	\$11,656	\$13,000	\$11,403	\$11,500
	h.	Health Insurance	\$0	\$15,819	\$35,000	\$36,599	\$47,700
		Retire-match Funds	\$750	\$750	\$1,500	\$750	\$1,500
15		General Expenses					
		VALA Dues		\$0	\$50	\$75	\$75
		VLCT Dues	\$1,758	\$1,755	\$1,814	\$1,814	\$1,853
		Town Insurance	\$18,340	\$18,030	\$19,500	\$18,085	\$18,000
		Prop tax abatements	\$20	\$63	\$0	\$8,208	\$0
		Legal Expense	\$3,511	\$2,856	\$3,000	\$4,527	\$3,000
		County Tax	\$16,601	\$14,942	\$14,998	\$14,998	\$15,147
	i.	Tax Mapping	\$0	\$319	\$0	\$0	\$4,000

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			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		Listers non-personnel exp	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Planning	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0
		Conservation	\$441	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Recreation	\$1,695	\$2,376	\$2,300	\$1,965	\$2,300
		Green-Up Vermont	\$211	\$108	\$150	\$0	\$0
		NVDA	\$549	\$549	\$549	\$549	\$549
		Contribution to Cons. Fun	\$500	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Tree board	\$360	\$1,820	\$1,000	\$150	\$500
	j.	Elections/town Meeting	\$447	\$2,550	\$700	\$613	\$2,000
	k.	Contribution to Cap Bldg	\$14,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
		Contribution to Working C	\$12,458	\$1,562	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Cemetery Allocation	\$0	\$4,864	\$0	-\$0	\$0
		Misc Expenditure	\$421	\$0	\$0	\$598	\$0
	l.	Tax Ant. Note: Interest	\$101	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500
	l.	Tax ant. note principal	\$50,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
		School Allocation	\$1,862,749	\$1,885,441	\$0	\$1,885,766	\$0
16		Town Office Expenses					
		Telephone	\$2,227	\$2,383	\$2,200	\$2,357	\$2,200
		Electricity	\$4,962	\$4,722	\$4,600	\$5,376	\$4,800
		Mileage	\$1,668	\$1,232	\$500	\$674	\$500
		Lister Mileage		\$0	\$500	\$75	\$500
		Supplies	\$2,572	\$3,019	\$3,000	\$2,503	\$3,000
		Dog Expense	\$99	\$102	\$100	\$100	\$100
		Lister Supplies		\$0	\$620	\$257	\$620
		Land records books	\$260	\$126	\$260	\$402	\$130
		Land record maintenance	\$1,764	\$86	\$200	\$34	\$200
		Postage	\$2,200	\$1,462	\$2,000	\$2,479	\$2,000
		Internet	\$1,522	\$1,775	\$2,000	\$2,679	\$2,160
	m.	Computer Expense	\$2,024	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,128	\$1,000
		Lister computer supplies	\$25	\$434	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Lister camera/GPS	\$92	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Training	\$695	\$912	\$500	\$170	\$500
		Training (Lister)	\$0	\$59	\$545	\$50	\$545
		Service Support/licensing	\$2,804	\$3,072	\$3,000	\$2,936	\$3,000
		Equipment	\$8,401	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		IT Services	\$0	\$428	\$2,000	\$2,760	\$2,000
		Advertising	\$479	\$574	\$1,000	\$300	\$1,000
	n.	Town Hall Maintenance	\$2,027	\$459	\$1,000	\$4,774	\$1,000

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			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		TH Maintenance-Mowing	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900
		Lister Office Renovation	\$1,172	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
o.		Heating Fuel	\$9,432	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$6,346	\$9,000
		Water	\$570	\$570	\$570	\$750	\$750
p.		Contracted Services	\$10,998	\$8,360	\$10,000	\$7,841	\$9,000
		Town reports	\$2,028	\$2,028	\$2,200	\$1,662	\$1,800
		Planning Grant 2016		\$1,790	\$0	\$0	\$0
q.		2017-2018 Reappraisal		\$0	\$74,758	\$44,051	\$45,000
k.		2017 Town Hall Renovation		\$0	\$48,750	\$597	\$0
r.		2017 Planning Grant				\$1,226	
17		Transfers Into Restr. Funds					
		Restoration Land Records	\$1,221	\$1,502	\$2,600	\$3,088	\$2,600
		Conservation Reserve	\$500	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$0
		VT Money for Reappraisal	\$12,844	\$6,688	\$6,688	\$6,679	\$6,680
		Lister Education Fund	\$390	\$0	\$0	\$625	\$625
k.		Capital Building Fund	\$14,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
		Working Capital Fund	\$12,458	\$1,562	\$0	\$0	\$0
d.		Peacham Farm Support Fund	\$9,800	\$5,500	\$0	\$6,380	\$0
		Roller Barn Cards	\$30	\$320	\$0	\$50	\$0
		Jean Berwick Tent Fund	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d.		Winter Carnival	\$400	\$4,439	\$0	\$1,745	\$0
		Ewell Mill Historic Site				\$500	\$0
18		Restricted Money Spent					
		VT Money for Reappraisal					\$14,800
19		Payroll					
s.		Road Dept. Salaries	\$108,442	\$116,363	\$132,000	\$143,312	\$168,000
s.		Road Dept. FICA/MEDI	\$8,285	\$8,730	\$9,550	\$8,567	\$10,000
s.		Roads Dept. Health Ins.	\$45,116	\$43,350	\$65,000	\$53,330	\$72,000
20		Operating Expenses					
		VMHA Dues	\$0	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$10
t.		Gas, Oil, Diesel	\$31,911	\$35,745	\$37,000	\$25,358	\$37,000
		Tires	\$2,114	\$11,308	\$6,000	\$6,373	\$4,000
		Radios	\$509	\$598	\$500	\$1,128	\$500
u.		Town truck leases	\$79,429	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41,191
		Contr. Cap. Equip. Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
v.		Contr. Retreatmnt Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
21		Town Garage					
		Mileage	\$0	\$86	\$100	\$148	\$100

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			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
	u.	Equip:repairs/supplies	\$25,327	\$27,518	\$30,000	\$45,727	\$30,000
		Other Benefits	\$3,697	\$3,248	\$3,500	\$3,558	\$3,500
		Office supplies	\$548	\$664	\$500	\$623	\$500
		Training	\$270	\$270	\$500	\$360	\$500
		Tools	\$979	\$1,116	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$2,000
		Equipment purchase	\$2,000	\$0	\$117,000	\$134,000	\$0
		Bldg: Repairs & Maint.	\$1,878	\$1,037	\$2,500	\$1,822	\$2,500
22		Road Maintenance					
		Contracted Services	\$24,030	\$16,183	\$20,000	\$20,236	\$20,000
		Contracted- Rdside mowing	\$6,485	\$5,820	\$6,000	\$6,020	\$6,000
		Retreatment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	t.	Culverts	\$4,000	\$3,251	\$4,000	\$2,113	\$4,000
	t.	Dust Control	\$12,907	\$17,195	\$17,200	\$8,356	\$17,200
		Gravel, Crushed Stone	\$43,254	\$40,913	\$50,000	\$50,213	\$50,000
	t.	Salt	\$19,510	\$29,896	\$36,000	\$28,140	\$36,000
	t.	Winter Sand	\$14,640	\$11,926	\$16,000	\$14,700	\$16,000
		Supplies	\$802	\$1,075	\$1,000	\$1,248	\$1,000
	t.	Signs	\$4,361	\$3,532	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
	t.	Guard Rails	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
		Paving 2015	\$145,121	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Academy Hill Ditching	\$13,395	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Paving 2016		\$274,056	\$0	\$0	\$0
	f.	Green Bay Loop Grant 2017				\$16,905	
	f.	Maple Tree Ln Grant 2017				\$4,055	
23		Payroll					
		Waste Transfer Salaries	\$6,899	\$7,266	\$6,700	\$6,983	\$6,700
24		Transfer Station Expenses					
		Repairs & Maint.	\$352	\$203	\$500	\$594	\$500
		Contracted Services	\$1,224	\$1,224	\$1,200	\$1,210	\$1,200
		Recycling: Cont. Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$907	\$1,100
		Trash Removal	\$31,566	\$30,572	\$30,000	\$29,240	\$30,000
25		Transfer Station Office					
		Supplies	\$115	\$188	\$200	\$119	\$200
		Heating fuel	\$128	\$101	\$300	\$499	\$300
26		Payroll					
		Fire Dept. Salaries	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
		Fire Warden: Salaries	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
27		F & S Expenses					

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			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		Dues & Fees	\$740	\$788	\$700	\$730	\$750
		Fire dept insurance	\$12,819	\$12,965	\$12,900	\$13,094	\$13,000
		Fire Dept. Mileage	\$236	\$0	\$200	\$64	\$200
		Supplies	\$359	\$658	\$400	\$74	\$400
		Medical Supplies/equip	\$302	\$90	\$400	\$380	\$400
		Hepatitis B Shots	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200
		Fire Equipment	\$6,133	\$10,263	\$7,000	\$7,866	\$7,000
		Hydrant	\$0	\$431	\$1,000	\$3,139	\$1,000
		Law Enforcement	\$1,523	\$3,185	\$3,000	\$2,398	\$4,000
28		F & S Office					
		Fire Dept. Training	\$536	\$312	\$1,000	\$942	\$1,000
		24-hour Contract	\$4,173	\$3,044	\$4,000	\$3,415	\$4,000
	t.	Repairs & Maint. Equip.	\$7,033	\$8,238	\$6,200	\$4,950	\$6,200
		Repairs & Maint. Bldg	\$1,474	\$1,121	\$7,000	\$1,151	\$2,000
		Fire Repeater Grant	\$2,055	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Generator Grant		\$9,764	\$0	\$0	\$0
29		Cemetery Expenses					
		Inv Advisory Fees	\$17	\$45	\$50	\$0	\$0
		Salaries	\$1,908	\$2,060	\$3,000	\$2,097	\$3,000
		Cemetery Fica/Medi	\$146	\$142	\$222	\$153	\$222
		Mileage	\$95	\$32	\$100	\$133	\$100
		Fuel	\$35	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Supplies	\$207	\$528	\$800	\$792	\$800
		Stone Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$3,210	\$2,000
	x.	Stone Cleaning	\$0	\$0	\$750	\$0	\$3,000
		Building Repair/Maint	\$0	\$781	\$500	\$750	\$500
		Equip Repair/Maint	\$0	\$163	\$500	\$533	\$500
		Contracted Services - Mow		\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800
		Contracted Services	\$2,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Cemetery Improvements	\$90	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Misc. Expense	\$105	\$235	\$0	\$39	\$0
		Trees	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$1,500
		New Equipment			\$0	\$215	\$0
		Tractor	\$276	\$0			
	w.	Cemetery Working Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
30		Appropriations					
		Adult Basic Ed/nek Learni	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
		Area Agency On Aging	\$660	\$660	\$0	\$660	\$0

§	Note	Description	2015	2016	2017		2018
			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		Cal. Home Health & Hospic	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
		Danville Rescue	\$11,704	\$11,704	\$0	\$11,704	\$0
		Fairbanks Museum	\$650	\$650	\$0	\$650	\$0
		Nek Human Services	\$769	\$769	\$0	\$769	\$0
		Nek Youth Services	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		Peacham Fire District 1	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0
		Peacham Library	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000	\$0
		Rural Community Transport	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		Umbrella	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		Catamount Arts	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		Danville Senior Action Ce	\$800	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$0
		Vt. Assn. For The Blind	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		W Danville Community Club	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		PEACH COMM HOU	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
		Green Up Vermont	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$0
		Kingdom Animal Shelter	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		Peacham Historical Association		\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
31		Cemetery Endowment					
		Donations	\$94,660	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Interest on Investments	\$3,487	\$2,499	\$2,000	\$2,369	\$2,000
	t.	Gains (Losses)	-\$3,885	\$2,732	\$4,000	\$12,122	\$4,000
		Inv Advisory Fees	\$886	\$1,050	\$900	\$1,140	\$1,000
		Endowment earnings used	\$94,755	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Mistake Correction	\$1,007	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
32		Cemetery Working Capital					
		Interest on Investments				\$834	\$500
		Gains (Losses)				\$394	\$0
		Town Contribution				\$0	\$0
		Inv Advisory Fees				\$201	\$200
		Working Capital Used				\$2,000	\$0
33		Retreatment Revenues					
		Interest On Investments	\$171	\$19	\$10	\$3	\$5
	v.	Revenue from Town	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
34		Retreatment Expenses					
		Retreatment	\$145,121	\$36,099	\$0	\$0	\$0
35		Road Capital Revenues					
		Interest On Investments	\$21	\$40	\$25	\$53	\$5
		Revenue from Town	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

§	Note	Description	2015	2016	2017		2018
			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
36		Road Capital Expenses					
		Road Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0

2018 Budget Detail - Footnotes

These footnotes comment on significant differences between 2017 actual results and either the prior year's actual results, or the 2018 budget. The letters key to the Note column of the 2018 Budget Detail report above.

- a. Increased tax revenue due to late filing of homestead declarations.
- b. Reflects increased land transfer activity - 58 transfers - in 2017.
- c. Increased revenue due to more recording activity and SelectBoard increased the portion of recording fees allocated to restoration of land records.
- d. Donations account (pass-through).
- e. Working Capital Fund used for tree work.
- f. Grants received and/or budgeted.
- g. Listers did less regular listing in 2017 than expected due to reappraisal activities.
- h. Health insurance will increase in 2018 due to improved benefits for Town Clerk and Ass't Town Clerk; offered in lieu of raises for increased duties. All Town employees now receive comparable health benefits.
- i. The Town will contract for tax mapping in 2018 that will provide scanning of all surveys. Over time this will support online access by citizens.
- j. Election year expenses.
- k. Article 3 of the current Town Meeting Warning creates a Capital Building Fund to support Town Office renovations deferred to 2020. This budget line contributes 2018 tax revenue to that fund. Article 4 of the current Town Meeting Warning contributes the 2017 tax revenues earmarked for renovations, now deferred, to this fund.
- l. No Tax Anticipation loan was needed in 2017.
- m. Computer purchase for Auditors.
- n. In 2017 an audit by the Town's insurer, Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT), identified a number of small repairs and upgrades needed to reduce risk.
- o. The Town pre-bought fuel at good rates in 2017, but this is not certain to be repeated in 2018.
- p. Budget for external services reduced due to increased responsibilities of Town Office staff.
- q. Budget for reappraisal was overweighted for 2017; actual expense will be spread into 2018.
- r. Money spent in anticipation of grant revenue; grant expected in 2018.
- s. Road crew staff has increased from 3.5 to 4 full time.
- t. Budget is intentionally conservative.
- u. Town will trade an owned truck for a new leased truck in 2018. Lease amount reflects trade-in value of \$52,500. Old truck needed unexpected repairs in 2017; new truck to be leased in 2018.
- v. In 2018 the Selectboard is resuming annual contributions to the Retreatment Fund.

- w. Planned project for 2018.
- x. Road crew manager kept expenses low in view of higher than expected repair costs.

Delinquent Taxes

Total collected in 2017:	\$41,972.55
Total interest collected in 2017:	\$6,590.83
Total penalty collected in 2017:	\$4,655.56
Delinquent Tax Collector Salary in 2017:	\$4,464.31*

*A delinquent tax payment on 12/31/17 after the final payroll for 2017 created a difference in the amounts of penalty vs salary. John Sheehan will be paid out in 2018 in the amount of \$191.25.

Parcels Delinquent as of 01/20/2018

Parcel ID	Years	Amount Due
00122-000	2017	\$7,449.51
00126-000	2017	\$2,477.56
00139-000	2017	\$2,918.91
00229-000	2016-2017	\$6,491.57
00515-000	2017	\$874.07
00531-000	2015-2017	\$11,579.90
00533-000	2016-2017	\$1604.86
00538-000	2016-2017	\$5,182.31
00624-000	2017	\$6,363.84
00629-000	2017	\$1,568.22
00707-010	2017	\$217.53
00709-000	2015-2017	\$2,274.41
00808-001	2017	\$3,723.07
01901-000	2016-2017	\$2,760.37
01904-001	2017	\$2,460.09
02011-003	2015-2017	\$6,167.05
02014-001	2017	\$67.25
04012-000	2017	\$409.10
04013-000	2016-2017	\$10,071.66
04905-000	2017	\$2,972.30
05003-001	2016-2017	\$11,998.40
06109-000	2015-2017	\$14,606.07
06119-000	2017	\$1,146.99

Parcel ID	Years	Amount Due
OMP10-000	2016-2017	\$6,816.23
OMP69-000	2015, 2017	\$7,273.93
OMP73-000	2017	\$23.52
Total Due		\$122,875.98
Total Prior to 2017		\$48,224.43
Total Due for 2017		\$74,651.55

For a more current and detailed list, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Equipment Inventory

INVENTORY OF PEACHAM EQUIPMENT	Purch. year	Lifespan (years)	% used	Cost to replace	Annual reserve	Suggested reserve to date
Highway						
2017 John Deere 544K Loader	2017	10	10%	\$ 155,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500
2013 Freightliner dump truck with plow and spreader	2013	10	50%	\$ 130,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 65,000
2011 Caterpillar Grader	2011	20	35%	\$ 250,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 87,500
2012 Mack dump truck with plow and wing	2011	10	70%	\$ 155,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 108,500
2010 Mack dump truck with plow and wing	2010	10	80%	\$ 155,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 124,000
2008 Caterpillar loader/backhoe with extra bucket	2010	8	100%	\$ 75,500	\$ 9,438	\$ 75,500
2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup with plow	2009	10	90%	\$ 35,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 31,500
York rake	2013	40	13%	\$ 6,200	\$ 155	\$ 775
Culvert thawing rig, with trailer	2013	10	50%	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 2,500
Chloride tank (750 gallon)	1998	10	200%	\$ 1,200	\$ 120	\$ 1,200
Chloride tank (2500 gallon)	2000	15	120%	\$ 3,000	\$ 200	\$ 3,000
1999 Vermeer brush chipper	1999	15	127%	\$ 12,000	\$ 800	\$ 12,000
6000 gallon diesel fuel tank and pump	1993					\$ 0
300 gallon gasoline tank and hand pump	2012					\$ 0
2008 Titan 8000 generator	2008					\$ 0
2008 Honda water pump	2008					\$ 0
Lincoln welder	1988					\$ 0
AgriMetal bale chopper	2004	10	140%	\$ 7,500	\$ 750	\$ 7,500
Laptop PC	2012	5	120%	\$ 750	\$ 150	\$ 750
Totals					\$ 59,113	\$ 454,725
Office						
Copier	2015	8	38%	\$ 5,000	\$ 625	\$ 1,875
Server PC	2015	5	60%	\$ 4,000	\$ 800	\$ 2,400
Desktop PC	2014	5	80%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 400
Desktop PC	2011	5	140%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 500
Laptop PC	2014	5	80%	\$ 750	\$ 150	\$ 600
Printer	2005	3	433%		\$ 0	\$ 0
Totals					\$ 1,775	\$ 5,775
Lister						
Desktop PC	2015	5	60%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 300
Desktop PC	2014	5	80%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 400
Desktop PC	2014	5	80%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 400
Printer	2014	3	133%	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 300
Totals					\$ 400	\$ 1,400

Grand List Computations 2017

Appraised Valuations \$ 141,295,285.00 Exemptions already accounted for

Grand List Set Aug 5, 2017

Total $\$ 141,295,285.00 \times .01 = \$ 1,412,952.85$

2014 Education Property Tax Rate (Set by Vermont Dept. of Taxes)

Homestead rate	1.7398
Non-Residential rate	1.3572

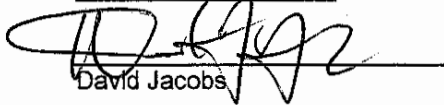
Town Taxes to be raised (Set at Town Meeting)

Highway	\$ -
General	\$ 566,154.00
Appropriations	\$ 32,883.00
Capital Building Fund appropriation	\$ -
Local Agreement (Veteran's exemption)	\$ 600.00
Total	\$ 599,637.00

Town tax rate
 $\$ 599,637.00 / \$ 1,412,952.85 = 0.4244$

TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE 2.1642
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE 1.7816

Peacham Selectboard


 David Jacobs

Tim Scott


 Nathaniel Emmons

Notes

The 2018 tax rate for the Town is determined by the Town taxes to be raised, determined at Town Meeting, and the education tax rate set by the State of Vermont in September. These are used to determine the Homestead and Non-homestead rates. The above calculations show the determination of the 2017 tax rate.

Town Bank Accounts, Debt Outstanding and Real Estate Inventory

SUMMARY OF TOWN BANK ACCOUNTS					
Account	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17
Checking	\$ 300,978.57	\$ 859.58	\$ 11,300.17	\$ 241,562.20	\$ 162,882.35
ICS High Interest	\$ -	\$ 212,085.45	\$ 390,606.88	\$ 138,774.40	\$ 186,306.69
Electronic Receiving	\$ 300.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
ACH High Risk				\$ 950.00	\$ 1,057.73
Retreatment	\$ 116,322.57	\$ 146,481.62	\$ 21,531.23	\$ 5,451.40	\$ 5,451.40
Road capital equipment	\$ 999.90	\$ 21,000.03	\$ 41,020.93	\$ 61,060.52	\$ 61,060.52
TOTAL	\$ 418,601.04	\$ 380,906.68	\$ 464,959.21	\$ 448,298.52	\$ 417,258.69

STATEMENT OF DEBT 12/31/2017	
John Deere 544k Loader	\$ 22,381.24
Total	\$ 22,381.24

INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE 12/31/2017		
Description	Value	Parcel ID
Fire House, Roller Barn, Village Green	\$ 217,500.00	04201-000
Town Forest	\$ 140,900.00	03110-000
Garage and Salt Shed	\$ 145,900.00	00204-001
Town Hall	\$ 360,700.00	00145-003
Transfer Station	\$ 48,700.00	00204-000
Cemetery	\$ 152,200.00	00603-005
Luther Fletcher Parker Field	\$ 46,900.00	00146-001
3.3 acres behind Peacham Historical House (from VLT)	\$ 74,200.00	00603-003
Old Cemetery	\$ 31,300.00	04305-005
Worcester Cemetery	\$ 24,400.00	05201-005
Devil's Hill	\$ 49,500.00	06508-002
Town Line Cemetery (Peacham/Groton)	\$ 11,700.00	05904-005
Total	\$ 1,303,900.00	

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Reports

Warning

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE MARCH 6, 2018

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$760,519?

Joel Coys	Pauline Routhage
Steve Duro	Gene A. Perkins
Jack Sumberg	Preston Smith
Minal S. Saha	
David Arlos	
Kevin Flanders	
Gene Keene	
Frank	
Bob B. B. B.	
Valerie B. B.	
Kenneth W. Johnson	
David Gunders	
Ally Dugh	
John D. D.	
Heather Burt	

Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2017 by processing slightly more recycling compared to 2016 – 2981 tons in 2017 compared to 2962 tons in 2016. While tonnage for paper and cardboard were down, almost every other category saw increases compared to 2016. Tonnages for scrap metal, e-waste, and glass were all up significantly compared to 2016. Recycling markets remained steady throughout most of 2017 and were generally on the high side. Some policy changes in China sent ripples throughout some markets, but so far we have been isolated from those actions. The District ended 2017 with a surplus of \$55,755.82. This is good news considering 2016 ended with a deficit of \$53,459. Revenues in 2017 were 12% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 4.7% above projections. Sale of recyclables, including scrap metal, was responsible for most of the increase in revenues.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2017. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) guided most of our activities in 2017 and will continue to do so for the next several years. 2018 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with Act 148. The NEKWMD assisted 10 Towns with establishing food scrap collection at their transfer stations by the July 1, 2017 deadline.

The NEKWMD is entering 2018 with a proposed budget of \$760, 519 – an increase of less than 1% compared to 2017. The surcharge rate of \$24.25 will remain the same for 2018. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.19.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and four part-time employees in 2017. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The nearly 50,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

NEKWMD Proposed Budget 2018

BUDGET ITEM	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL as of 12/31/17	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$600.00	\$246.25	\$400.00
Audit -- Financial	\$6,200.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,595.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$6,000.00	\$1,147.50	\$2,500.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Cleaning	\$2,100.00	\$1,765.04	\$1,600.00
Copier	\$1,900.00	\$2,021.36	\$2,000.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$3,000.00	\$6,081.58	\$5,000.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,438.51	\$1,500.00
Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$303.52	\$0.00
Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$16,000.00	\$16,143.36	\$16,000.00
Planning	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Legal Fees	\$2,500.00	\$1,050.00	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$3,000.00	\$2,868.61	\$3,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$4,934.77	\$3,600.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,200.00	\$3,213.47	\$3,200.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,000.00	\$865.10	\$1,100.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$52,200.00	\$48,589.07	\$50,595.00
Gross Wages	\$376,570.00	\$371,320.86	\$379,193.00
Overtime Wages-- Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$3,078.81	\$5,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$23,347.00	\$23,055.60	\$23,820.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,460.00	\$5,392.10	\$5,571.00
State Unemployment Insurance	\$13,500.00	\$12,017.27	\$13,500.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$19,200.00	\$18,045.39	\$19,990.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$32,000.00	\$39,846.64	\$34,000.00
Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$6,687.17	\$7,000.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$5,000.00	\$5,074.43	\$5,000.00
Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$500.00
Personnel Equipment	\$1,300.00	\$283.99	\$1,000.00
Training	\$1,500.00	\$795.00	\$1,500.00
Travel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$490,477.00	\$486,347.26	\$496,174.00
BUILDING EXPENSES			
Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$505.92	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$8,900.00	\$8,520.90	\$9,800.00
Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$902.78	\$1,000.00
Misc. Supplies	\$500.00	\$2,706.51	\$1,000.00
Trash Removal	\$3,600.00	\$3,032.16	\$3,000.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$15,500.00	\$15,668.27	\$15,800.00

BUDGET ITEM	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2017	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Purchases	\$500.00	\$18.18	\$500.00
Baler Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$8,176.59	\$6,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$5,530.94	\$6,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$2,900.00	\$2,412.68	\$2,200.00
Forklift Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$13,511.62	\$4,000.00
Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$2,533.89	\$2,000.00
Skidsteer Fuel	\$600.00	\$624.78	\$500.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$3,000.00	\$5,742.78	\$3,000.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$4,171.99	\$1,500.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$18,000.00	\$17,863.63	\$18,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$17,076.94	\$10,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$55,500.00	\$77,664.02	\$53,700.00
PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$2,000.00	\$720.25	\$1,000.00
Permits & Fees	\$450.00	\$235.00	\$450.00
Composting	\$18,500.00	\$16,125.68	\$22,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$4,000.00	\$2,447.14	\$3,000.00
Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$14,000.00	\$18,022.46	\$15,000.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$27,000.00	\$28,095.62	\$24,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,547.60	\$4,000.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$26,000.00	\$41,203.15	\$30,000.00
Special Collections	\$300.00	\$22.60	\$300.00
Supplies	\$600.00	\$913.90	\$500.00
Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$15,612.00	\$9,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$105,850.00	\$127,945.40	\$109,250.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$719,527.00	\$756,214.02	\$725,519.00
DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS			
Interest			
Principal			
TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION			
CAPITAL FUND			
Capital Improvement Fund	\$36,000.00	\$34,470.00	\$35,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$36,000.00	\$34,470.00	\$35,000.00
TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$755,527.00	\$790,684.02	\$760,519.00

BUDGET ITEM	2017 BUDGET	2017 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2017	2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
Grants--St of VT	\$59,000.00	\$62,499.00	\$59,000.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$40,000.00	\$35,565.00	\$35,000.00
Haz Mat/Paint Care (CEG Fees)	\$2,000.00	\$6,410.60	\$3,200.00
Interest Income	\$25.00	\$7.48	\$25.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$122.00	\$500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,000.00	\$504.00	\$500.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$150,000.00	\$204,913.65	\$179,394.00
Compost Income	\$6,000.00	\$15,087.41	\$13,000.00
Electronics Income	\$21,352.00	\$27,446.52	\$22,000.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$4,000.00	\$16,202.25	\$10,000.00
Battery Income	\$3,500.00	\$6,143.75	\$3,750.00
Tire Income	\$8,000.00	\$14,302.60	\$9,000.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$460,000.00	\$457,110.58	\$425,000.00
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$755,527.00	\$846,439.84	\$760,519.00

Town and Regional Officials 2017

Elected Town Officers

Office		Term ends at Town meeting in the year
Auditors	Stan Fickes	2019
	Jan Eastman	2018
	Charles Byron	2020
First Constable	John Sheehan	2018
Second Constable	Peter Craig	2018
Delinquent Tax Collector	John Sheehan	2018
Grand Juror	Charles Browne	2018
Library Representative	Caroline Deasy	2018
Listers	Rick Scholes	2018
	Rusty Barber	2019
	Betsy McKay	2020
Moderator	Tim McKay	2018
School Directors	Mark Clough	2019
	Mike Heath	2020
	Adam Kane	2018
	Cornelia Hasenfuss	2018
	Jessica Philippe	2019
Select Board	Tim Scott	2019
	Dave Jacobs	2018
	Nathaniel Emmons	2020
Town Agent	Robert Fuehrer	2018
Town Clerk	Thomas Galinat	2018
Town Treasurer & Tax Collector	Thomas Galinat	2018

Appointments by Selectboard 2017

Committee		App't ends
Appropriation Committee	Charles Browne	2018
	Mary Ellen Reis	2018
	Josette Lyders	2018
Conservation Commission	David Stauffer	2018
	David Magnus	2018
	Neil Monteith	Ex officio
	Ron Miller	2018
	George Kempton	2018
	Anna Rubin	2018
	Alex Maclean	2019
Development Review Board	Nick Comerci	2018
	Matt Kempton	2018
	Greg Schoolcraft	2018
	Morris McCain	2018
	Raymond Young	2018
	Marilyn Magnus(alternate)	2018
Emergency Management Coordinator 911 Coordinator	Neil Monteith	2018
	Brian Barney	2018
Fence Viewers	Kenneth Bean	2018
	Ken Danielson	2018
	George Kempton	2018
Fire Chief	Jeff Berwick	2018
Fire Warden	Aaron Morton	2018
Green-up Chair	Lauren Collins	2018
Health Officer Assistant Health Officer	Joshua Kantrowitz	2018
	Martha Ide	2018
Keeper of the Pound	Jo Guertin	2018
Memorial Day Chair	Julie Hansen	2018
Northeast Kingdom WMD Rep	Amber Lowell	2018
NVDA Representatives	Annette Lorraine	2018
	Jen Surat	2018

Committee		App't ends
Planning Commission	Geoff Sewake	2018
	Richard Browne	2018
	Marilyn Magnus	2018
	Melissa Kohl	2018
	Rene Joly	2018
Road Foreman	Jeremy Withers	2018
Service Officer	Patty Strader	2018
Sextons	Ron Craig	2018
	Cheryl Stevenson	2018
Tree Board	David Jacobs(Deputy Tree Warden)	2018
	Julie Lang	2018
	Bruce Maclean	2018
	Neil Monteith(TreeWarden)	2018
	Dave Stauffer	2018
Tree Warden	Neil Monteith	2018
Cemetery Preservation Committee	Cheryl Stevenson	2018
	Ron Craig	2018
	Michael Bruton	2018
	Dean Schoolcraft	2018
	Laura Johnson	2018
Zoning Administrator	Robert Hansen	2018

Other Elected Officials

Justices of the Peace (all terms expire in February 2019):

Jean Dedam, Cynthia “Cynther” Greene, Sam Kempton, Morris McCain, Diana Senturia

State Representative (term expires in 2019):

Kitty Beattie Toll

State Senators (terms expire in 2019):

Joe Benning, Jane Kitchell

US Representative (term expires in 2019):

Peter Welch

US Senator:

Bernie Sanders (2019), Patrick Leahy (2023)

Other Peacham Reports

Cemetery Reports

Cemetery Sexton

This past summer found the cemetery pruning some trees which is an ongoing endeavor. We will continue to monitor their condition on a yearly basis. Planting will be on the horizon when the trees are stable.

The job of repairing stones has begun, and there is a schedule of cleaning stones starting this summer.

Cheryl Stevenson, Sexton 592-3202
Maintenance and Sales of Plots

Ron Craig, Burials 595-1191

Thank you for your support. Cheryl



Cemetery Treasurer

2017 was a year of reorganizing for the cemetery. After creating a working capital fund and eliminating the cemetery account to combine it with the general fund in 2016, we had to recreate accounting systems in a functional and efficient manner. Cemetery funds are now handled similarly to the Highway Department, or Town Office. Cheryl Stevenson is working very hard to create a 5 year plan for maintenance and preservation of the cemetery. This plan is new for the cemetery and will make future budgeting easier, consistent, and more transparent. I'm really looking forward to seeing her vision in 2018.

The Cemetery Working Capital fund ended the year with a balance of \$17,782.09. The strong market added \$1,584.43 in 2017. This ending balance includes a withdrawal of \$2000 which was needed for an emergency clean up and tree trimming in the Old Cemetery by the Lawson's place. We are very fortunate to have this working capital fund for emergencies like this.

The Cemetery Endowment finished at \$111,094.62. The strong market added an additional \$13,350.24 to our Endowment for Perpetual Care. In 2017 we did not have to withdraw funds from this account and we do not plan to in 2018. This conservative model will help us preserve and protect one of our town's greatest assets.

Assets	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17
Cemetery Checking	\$ 9,480.30	\$ 10,819.94	\$ 2,077.51	\$ -	\$ -
Cemetery CDs	\$ 16,646.78	\$ 16,689.75	\$ (7.83)	\$ -	\$ -
Cemetery Working Capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,727.16	\$ 18,197.66	\$ 17,782.09
Cemetery Endowment	\$ 95,749.73	\$ 95,950.09	\$ 93,563.72	\$ 97,744.38	\$ 111,094.62
Total assets	\$ 121,876.81	\$ 123,459.78	\$ 112,360.56	\$ 115,942.04	\$ 128,876.71

Thomas Galinat, Cemetery Treasurer

Board of Listers

Your listers are elected at Town Meeting to maintain the Grand List. It shows the Fair Market Value of each parcel of land in Peacham and the buildings on that land.

The Vermont Department of Taxes annually checks how closely the “valid” Fair Market Value [arms-length] parcel sales in each town in Vermont match the listers’ assessed values for the parcels sold. The market for real property changes over time in a way that is unique in each town. When actual sales deviate too far from the Grand List values, the State requires that a town undertake a “town-wide reappraisal.” As you were notified last year, in late 2016 Peacham was ordered to do this.

Our last town-wide reappraisal was in 2009. Although the average of all valid property sales have been acceptably close to the average Grand List values for those properties, individual sales amounts in 2015 were both far above and far below their Grand List values. This disparity continues. Less than half of recent sales were within 20% above or below the parcel’s Grand List value. We know the reasons for some of these sales. For most there is no unifying reason.

We began the “2018 reappraisal” last spring. We strive to be accurate, consistent, and fair to everyone when determining “assessed” values. We established detailed grading standards that we apply when viewing each parcel. The major factors, each with many contributing components, are quality, condition, and size. We have now visited most parcels and are working well together in our evaluations. Property owners have been extremely accommodating, kind, and understanding. We do not accept favors although the offers of hot liquids have been very tempting this winter! We will contact the owners of the remaining parcels by the end of May.

Actual current Fair Market Value for each parcel will be determined with the assistance of the experienced consultant the Select Board hired at our request. This involves applying the sale prices of each recent valid property sale [3 or possibly 4 years before April 1, 2018] to the factor evaluations we gave the parcel. The factors will be weighted to bring the new assessed values for these parcels into agreement with the actual sale prices. We will then apply that information to all other parcels to calculate their assessed values.

Our consultant has personally graded our homes and those of the Select Board members and Town Clerk to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

In early to mid-July we will mail each property owner a booklet showing the 2018 assessed Fair Market Values for each property in Peacham along with their parcel’s “property record card” to review for accuracy. The new assessed values will not be available before that booklet is distributed.

The deadlines for the formal grievance procedure will be included in the booklet. After any grievances are resolved your parcel’s assessed value will be used by the Town Clerk to calculate and mail your 2018 tax bill.

Peacham Listers

Rusty Barber, Betsy McKay, Rick Scholes

Development Review Board and Zoning Applications

The Peacham Development Review Board held three public hearings in 2017 to act on four subdivision application and one appeal of zoning violation. All three subdivision requests were approved. The violation appeal was denied by the DRB but subsequently settled at mediation.

Submitted by Nick Comerci – Chair DRB

Peacham Zoning Applications

Total Zoning Permit Applications:	17
Approved Building Permit Applications:	12
Approved Subdivision Applications:	4
Approved Accessory Dwelling Unit Applications:	0
Boundary Line Adjustment	1

Submitted by Bob Hansen, Peacham Zoning Administrator

Peacham Collaborator Group

For the past ten years, a small group of representatives from many of the organizations in Peacham have met at least bi-monthly at the library to discuss the activities of each of these groups, to share ideas for cooperation and mutual aid, and to take on some issues that are or will soon be confronting the town. It is not unusual for 10-12 people to attend and the meetings are scheduled at 8:30 to 10:30 on the first Saturday of even-numbered months (February, April, June, August, October and December).

Notes from these meetings are regularly prepared and distributed to anyone in town who attends these meetings and any others interested in following the group's discussions. Everyone is invited to participate, as it is so valuable to have different perspectives offered and shared.

These meetings also focus on helping to plan for the major public events Peacham hosts each year as well as on so-called regular status reports from each organization. Moreover, events like the 2017 planning forum for the town have highlighted worthy actions, some of which the Collaborator Group has volunteered to undertake. One of these is to help coordinate and produce a package of information about the town and its organizations for new residents. This is currently being undertaken by Group volunteers in conjunction with the Town Clerk's office.

The Collaborator Group is entirely voluntary. We have no staff, no budget, no by-laws – just a social gathering which is fun, enlightening, and productive. Please consider joining us on a regular basis, especially if you represent an organization in town (including town government and boards). Or sign up to receive meeting notes. It's a good way to keep tabs on what's happening in Peacham and how you can help. All are welcome.

Frank Miller, chair

Peacham Community Housing

Dear Friends:

PCH is a community non-profit that operates on a very modest budget of less than \$10,000. Our current Board of Directors includes Olive Cheney, Mark Clough, Liza Browne, Dina Danielson, Dart Thalman, Cynther Greene, and Charlie Browne.

Peacham Community Housing owns the affordable housing Academy Apartments as well as the facilities that house the Peacham Café and the Peacham Craft Guild and the “village green” that extends from the Academy Apartments to Main Street. In addition to providing affordable housing units to Peacham residents, PCH works closely with the Peacham Café LLC, the Peacham Farmers’ Market, the Peacham Acoustic Music Festival, the Peacham Winter Carnival, Aging Well in Peacham (AWIP), and S.A.S.H. (Support and Services at Home) to provide access to healthy living services, cultural opportunities, and fulfilling community social experiences for Peacham’s senior residents.

During 2017 PCH continued to work closely with our property management company EP Management to improve the six Academy Apartments for the residents. A vital, impending project is a new roof for the Apartments. PCH hosted a well-attended community forum on the future development of our currently vacant “science building,” and we are now pursuing opportunities to finance the rehabilitation of the building for additional affordable community housing, a critical need for Peacham.

At our annual meeting in October, PCH, a volunteer organization, honored Sharon and Bob Fuehrer with the first annual Harry Barnes Award in recognition of their extraordinary volunteer service that has touched the lives of all Peacham residents. We also wish to thank Mark Clough, Tim Scott, Rusty Barber, David Jacobs, Jeff Berwick, Jean Dedam, Tim McKay, Betsy McKay, Joanna Bodenweber, David Stauffer, Diana and Jerry Senturia, Dean Bornstein, the Peacham Congregational Church, the Peacham Library, and many others for the ways they have supported the work of Peacham Community Housing in 2017.

We are deeply grateful for the support of our Peacham community, and we welcome the engagement of all Peacham residents in our programs and services in 2018.

Sincerely,

Charlie Browne, President
Peacham Community Housing

Peacham Energy Coordinator

The Town Energy Coordinator, Jock Gill, School Committee alternative energy member Mike Heath, and Selectboard Chair Dave Jacobs are working on developing, at no cost to the town, a project to generate and store electricity at the school to: 1) lower the cost of electricity at the school, town garage, fire department, and town offices; 2) create an emergency center at the school that could operate 24 hours a day for several days; 3) create an educational demonstration project for all of the students at the school. If this project is successful, additional projects could be undertaken to extend the benefits of solar energy to other organizations and residences in town. This first phase project is noteworthy for the fact that the School Committee and the Selectboard are working together on a project that benefits both the educational and municipal sectors of Peacham. The project team is working with a consultant, Dori Wolfe of Wolfe Energy, who has deep experience with solar energy and has worked on a number of community solar projects at schools.

Peacham Fire Department

The Peacham Fire Department responded to 10 in-town fire calls and emergencies, 70 in-town medical emergencies and 24 mutual aid calls, for a total of 104 emergency response calls in 2017.

We welcomed Dylan Gombas and Cynther Greene as new members to the department this year. We appreciate their commitment to helping protect the residents of Peacham in an emergency.

The department received a grant last year from Vermont Emergency Management to install a propane powered generator. Now that this equipment is in service, it has already demonstrated that it is a life saver when power is lost and we must respond to any type of emergency. The generator will also allow the fire station to be used as a shelter for displaced residents during a disaster or as a warming center during a wintertime extended power outage. We were also fortunate to receive a grant from Vermont Department of Health for our efforts in fall prevention education.

In previous years we have discussed the need to replace Tanker 1, the department's water transport truck. The department and community depends on this unit as there are no pressurized fire hydrants in our primary response area. All water MUST be carried to the fire scene and shuttled with tankers. This vehicle was refurbished in 1995 by matching by using our existing engine chassis and our existing tanker body. Many fire trucks in rural communities see 20 to 25 years of service. After many repairs and 29+ years of service this unit has come to the end of its useful life. Additionally, in 2017 we discovered that the 1984 metal tank is now leaking. Additional repair of this truck is no longer economic or feasible. We must replace this vehicle as soon as possible and we have moved forward with this process.

Please remember that we can always use additional members, especially during the daytime hours. When the call for help goes out we need all hands on deck. Please think about helping your neighbors during times of emergency. As a trained firefighter or EMT you will also be better prepared to protect your own property and assist your own family.

If you are interested in assisting the fire department in any way, or if you are interested in becoming a new member or a department supporter, please do not hesitate to contact me. The department meets every Monday evening for a meeting or training session.

I urge anyone who has an emergency, whether it is a Fire, Police or Medical emergency to call 911 immediately. Please don't call any member directly for an emergency, **CALL 911**.

Thank you for your support.
Jeffrey Berwick, Chief

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Peacham Fire District No. 1 Prudential Committee

The Annual Meeting was held at Peacham Library on February 14, 2017, at 7:00 PM with four members in attendance. The proposed budget was discussed, water rent was approved at the rate of \$500 per year, and the village tax rate was voted at 8% of the 2014 Grand List. Elections were held with the following results: Larry Jensen was elected to a 3 year term on the Prudential Committee; Sean Markey was elected Clerk; Becky Jensen elected treasurer and tax collector. Reports were presented to the voters by the Prudential Committee, Water Operator, Treasurer and Examiner.

With respect to maintenance and repairs, it was a very good year. Other than a faulty card in the control shed master panel, there were no major leaks or repairs. With regards to completing

necessary improvements to the water system the Fire District applied for and received approval for a USDA water infrastructure loan to complete the system upgrade. The Fire District also was awarded a planning grant to prepare a preliminary engineering report which has been completed. The Engineering firm of Dubois and King was contracted to conduct engineering studies and oversee the construction. At present, it is anticipated that construction, pending a bond vote by the district members, will begin in April of 2018

The Fire District continued to remain in good standing with the State requirements and water quality tests met all standards and indicated continued high quality water being delivered to the water users.

We wish to thank the voters of the Town of Peacham for appropriating \$1,500 to the Fire District, which has helped us stay in sound financial condition. We also thank the Peacham Town Road Crew, who cleared access to the reservoir and control shed during the winter months. And thank you to Peacham Library for providing a location for our annual and monthly meetings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by the Prudential Committee,
Larry Jensen, Sean Markey, Jonathan Kaplan.

Peacham Fire Warden

In 2017, 32 burn permits were issued. There were no wildland fires in Peacham in 2016. There was no official burn ban in 2017. I did not issue permits during a few periods of extended dry weather during the late summer.

In 2017, there were 51 wild land fires burning 49 acres reported to the State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation. There were 5 fires caused by lightning burning 5 acres. The remaining reported fires were human caused with 44 of the acres burned caused by debris burning or equipment use. Please be careful when burning or using equipment especially when the fuels are dry.

A burn permit is required by state statute to burn natural wood and brush unless there is snow on the ground at the site of the burn. This may or may not require someone to inspect the site before issuing a permit. You MAY burn construction or demolition debris which includes an old barn, shed, house or similar structure. To do this you will need to request an air pollution permit from the Air Pollution Division of the Agency of Natural Resources. Please plan ahead as it will take time to request this permit. The phone number is 802-272-4088, Dave Shepard or email at dave.shepard@vermont.gov This is wood only and you cannot burn, plywood, treated wood, painted wood, and other hazardous materials mixed with the debris. Obtaining a burn permit does not excuse you from obtaining a permit from the Air Pollution Division.

To request a burn permit please call me or Richard Greenwood. Our phone numbers are listed below and will be posted around town. Please do not call the Fire Chief or members of the Fire Department. They will tell you to contact one of us to request a burn permit. Please plan ahead. A phone call 24 hours in advance will likely yield results. We may not always be available when you would like to burn. If you have any questions, please call one of us.

To report any type of fire, call 911.

Neil Monteith, Fire Warden - 684-2165.

Richard Greenwood ,Key Personnel - 684-3170.

Peacham Library

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. ~Sidney Sheldon (1917 – 2007)

Where can you go to find

- a great read?
- a speaker on Design and the Science of Learning?
- a free film in the afternoon?
- business, health, and genealogical resources?
- a jigsaw puzzle to work?
- a copy machine?
- a dinner based on a book?
- fine artwork that changes every couple months?
- a warm space to chat with friends and neighbors?
- Friday night family movies?
- a scanner?
- musical programs?
- knitters and other crafters for help on your projects?
- space for hosting your own event(s)?
- alumni talking about the Caledonia County Grammar School?
- games to borrow?
- a Tai Chi class?
- a book or DVD, from another library, anywhere in the US?



The answer: Peacham Library, right here in the center of the village. Your library provides all this and more, at no charge. For those who like numbers, here are a few: Visitors – 7879 (includes those who came for meetings/programs); Computer & WiFi users – 779; Checkouts – 6301; Volunteer hours – 951; Programs – 191.

This year Peacham Library has added a new catalog that allows for easy searching, and requesting, of items from around the state. You can log on yourself to check your account, request new items, and even renew items. Already on offer are downloadable eBooks and audio books, and soon we hope to provide you free movie-streaming in the comfort of your own home.

We have programs to meet a variety of needs. What would you like to know? Or have you got something on your mind that you would like to share with others? Talk to the librarians, we'll come up with a program for it. Consider the library an information resource: All you have to do is ask and we will do our best to respond.

The generosity of the town is why the library is in a position to provide these services. The library is open 20 hours per week, but frequently offers programs outside of regular hours. We hope you will visit the library soon to see all that we can offer you.

Peacham Library exists in Peacham because of you, our community. Thank you for all you do to help us bring the library and its resources to you. And thank you for your generosity and support at town meeting and throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Jensen, Director

Medical Response

In the year 2017, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department logged 71 medical calls, this included 3 out of town medical mutual aid calls as well as 2 motor vehicle crashes. Our medically trained personnel also provided services at fires in Peacham and at mutual aid fire calls.

When you call 911 for a medical emergency, medically trained members of the Peacham Fire Department arrive at your location within a few minutes with our first response vehicle, Rescue 1. Rescue 1 carries all of our medical equipment, ice rescue and rope rescue equipment, traffic control equipment and other specialized equipment. It is our role to deal with any life threatening emergencies immediately and assist Danville Rescue or CALEX Ambulance as they arrive to transport the patient to the hospital. Three of our EMS personnel also carry defibrillators. We DO NOT operate an ambulance, that task is provided by Danville Rescue or CALEX. As with a fire call, we would much rather you call 911 as soon as you become aware of the emergency medical condition, than ponder whether the call is “serious”. Please do not call members directly for an emergency, CALL 911.

In 2017 we were fortunate to have four members trained as EMS medical first responders. One additional member is now taking an EMT training course which will bring our number of medical responders to five. Two of our members are trained as CPR instructors. All of our medical responders are transitioned to the newest national scope of practice. All are trained to the latest Vermont EMS Protocols. We need **you** to volunteer to help us provide care for our neighbors.

Again, we thank you for your continuing generosity which allows us to be well-equipped and well-trained. We also thank those of you who honored your loved ones with memorial gifts.

Please consider talking with your family and your physician about end-of-life issues. When you are unable to speak for yourself it is good to have a document available which clearly states your wishes as to emergency resuscitation efforts. Ask your physician about the document named “COLST” (Clinician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment). If you have such documents, they should be available for emergency medical personnel.

We can't help you if we can't find you. **Please** display your 911-house number. It should be visible from the road both day and night.

We need your help, please volunteer, you can help in many ways. If you are interested in taking a CPR course, contact Fire Chief Berwick or me. Also, if you are interested in obtaining Emergency Medical Training and/or Fire Training and becoming part of the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department, please contact Fire Chief Berwick.

Thank you for your support,

Jerry Senturia
Secretary, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department

Vital Statistics 2017

Births

Lincoln Henry Giroux	March 15	Ashton and Nathan Giroux
Iris Jane Dedam	June 26	Rose and Alfred Dedam
Gus David Scott	October 18	Alexandra MacLean and Tim Scott

Note – We only hear of Vermont births. Please tell us if your baby is born in another state!

Marriages

Johnathan Paul Lloyd Danielle Victoria	June 17
Shane Kanan Abrams Linnea Marie Wilhjelm	September 9th
Greg Anthony Morrison Robyn Lillian Davis	October 7th
Meghan Elizabeth Deasy Dylan Wendell Hovey	October 14

Deaths

Jo Anne Post	March 18	Peacham
Joseph Francis Miller Jr	July 21	Peacham
Susan Norcross O'Brien	July 23	Peacham
Paul Leslie Chandler	August 15	Peacham
Mark Stuart O'Brien	October 4	Peacham
James Bruce Engle	November 7	Peacham
Dorothy Weeks Hovey	December 7	Peacham
James Maynard Varnum	December 14	Peacham

Note – We only hear of deaths in Peacham or of Peacham residents. We are sorry for any we might have missed!

Regional Reports

Caledonia County Sheriff

We completed another audit for our office this past year and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years and have a slight increase with construction and traffic. This increase is do to the fuel prices. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. We have thirteen marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. We purchased a new radar cart that we can use in different towns. That purchase was with the use of Governors Highway Safety Grant funds. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV, two golf carts, and two snowmobiles that we use for our snowmobile patrols. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has twenty two Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year and three new deputies will go to the academy in March. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, in the county, but are unable to do that right now. I'm looking into a different location for the department's office because of the high rent the state wants to charge the county for our current location.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me at the office. My door is always open. I look forward to serving this county as the Sheriff. We have continued with our great relationship with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital and are helping them make certain that their patients and staff feel safe while in the hospital. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county. Doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints.

Please check out our facebook page. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney

Danville Rescue



Danville Rescue

Danville Rescue has been serving the community's emergency medical needs for 50 years, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Although the method in which we were able to provide emergency medical services to our community has changed, we still take great pride in our ability to ensure the emergency medical care of our community members has been met.

When Danville Rescue was started 50 years ago by a small group of community members, it was created as a community service organization. Neighbors helping neighbors, friends and families coming together to help each other in times of need. Since then, there have been many, industry changing advancements in the way medical care is delivered in the community, especially in a rural area like the one in which we live. Danville Rescue has worked diligently throughout the years to adapt to the federal, state and local changes presented to us in the EMS field, and in many cases, were the first service to be able to implement those changes thanks to the generous support of the community members which we serve. Each of you deserve a great deal of credit for your efforts in supporting our ability to provide care for the last five decades.

As we charge forward into the twenty-first century we are struck with the reality of a continuously evolving industry, an increase in financial demands, and a general decline in volunteerism, Danville Rescue was forced to make some difficult decisions about how emergency medical care was provided to our communities. We have worked hard for the last seven years to pilot a management contract allowing us to bring in staffing and resources from both Lyndon Rescue and CALEX Ambulance Service. Although there were some bumps along the way, the overall evaluation of the management contract has been successful. CALEX Ambulance has been very supportive in helping us through this process, and working with us to make improvements in our service model.

In response to the success of our contract with CALEX Ambulance, The Membership, Executive Committee and the Danville Rescue Board of Directors have been meeting regularly to discuss how we could change our organization, built on community and volunteerism, to meet the growing staffing, regulatory and financial demands on emergency medical services. After over two years of work we were not able to find a financially soluble solution.

It is with a great deal of sadness that we announce Danville Rescue will no longer be providing emergency medical services after June 30, 2018.



We at Danville Rescue feel strongly the community's needs must come before our own. We have worked closely with CALEX Ambulance Service setting up a successful model for them to continue providing services where we will be leaving off. We have every confidence you will continue to receive the best possible care. By in large there will be very few noticeable changes in how emergency medical care is provided to any of our communities. Our requested appropriations will be handed over to CALEX Ambulance to cover the costs of operating for the full year. The existing coverage model for all of our service area will remain the same unless the towns wish to discuss changes. Danville Rescue has made arrangements to gift to the Town of Danville our property and building on Brainerd Street to secure the availability of an ambulance locally without additional housing costs. Equipment will either be liquidated, or donated to other new, or struggling services in the same manner in which we received many of our first start-up items.

All cash assets will be placed in a scholarship fund held by the Town of Danville. This fund will be managed by a committee of appointed individuals from each town. The purpose of the Danville Rescue Scholarship fund is to encourage not just volunteerism, but also to support our communities in building a strong foundation in providing emergency medical care. Candidates eligible for scholarship money will reside in the town of Danville, Peacham or Walden, be sponsored by an emergency medical service and be willing to provide medical care in the community he or she lives or works in through an emergency medical service provider.

It was incredibly difficult to make this decision; however, as one of the oldest services in the state we feel we have reached the end of our organization's ability to continue to provide the best service at the best price. Our communities have always been at the center of decision making and we want to ensure that is the case from start to finish. It has been an honor for us to serve our communities for this long. Through the years we have met many great people, and said good-bye to many more. It is now time for us to say good-bye, and thank you, for allowing us to be a part of your communities and families.

"We would rather be called and not needed than needed and not called."

Town Information

Dog Licenses and License Rates (due before April 1st)

Dog Licenses 2017	
118 dog licenses were issued.	
Income:	\$1,063.00
Expenses:	\$575.00 – Rabies
	\$100.18 - Dog tags
Net Income:	\$387.82

2018 Rates for Dog Licenses	
Neutered or spayed	\$9.00
Intact	\$13.00
Both include State Program Fee of \$5.00	

Please note: Dogs less than 6 months old will be registered for free. We feel it's more important to get them into our system early on rather than waiting for vaccinations. Rabies information will be required once vaccinations are received.

The Peacham Dog Ordinance is available at the Town Office, wag, wag, woof.


VACCINATE TO ELIMINATE RABIES

WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a viral infection passed from animals to other animals or humans, usually through a bite. The virus affects the brain, and is nearly always fatal (causes death). Here's how we control rabies in animals and reduce the risk of infection to people.



3. VACCINATE WILDLIFE



Many Vermont wildlife are vaccinated with an oral live vaccine through a bait drop. Do not touch or feed wildlife.

1. VACCINATE DOGS



Rabies shots protect dogs and people. Because dog vaccination is common in the United States, people don't get rabies from dogs like they do in countries where dogs are not vaccinated.

4. PREVENTION IN PEOPLE



If you are bitten or scratched by an animal or find a bat in a room where you were sleeping, wash any wound thoroughly. Call your doctor and the health department: 1-800-4-RABIES. You may need to get post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), a series of shots that keep the virus from making people sick.

2. VACCINATE CATS



In the last 25 years, most of the rabid domestic animals in the US have been cats. Cats are almost as much as likely as dogs to get rabies, but you can prevent this by vaccinating them.



ONE HEALTH VERMONT

VERMONT VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

For more information:
www.vlaxlv.org 802-535-6888

Permit Guidelines

A Permit is required for:

- **Building/altering, subdividing, or change in use of parcel:** No land development may begin until a zoning permit has been issued by the Zoning Administrator as provided for in §4443, Title 24, VSA and Town of Peacham Zoning Regulations, Article 1, §103. The fee for a building permit application is \$30.00 plus a \$10.00 recording fee.
- **Appeal to Development Review Board:** All zoning permits referred to or appealed to the Peacham Development Review Board cost \$25.00
- **Road access:** A permit is required from the Selectboard for any access from a property onto state highways and town roads (VSA 19, §§1-43 Act 460). The fee is \$27.00.
- **Fire:** A burn permit is required by state statute to burn natural wood and brush unless there is snow on the ground at the site of the burn. This may or may not require someone to inspect the site before issuing a permit.

You MAY burn construction or demolition debris which includes an old barn, shed, house or similar structure. To do this you will need to request an air pollution permit from the Air Pollution Division of the Agency of Natural Resources. Please plan ahead as it will take time to request this permit. The phone number is 802-272-4088, Dave Shepard or email at dave.shepard@vermont.gov this is wood only and you cannot burn, plywood, treated wood, painted wood, and other hazardous materials mixed with the debris. Obtaining a burn permit does not excuse you from obtaining a permit from the Air Pollution Division.

To request a burn permit please call Aaron Morton, Fire Warden, at 684-2165, or Richard Greenwood at 684-1174. Please do not call the Fire Chief or members of the Fire Department. They will tell you to contact the Fire Warden request a burn permit. Please plan ahead. We may not always be available when you would like to burn.

Recycling Guidelines

Recyclable Items:

- Newspaper, Magazines, Office Paper, Shredded Paper, Junk Mail
- Cardboard, Brown Craft Bags, Boxboard
- Aluminum Cans, Foil, Beverage Cans
- Steel/Tin Cans
- Glass (place metal lids in Metal Bin)
- Batteries
- Aerosol Cans, Small Propane Tanks
- Electronics
- Waste Oil
- Food Scraps

These are items are not Recyclable:

Please place them in the compactor or bulky waste container.

Plastics	Plastic Bags	Misc
Lawn Chairs	#’s 1,3,5,6,7	Appliances
Children’s Toys	White Trash Bags	Waxed Cardboard
Auto Parts	Black Trash Bags	Ceramic Material
All PVC	“Zip Lock” Bags	
Vinyl Siding	Zipper Bags	
Styrofoam	Mylar Coating	
	Food Packages	

Paint Drop-off Locations:

Business Name	Location
Lyndonville Hardware	Lyndonville, Vermont
JB Colton	Orleans, Vermont
Sherwin-Williams	St. Johnsbury, Vermont
Poulin Lumber	Hardwick, Vermont
Gervais Ace Hardware	Island Pond, Vermont

Transfer Station Fees:

Item	\$Price\$
White Kitchen Bags	\$1
30ish Gallon Black Bags	\$3
Contractor Bags	\$5
Barrels	\$5
Truck Loads with 6 Ft Bed	\$35 and UP at Attendant's Discretion
Trailers, One Tons, Flatbeds, 8 Ft Beds	Attendant's Discretion
Large Appliances	\$10
Sofa	\$10
Large Chairs	\$5
Twin Bed/Box Spring	\$5 each
Full, Queen, King Bed/Box Spring	\$10 each
Tires Car/Truck/Tractor	Attendant's Discretion
Other/Misc.	Attendant's Discretion

All Materials are left at the discretion of the Attendant. Please be courteous to Amber and respect her decisions. She has the final say, no discussions or debate.

For extended hours you are welcome to take your refuse to the transfer station in St Johnsbury at 548 High Street. Their hours are 7:15a – 3:45p Monday – Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:15a – noon. They can be reached at 748-2332

Access is available by appointment. Access is not guaranteed but at the availability of the Attendant. Please call the Transfer Station Attendant, Amber Lowell at 1-802-461-5029 to access after hours. The surcharge for this privilege is \$20/hr plus the cost of refuse.

Please see Attendant prior to dumping anything in the bulky waste container, metal container, or the free shed.

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