

# Peacham Vermont



Annual Report 2019  
School and Town

# Town Meeting Day Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Peacham Congregational Church

School Meeting

10:00 AM

*Child care provided*

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Town Meeting Potluck Luncheon

*about 12:00 PM*

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

Last names beginning with: **A-K** please bring a main dish

**L-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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Town Meeting

*Immediately following the School Meeting*

Annual Report  
of the Town Officers  
**TOWN OF PEACHAM**

School Reports  
2019



SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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# Warning of the Annual School District Meeting

## WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PEACHAM TO BE HELD ON MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

The legal voters of the town of Peacham are hereby warned to meet in the Peacham Congregational Church on March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following 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
- ARTICLE 6:** To elect a School District Treasurer
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize the Peacham School Board to expend two million one hundred forty-two thousand one-hundred fifty dollars (\$2,142,150.00), 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 \$20,127 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 10.0% higher 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, 2021 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:** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Peacham this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

Peacham School Board of Directors:

Mark Clough, Chair

Jessica Philippe, Vice-Chair

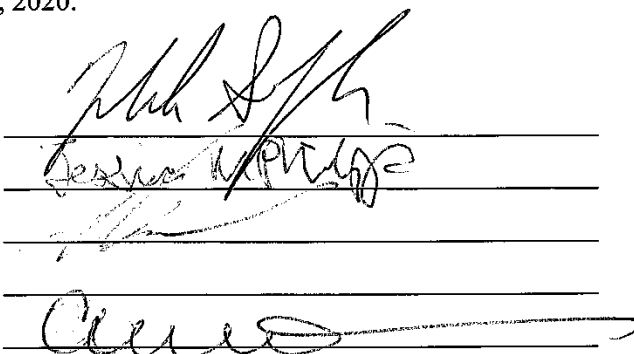
Mike Heath, Clerk

Adam Kane

Cornelia Hasenfuss



Attest: Thomas Galinat, School District Clerk



# Minutes of 2019 School District Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham, Vermont on Tuesday March 5th, 2019 at 10:02AM.

Tim McKay, Moderator, reminded the attendees that free daycare is available, thanked Frank Miller and Patrice McDonough for the use of their quilts, Peacham Academy Alumni for the use of their tables, and Susan Chandler for the great tablecloths covering the tables. McKay also thanked Barry and Lynne Lawson for organizing the potluck lunch today. The lunch was dedicated to Jerry and Diana Senturia for their years of service to the Town of Peacham. McKay 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. The cost was \$3. McKay asked all to take a moment of silence to remember all who we have lost during the last year. McKay also congratulated the new parents and new families who have joined us this past year. McKay then quoted part of a speech from 1862 by Frederick Douglas on the work of the future;

*The structure of the American Constitution and Government imply the existence among the whole people of a fraternal good will, an earnest spirit of co-operation for the common good, a mutual dependence of all upon each and of each upon all. The Government is not enthroned above the people but is of, by and through the people."*

McKay went over the ground rules for the day: Respect is the order of the day, this meeting is for registered voters and visitors may speak by permission only. The meeting will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order 11<sup>th</sup> edition except where Vermont State Law applies. Only warned articles are binding.

McKay noted a procedural issue where both the Town and School were warned at 10:00am. To be legal both meetings had to start near 10:00am. Historically the Town and School alternate who goes first. Last year the school was first. McKay suggested he open the School meeting and then entertain a motion to recess until after the Town meeting.

McKay turned the meeting over to the Selectboard for Article 1. Tim Scott, Chair of the Selectboard, read the first article.

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

Peter Craig nominated Tim McKay. Diana Senturia seconded. There were no other nominations. **Tim McKay** elected School Moderator by voice vote.

Peter Craig motioned to recess the School meeting until after the Town meeting. Seconded by Kathy Corcoran. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The meeting reconvened at 1:18pm

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

Mark Clough, Schoolboard Chair, introduced the Schoolboard, Mat Forest, Superintendent, and Ashley Gray, Principal. Clough thanked the Parent Teachers Friends Group, Eric Kaufman, and Margaret Maclean. Clough said that the Board suggests the budget vote be recessed so the Board can get you a better budget.

Cornelia Hasenfuss, Schoolboard member, thanked the residents for their continued support. Hasenfuss spoke about programming, teaching staff, and support staff at Peacham School. Hasenfuss said this was the first full year of Fountas and Pinnell literacy program. She spoke about its success in the classrooms. Hasenfuss continued to discuss the science program and how it is inquiry based. Hasenfuss said the afterschool program was thriving. The program provides a safe and affordable option for about one third of the school. Hasenfuss thanked the strong leadership and programming of the Parent Teacher and Friend Group.

Mike Heath, Schoolboard member, spoke about the school's infrastructure. Heath said that the recent improvements increased efficiency by about 30%. Heath talked about a private-public partnership where a private investor will install a solar system at the school. The arrangement would last about seven years then the school would retain the panels. Heath encouraged residents to reach out to him with questions or interest in investing.

Jessica Philippe, Schoolboard member spoke about a proposed childcare space on the school grounds. Philippe said that high quality childcare is essential to a quality education. Quality childcare helps support the transition into preschool. Philippe said that a group not affiliated with the school, Peacham Children's Center, is working with Heather Hudson on their goals.

Adam Kane, Schoolboard member, spoke about the school budget. Kane said there were several increases this year. He asked the residents to turn to page 88 of the Town Report for 2018 (available at the Town Clerk's Office). Of these changes the largest was the small schools grant of about \$80,000. Kane also said there were two grants which ended (Pre-K expansion grant and the 21C Extended Learning Opportunities grant). Kane said both of these programs were necessary to continue funding. Kane also said that \$19,000 was lost from Medicaid funding for guidance. Kane elaborated on more increases, all found on page 88 of the 2018 Town Report. Kane said the board looked into all opportunities. Kane said the School District would only save about \$65,000 if the school was closed and all students were tuitioned.

Mark Clough, Schoolboard Chair, spoke on the budget as well. Clough said the board chose not to renovate the girl's bathroom. Mark proposed to the residents that if they could decrease the budget by \$165,000 the School District would be out of the penalty for overspending. Clough said the board is working on getting the small schools grant, about \$91,000. Clough said the board has asked the principal, Ashley Gray, to reduce the budget by \$13,500 in staffing expenses. Clough said the board is working at the Supervisory Union (SU) level to change the funding allocation towards the SU. Clough said that if the Town picks up the afterschool program, this would lower the school budget by \$31,000.

Jane Woodhouse asked about the afterschool program and if the childcare center would take it over from the town or if they would work in competition.

-Mark Clough, Schoolboard Chair, said that the plan is for the students to stay at the school and the Town and childcare center would work it out.

-Jessica Philippe, Schoolboard member, said the long-term plan is that the childcare center would take it over and it would be self-sustaining.

-Clough said the Town would have to find about \$31,000 to fund the afterschool program.

-Nate Giroux, former Selectboard member (replaced in 2019), said that if the Town takes on the afterschool program the only savings is in the reduction of the penalty on the school side. Giroux said that the goal would be to shift it to the childcare center. Giroux also said that there are more grants available to the Town and the childcare center.

-Clough said the program would be the Town's but it would be the same instructors and remain at the school. Clough said the program would look the same to the parents who use it. Clough continued that the numbers from the State came in four days before the budget was due for the Town Report. Clough said this is why the board asking the residents to recess the budget vote.

- Thomas Galinat, School District and Town Treasurer, asked if the removal was for the FY'19-20 budget or the FY'20-21 budget.
- Clough responded the FY'19-20 budget.
- Rick Scholes asked if the grant ending and salaries increase for the ELO was program double counting.
- Clough, responded no, he wishes it was.
- Suzanne Rhodes asked why is the Town or the School funding the afterschool program.
- Philippe, responded that there was a grant with 100% funding for the program. This amount of funding has decreased over the last five years. The board felt it was important to keep the program at the School and that it was very popular.
- Rhodes said that the Board previously said that it was used by about one third of the students.
- Philippe, said it has been a little more in the past, it depends on the programming being offered.
- Rhodes stated that it was \$30,000 for a third of the students (approximately 20).
- Laurie Kozar, Afterschool Program Coordinator, stated that parents do contribute to the program. She said this is a needed program.
- Rebecca Jensen asked if the afterschool program was shifted to the Town, would there be unseen costs due to different benefits.
- Clough, responded that they did not see any increases. Payroll would go through the Town Treasurer.
- Galinat, said there would likely not be any increases. Galinat also asked if the decrease in the SU's work would lead to a lower SU budget and if the Town would be compensated for the additional work.
- Clough said that in theory yes, but it would be minuscule.
- Jennifer Mackenzie said there has been a lot of conversations about keeping Peacham affordable to parents which makes Peacham an attractive place to live.
- Giroux said he has three kids in the school system. He said if there was not an afterschool program his family would likely have to move.
- Clough said the Board felt that the Town should bear some part of this burden. He said the Board does not think this should be a fee for service.
- Rhodes clarified she wasn't questioning the value of the program, just who should be responsible monetarily.

Margaret MacLean asked permission to speak. The Moderator asked the residents if they had an issue with her speaking, hearing none, the Moderator granted permission to speak.

- Margaret MacLean said people have worked very hard to keep the school and keep it locally controlled. Margaret said that there are choices and we may not be able to have everything we want in the school. She said of five schools in Vermont with 60-75 students, Peacham had the highest budget by \$300,000. MacLean said the SU has also increased their budget. She asked the board to look at the other budgets and to make hard decisions. She also thanked the Board for their hard work.
- Joe Alper asked why the Board was considering removing the music program.
- Clough said they were only eliminating the single instrument program and the full music program would stay intact.
- Alper asked what benefits were going to be reduced to lower the budget.
- Clough responded this was only a line-item reduction, the benefits themselves would not be lowered.
- Karen Gallas said the afterschool program makes our community stronger. She continued by saying that if we switch to the Town we are supporting our children and families as a whole network.
- Jock Gill said that if the residents wanted to grow Peacham, we all need to invest in our commons. He said he wanted a Town that was focused on a thriving community and not one focused only on saving dollars.

Bruce Wescott asked permission to speak. The Moderator asked the residents if they had an issue with him speaking, hearing none, the Moderator granted permission to speak.



- Bruce Wescott said that the budget restrictions were political. He urged the residents to play within the rules but go after what we as a town want.
- Bruce MacLean asked if the Small Schools Grant was lost because of the student-staff ratio.
- Clough responded that there were lots of factors why the grant was not received.
- Diana Senturia said the afterschool program is very important for our kids, more so than the money in our pockets.
- Galinat said the amount to fund the program on the Town side would cost the residents about \$21/\$100,000 value. He asked the Schoolboard how much would the penalty be reduced.
- Clough said it may reduce the penalty by \$10,000-12,000. He said that if we passed the budget today we would have to pay the penalty even if we lower the budget with these five unknowns. He urged the residents to recess the budget vote.
- Wendy Morgan stated she supported the recess and thanked the Board for their work, she also suggested the Board should wait longer than the end of March for the recessed meeting.
- Tim McKay, Moderator, said that there are different noticing requirements for a new meeting versus recessing this one.
- Morgan Gold asked if there were more opportunities to move money over to the Town to save on the penalty.
- Clough said that they are working on this. There may be some options with the building.
- Scholes urged the Board to talk carefully to avoid litigation, he also said you can recess as many times as the Board needs.
- Woodhouse asked if we shifted more costs onto the Town would that cut the amount residents gets for their rebate.
- Clough said the Board would look into it.
- Dave Stauffer said that the State calculations only allow 3-4% of your income to be paid toward education tax.
- Barry Lawson asked the Board to clarify why they wanted residents to recess.
- Clough went over the five areas the Board is looking to reduce the budget.
- Giroux said there are limitations to shifting costs to the Town.

Rick Scholes moved to accept the report of the board. Diana Senturia seconded. The report was received by a voice vote.

Charlie Browne made a motion to move Article 6 after Article 9. Peter Craig seconded. The motion passed by a voice vote.

-Jerry Senturia asked if Article 7 needs to be recessed as well.

-Thomas Galinat, School District Treasurer, said Article 7 is based on a percentage of the voted budget and would not be affected if it was passed today.

**Article 3:** To elect one School Director for a term of 3 years

Gretchen Kaija nominated Mark Clough. Seconded by Joe Alper. There were no other nominations. Kathy Corcoran moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded by Peter Craig. The motion to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot passed by voice vote. The Moderator directed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Mark Clough. **Mark Clough** elected by a ballot vote. The residents clapped.

**Article 4:** To elect 1 School Director for a term of 2 years.

Charlie Browne nominated Jessica Philippe. There were no other nominations, Diana Senturia moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Seconded by Rick Scholes. The motion to close

nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot passed by voice vote. The Moderator directed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Jessica Philippe. **Jessica Philippe** elected by a ballot vote. The residents clapped.

Rebecca Jensen asked for clarification on the term length. Tim McKay, Moderator, explained that this was only a 2 year term for a 5 member rotation.

**Article 5:** To elect a School District Clerk/Treasurer.

Jerry Senturia nominated Tom Galinat. There were no other nominations. The nominations were closed by voice vote. **Tom Galinat** elected by voice vote. The residents clapped.

**Article 7:** 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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?

Diana Senturia moved to accept the article, seconded by Jock Gill. There was no discussion. The Article passed by a voice vote.

**Article 8:** Should the Peacham School Board enter into an agreement with the Peacham Children's Center, Inc. to construct a building on school property for the purposes of child care and early education at no expense to the Peacham School District?

Jessica Philippe disclosed she was the President of Peacham Children's Center and also on the Schoolboard.

Tim McKay, Moderator, disclosed that he was the Treasurer for the Peacham Children's Center. He asked the voters if he should appoint a temporary moderator for Article 8. The residents chuckled and an overwhelming response of "we trust you" was received. McKay remained Moderator.

Charlie Browne moved to accept the article, seconded by Diana Senturia. There was no discussion. The Article passed by a voice vote.

Mark Clough, Schoolboard Chair, thanked Heather Hudson for taking this on. He also said this is great marketing for the school and might help to get the school census up.

-Dave Stauffer wanted more information put out and that this article also be recessed.

-Jessica Philippe, Schoolboard member, said that this article was really just looking for support from the residents and that it is non-binding.

-Stauffer asked why the article read "enter an agreement".

-Philippe said that the article states "should" vs "shall".

-Tim McKay, Moderator, told Stauffer he could make a motion to change the wording of Article 8.

-Philippe, as Peacham Children's Center President, said that construction would not start tomorrow. The group is ready to start applying for grants.

-Adam Kane, Schoolboard member, said that if the Schoolboard were to enter into an agreement it would have to happen at a public meeting and all the documents would be publicly available.

-Stauffer asked for clarification; is Article 8 binding?

-McKay, as Moderator, said it was only advisory.

-Clough said the group was just looking to get a "feel" from the residents.

-Jock Gill suggested the article be amended to say "provisional".

-Kane said that if the resolution is weakened, it may undercut the potential of the non-profit.

-Philippe, as Peacham Children's Center President, said that if there are questions, Peacham Children's Center has done a lot of work and may be able to answer those questions now (there were no questions).

-Gill stated he was just trying to “smooth the path”.

Jock Gill moved to amend Article 8 to read “Should the Peacham School Board ~~enter into~~ **explore** an agreement with the Peacham Children’s Center, Inc. to construct a building on school property for the purposes of child care and early education at no expense to the Peacham School District?” Karen Gallas seconded.

-Jerry Senturia said he is against the amendment. He said that the more support the residents give, the more likely the organization will be to receive grants.

-Andrea Kane said she felt the original article was okay.

-Nick Comerci, Development Review Board member, Planning Commission member, asked if this would be a subdivision, or if the school owned the building and the entity fell apart who would be responsible to maintain the building.

-Philippe, as Peacham Children’s Center President, said ownership has not yet been worked out. She also said long-term feasibility is quite strong.

-Neil Monteith said that Davis farm had a right-of-way to avoid. He also cautioned that if the entity gets grants, they too, could dry up.

-Philippe stated that the grants would only be for construction.

-Dick Lyders said he thinks the amendment should not be passed, the Board has put a lot of thought into this and the same question is asked in the end.

-Joe Alper asked that if Peacham Children’s Center is already applying for grants, doesn’t that imply the project is already moving ahead.

-Philippe said yes.

-Alper said that he agreed with Stauffer that this project was moving too fast and we need to discuss it.

-Philippe said that they (PCC) formed a committee.

-Morgan Gold said he supported the amendment.

-Barry Lawson agreed with Morgan. He also said that the original article reads as if the agreement was finalized. He continued that he had some concerns about what the relationship will look like with the school and the financial implications of that relationship.

-Janet St Onge asked if the residents passed this amendment today would that move the decision making to the Schoolboard or would there be more informational meetings and discussions about this agreement.

-Philippe said that all the decision making can happen with the Board and the Peacham Children’s Center. She continued that children’s center group would like to remain open to discussion.

-Alex MacLean, said the children’s center group would be holding more meetings and would like to ask more people to attend.

-Rebecca Jensen asked if the residents approve this, the Schoolboard will move forward with this and it will not come before the residents again.

-Philippe said that the Board can move forward without going before the residents again.

-Clough said the Board would commit to gaining public input. The Board will discuss it at every schoolboard meeting.

-Comerci said he would be more comfortable if it said who was going to own it. It would not be the Schoolboard’s responsibility to maintain this new building, it would be the taxpayers.

-Clough said it would be on school property.

-Comerci clarified; so the school would build it? (no response from the Board) He continued to say he supported the idea just wanted clarification on ownership.

-Suzanne Rhodes said she liked the amendment, however she can’t sign onto an idea without a business plan.

-Rachael Moragues said she was a single mother of two children and she fully supports childcare in Peacham. She continued to say she wants to see some details ironed out. She said this project is moving very fast.

-Philippe asked a question in return; how much exploration do the residents need? The PCC group has done a lot of research and is working on a business plan. She said the original wording is accurate to the group's current process.

-Ron Craig asked about the location of the building in respect to the right-of-way. He also asked about the septic. He wanted to know if the new building would tie into the school's, and if it did who would be responsible to fix it when it fails.

-Kathy Corcoran said she fully supports a daycare in Peacham. She shared her concerns about a building on the school property.

-Beatrice Ring asked what will come out of this decision.

-Philippe said the Board could move forward anyway, but they did want the support of the Town. She suggested tabling the idea. She reminded residents that it is brought up at schoolboard meetings.

-Kane stated that he supported the amendment.

-Mel Reis said that the Café LLC group created a very strong financial and business plans before presenting the idea to donors and the Town. She said she had concerns about a new building. She said that there was some concern about taking care of multiple buildings.

-Laurie Kozar suggested that the residents postpone the vote until a business plan is presented.

Christina Fearon moved to Call the Question. Seconded by Wendy Morgan. The Question was called by a voice vote.

Tim McKay, Moderator, read the Article as proposed to be amended: "Should the Peacham School Board ~~enter into~~ **explore** an agreement with the Peacham Children's Center, Inc. to construct a building on school property for the purposes of child care and early education at no expense to the Peacham School District?" The amendment passed by a voice vote.

-Kozar asked if postponing the vote would be helpful to the Peacham Children's Center.

-Philippe, as Peacham Children's Center President, said it would be helpful. Peacham Children's Center is working the Small Business Development Center.

Laurie Kozar motions to postpone Article 8. Mel Reis Seconds. The motion was defeated by a voice vote.

-Barry Lawson said he would like to postpone the article until a draft of the business plan is available.

-Larry Jensen said that postponing the vote wouldn't achieve much. He stated the article is only asking for support to explore the idea. He continued to say that the exploration has been going on for about a year already. Jensen continued to say that the Board implied that they could act without the residents, he hoped they would come before the residents again anyways.

-Jock Gill said he was in favor of not postponing the vote.

-Andrea Kane said she does not want to postpone the vote.

-Joe Alper asked if the schoolboard has authority to build another building on school property.

-Philippe said the Schoolboard has authority to build a building.

-Clough said the Board is not interested in building without the Residents approval.

-Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk, said that any building would have to go through the zoning process which would be public and all residents would have the ability appeal the construction process.

Tim McKay, Moderator, read the amended Article 8: "Should the Peacham School Board explore an agreement with the Peacham Children's Center, Inc. to construct a building on school property for the purposes of child care and early education at no expense to the Peacham School District?" The amended Article passed by a voice vote.

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

Kathy Corcoran said that Cynther Greene is taking orders for the 911 house number signs.  
-Andrea Kane thanked the Schoolboard and the Peacham Children's Center team. The residents clapped wildly.  
-Cynther Greene asked where the Schoolboard minutes are available.  
-Jessica Philippe, Schoolboard member said they were on the school and the SU's website.  
-Nathan Giroux said that the Town should enter an agreement with School for a right of first refusal.  
-Julie Hansen shared that a person testified in the legislature about how Americans compare our children to Finland's children. She said that this comparison is unfair because we don't think collectively about our children and their community. She urged the Schoolboard to think collectively.

**Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize the Peacham School Board to expend two million ninety thousand two hundred seventy-two dollars (\$2,090,272.00), 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 \$19,874 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.4% higher than spending for the current year.

Mark Clough motioned to recess the meeting to April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Peacham Congregational Church. Seconded by Diana Senturia. The meeting was recessed by a voice vote.

Jonathan Kaplan asked if the residents should just vote it down.  
-Mark Clough, Schoolboard Chair, said there were more advantages to the recess process.  
-Rebecca Washington, Assistant Town Clerk, asked if the new budget number will be available prior to the meeting.  
-Clough said he wasn't sure how to get the information out. He then said the Board would hold a special meeting.  
-Jerry Senturia said he would post any information passed his way on Peacham.net.  
-Josette Lyders asked if the Church was available on that day.  
-Thomas Galinat, Schoolboard Clerk, said he would reach out the Peacham Congregational Church's business committee to make sure it was.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm to be reconvened on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Peacham Congregational Church.

The meeting reconvened April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 6:04 pm.

Tim McKay, Moderator, opened the meeting explaining that only Article 6 can be considered.

Mark Clough motioned to recess the meeting to May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00pm. Seconded by Diana Senturia. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Mark Clough, Schoolboard Chair, said that the budget was not finalized. He said there was legislation in place waiting to be considered that will affect whether or not Peacham will receive the small schools grant. He continued to say that the Supervisory Union has not yet considered the request to change the cost sharing. He also said the Town is still working on the afterschool program.  
-Matt Kiley asked for clarification if this was a reconvening of the Annual Meeting and that the residents could vote on this article.  
-Tim McKay, Moderator, said the motion would have to be defeated first then the residents could consider voting on the article.  
-Wendy Morgan asked if it seemed likely that the legislation would pass.  
-Clough said that Jane Kitchell, State Senator, and Kitty Toll, State Representative, both felt the legislation is likely to pass.  
-Rebecca Jensen ask how much the SU cost sharing and the small schools grant would lower the budget.

- Clough said \$114,000.
- Jensen asked how the Board was going to lower the remaining amount.
- Clough said the afterschool program lowers it \$31,000, benefits reduction \$3000, and the staff reduction of \$13,500 totals \$161,300, which gets us out of the penalty.
- Jensen said that we will still need the Town to find \$30,000 to pay for the afterschool program.
- Thomas Galinat, Town Treasurer, said that the amount is not actually \$31,000. The difference between the fiscal year of the School and the calendar year of the Town means the Town would only be responsible for about 40% of the \$31,000. The remainder will be raised in the 2020 budget, and possibly another organization might take it on by then.
- Jensen asked when the budget had to be passed by.
- Clough said the budget had to be into the State by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Jensen said if it's voted down on May 15<sup>th</sup> there won't be enough time to warn a meeting before June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- McKay said there would have to be a 30 day notice for a Special School District Meeting.

Margaret MacLean asked permission to speak. The Moderator asked the residents if they had an issue with her speaking, hearing none, the Moderator granted permission to speak.

- Margaret MacLean said the budget is due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. If there is not a budget by July 1<sup>st</sup>, the State then gives the school a budget of 80% of the previous year's budget to operate.
- Clough said the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is the date for when the penalty is applied.
- Galinat said that the earlier we get our numbers to the state the earlier we'll get our state payment amounts so we can apply them to our tax bills.
- Kiley asked if the Agency of Education has challenged the moving of the afterschool program.
- Clough said that this is not breaking new ground and other schools have set precedents.
- Francis Carlet asked if the Board has actively and aggressively search for other cuts in the budget.
- Cornelia Hasenfuss, Schoolboard member, said no, not this year. She continued to say they have consulted with the Principal and the SU to look for more cuts.
- Jessica Philippe, Schoolboard member, said the Board supports the budget.
- Carlet asked the Board if they were going to find more cuts to an unfriendly budget.
- Philippe said no.
- Kiley said the last time the school had 67 students was in 1999. At that time there were 3 less teachers, the budget was voted down and another teacher was lost. Kiley asked why there are more teachers now than in 1999.
- Hasenfuss said the school has taken on more responsibility. She said the expectation of schools is different from 1999.
- Beth Comerci said that special education funding is going to go up due to Act 173. She asked how the board was going to plan for this.

Mat Forrest, Superintendent, asked permission to speak. The Moderator asked the residents if they had an issue with him speaking, hearing none, the Moderator granted permission to speak.

- Mat Forrest said that there is a lot of talk surrounding ACT 173. He said there will be changes that may disrupt things here, in the SU, and in the whole state.
- Hasenfuss said that the Pre-K program adds two staff to the building that were not present in 1999.
- Nancy Saidi said that the school is growing with great progress. She visits the school weekly and reads to the students.
- Clough said that the Pre-K program may actually save money as there are less Individualized Education Plans when a Pre-K program is present.
- McKay reminded the residents that they are debating whether or not to recess the meeting.
- Wendy Morgan asked about the Childcare Center.
- Janet St Onge asked for clarification about the reorganizing from the SU and the small schools grant. She asked if there was another plan for reduction if this plan fell through.

- Clough said the Board is supporting the budget as it is.
- St Onge said the budget would be the same as it was in March.
- Clough agreed.
- Mike Heath, Schoolboard member, said the taxes would be similar to a budget from 3 years ago.
- Kiley asked what the difference is between 1999 and 2019 and if the Board could bring that information to the next meeting.
- St Onge said that Margaret MacLean gave the Board other comparable school budgets that were less than Peacham's. She then asked if the Board looked at those budgets.
- Clough said the Board looked at the budgets and found that not every school is apples to apples. He continued that every town has very different values, special education needs, etc.

Tim McKay, Moderator, read the motion again. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm to be reconvened on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Peacham Congregational Church.

The meeting reconvened May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Tim McKay, Moderator, opened the meeting and reminded the residents that Article 6 is the only Article being considered today.

Mark Clough motioned to recess the meeting until Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Peacham Congregational Church. Seconded by Joe Alper. The meeting was recessed by a voice vote.

Janet St Onge asked the Schoolboard for a presentation.

-Mark Clough, Schoolboard Chair, said he was asked by several residents to do a presentation on school costs. Clough said that the Small Schools Grant (\$91,000) did not go through on the bill it was attached. He continued to say that the legislators tacked it on to the budget bill instead. The Town took on the afterschool program (\$31,000) and has done a great job working out the details on that. The principal has committed to reducing her budget by \$13,500. The Supervisory Union allotment of \$23,600 does not look like it will change. There are two more board meetings to work this out. There was a benefit reduction of \$3,000. This put Peacham below the \$161,000 mark to be out of the penalty.

-Cornelia Hasenfuss, Schoolboard member, spoke that in 1999 the school was able to teach the same number of students with three less teachers. Hasenfuss spoke that the responsibilities of schools has widened and it costs more to educate our kids now. There are a lot more supports and a lot more individualized education plans. These plans are tier 3 and these students are receiving assistance both in and out of the classroom. These students are performing at grade level. Tier 2 plans receive extra instruction in the classroom. All teachers help with tier 2. Tier 1 is general instruction. Hasenfuss went over the grade structure for the classrooms. She said the full day pre-kindergarten is working very well. She also said the guidance is no longer funded by Medicaid. The board is very happy with the guidance at school.

-Clough said that 59% of budgets are education. The remaining 41% is transportation, food service, student support services, staff support services, general administration, reporting, increased special education services. Clough said teaching has changed a lot in the last 20-25 years.

Mat Forrest asked permission to speak. The Moderator asked the residents if they had an issue with him speaking, hearing none, the Moderator granted permission to speak.

-Mat Forrest spoke about the multi-tier system of support. He spoke that this multi-tier system was not available in 1999. He said that you pay more down the road if students fall behind. The Town saves

money by helping students early on. Every student in Peacham has a goal. It is unique to Peacham that every student can have a goal. Forrest said the school is headed in a great direction, students are happy, and enrollment is up. He continued that the Supervisory Union is working on 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade reading proficiency. The goal is to have all 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students 90% proficient in reading.

-Clough said that the Pre-6 budget is controllable. The 7-12 tuition portion the School District has no control over.

-Julie Hansen asked who makes the decision on the Supervisory Union allotment. She expressed concern that the SU Board was discourteous to Peacham representatives and feared that the allotment would not change.

-Clough said it was the SU board who decides. Clough said he was not optimistic.

-Hansen asked about the state level education funding shortfall and if that would play a part in receiving the small schools grant.

-Clough said that the school should receive the small schools grant, he said they were part of a lawsuit to sort this out.

-Dave Stauffer asked if the state will treat special education like a statewide insurance policy.

-Cathy Browne, Special Education Coordinator for the SU, said there was a reimbursement model currently with the state up to \$60,000. She continued that the model will change with ACT 173 in 2021. There is still uncertainties on what that will look like.

-Rose Dedam asked what the deadline for the school budget was.

-Clough said July 1<sup>st</sup>.

-Dedam asked what if it doesn't pass on June 19<sup>th</sup> and would Peacham have to operate at an 80% budget.

-Clough said yes until it [the budget] is passed.

-Thomas Galinat asked if the Board considered looking into another Supervisory Union.

-Clough said the School District is tied into a 3by1 side by side with Cal-Coop. It would be very hard to look elsewhere.

-Galinat asked if the School District is locked into a 3by1, why isn't our representation also locked into the 3by1.

-Clough said the Supervisory Union was more collaborative under Forrest's leadership. He questions how collaborative the new players will be.

-Galinat asked if there was any legislative movement to address concerns with ACT 60.

-Clough said the legislature does not want small schools.

-St Onge asked the Board to clarify how the new afterschool program would look and if there would be any interaction with the school.

-Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk, said the Selectboard put out a Request for Proposal, the Town will hire a subcontractor to handle all aspects. The cost to the Town is around \$15,500. There may be an additional cost of \$15,500 for next year's budget. Galinat said that the decision of the program's location is ultimately the subcontractor's. The school is a great location, however the subcontractor will be making that choice. Galinat urged residents to come to the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting where the Selectboard will be opening bids.

-St Onge asked if the Town will be paying rent to the School District for use of the school during afterschool.

-Clough answered no.

-St Onge commented that information is hard to find at the Town of Peacham's website. She also asked if the teachers were operating without a contract.

-Clough answered no, they are all under contract.

-Forrest said that there is currently an impasse regarding Union contracts for the next year.

-Francis Carlet asked if the small schools grant and the SU allotment fall through is the Schoolboard looking for other cuts.

-Clough said no, this is the cost of running the school. We would have to pay the penalty.

-Carlet asked if there was any effort to find more cuts.

-Clough said that there wasn't any more room.

-Carlet asked what the hard choices you had to make were.



-Clough said that long term this will have to be figured out.

Tim McKay, Moderator, read the motion again. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm to be reconvened on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Peacham Congregational Church.

The meeting reconvened June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:04 pm.

Tim McKay, Moderator, opened the meeting and reminded the residents that Article 6 is the only Article being considered today.

**Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize the Peacham School Board to expend two million ninety thousand two hundred seventy-two dollars (\$2,090,272.00), 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 \$19,874 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.4% higher than spending for the current year.

Diana Senturia moved to accept the article, seconded by Dart Thalman.

Mark Clough moved to amend Article 6, seconded by Diana Senturia to read:

**Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize the Peacham School Board to expend ~~two million ninety thousand two hundred seventy-two dollars (\$2,090,272.00)~~, two million thirty-two thousand seven hundred four dollars (2,032,704.00), 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 ~~\$19,874~~ \$18,305 per equalized pupil. The projected spending per equalized pupil is ~~11.4%~~ 2.6% higher than spending for the current year.

The amended article was read by Jessica Philippe, Schoolboard member.

Mark Clough, Schoolboard Chair, thanked the Selectboard for taking on the afterschool program. He thanked Jane Kitchell and Kitty Toll for their work in the State Legislature.

They tacked an amendment onto the budget bill which changed the scoring for the small schools grant. This saved the School \$94,600 and got the school out of the excess spending threshold. He thanked Pat Amsden for her work at the Supervisory Union. He thanked Ashley Gray for cutting her budget. Finally, he thanked Margaret MacLean for being a great ally. The residents clapped. Mark continued that the school is looking good, the census is rising, and the Board is happy with the budget.

-Bruce Wescott asked how many towns were affected by the small schools grant.

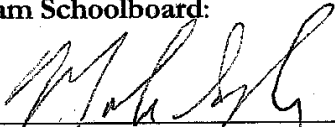
-Margaret MacLean said that Peacham was the only school affected.

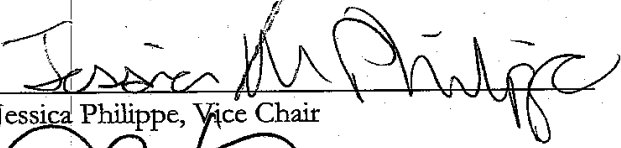
-Clough thanked everyone for their patience through the process.

Tim McKay, Moderator, read the amended article. The amendment was accepted by a voice vote. The article passed by voice vote.


Peter Craig motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Diana Senturia. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.

**Peacham Schoolboard:**

  
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Mark Clough, Chair

  
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Jessica Philippe, Vice Chair

  
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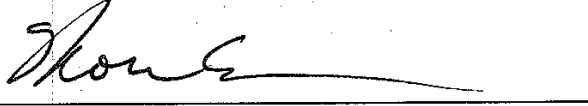
  
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Mike Heath, Clerk to the Schoolboard

**Moderator:**

  
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Timothy McKay

**School Clerk/Treasurer:**

  
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Thomas Galinat

## **Peacham School Auditors' Report**

As the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union is required to undergo an annual professional audit, we have relied on that audit to assure that the reports presented here represent the financial position of the Peacham School District on June 30, 2019, and to give an accurate account of the funds during the school year.

Although we as Town Auditors have no authority to audit the Peacham School District's financial records, the voters are responsible for electing a School District Treasurer to oversee the finances of the District including the selection of banking institutions and bill payments.

Generally, the Town Treasurer serves as the School District Treasurer as well. This past year, the School District Treasurer resigned due to a disagreement over practices by the selected banking institution. The School Board subsequently appointed another Treasurer.

At this meeting you will elect your next School District Treasurer. The Town Auditors would like to point out that this is an important and significant position. Although professional audits are conducted each year, these occur after the books have been closed. It is important to have as much local oversight of financial functions as possible. The position of School District Treasurer is even more important now that local auditors have no oversight of the School District finances.

We thank the Peacham School Board, other interested parties and CCSU for the information provided.

Charles Byron, Jan Eastman and Stan Fickes  
Town of Peacham Auditors

# Peacham School Reports

## School Board Report

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.

### School Building

Investments in the school building continued this year. We installed a 38kW solar array on the roof. Rather than purchasing the array through a bond, it was financed by a private investor. This investor fronted the entire \$111,000 cost of the array and was able to recoup the 30% federal tax credit (as a public school the tax credit was not available to us). Peacham School will purchase power at a modest savings for the next seven years after which the depreciated array will be available for to purchase for approximately \$47,000. Solar arrays are generally understood to have a lifespan of 20 to 25 years.



### Leadership and School Climate

Principal Ashley Gray is completing her fourth year in the position. She continues to be a strong advocate for Peacham’s students and families. With her leadership and strong staff, Peacham’s students continue to perform well in relation to their peers locally and throughout Vermont based upon a variety of testing data. The School Board has tremendous confidence in school’s dedicated, smart and caring staff.

The tenor of the school continues to be extremely positive, in part boosted by the PTF which is active and integral to the school community. Their fundraising activities support wellness and enrichments events and activities, including a mini-grant program. The Peacham School is lucky to have such a caring and devoted group behind it.

### Caledonia Central Supervisory Union

The Peacham School District now finds itself in a significantly expanded Caledonia Central Supervisory Union. Prior to Act 46, we were in a SU with Barnet, Walden and Danville School Districts. We’re now in a SU with four other districts: Twinfield (Plainfield and Marshfield), Cabot, Caledonia Cooperative (Walden, Barnet and Waterford), and Danville.

In March 2019, Superintendent Mat Forest resigned. In April, the CCSU board appointed Mark Tucker, then Superintendent at the Washington Northeast Supervisory Union, as the Interim Superintendent. We have been pleased with his leadership, and it is anticipated that “Interim” will be dropped shortly.

### Budget

The tax rate associated with the 2021 proposed budget for the Peacham School District is a substantial increase over last year’s budget despite making the difficult decision to reduce the staffing by one full-time person.

The primary driver is the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). The CLA is the state’s method of ensuring each town is paying its fair share of education property tax to the Education Fund. Last year’s reappraisal found an increase in the value of the town’s grand list. That collective increase in

our property values translates into an increase in the amount Peacham is to contribute to the Education Fund.

The Board is always available to talk one on one or at our Board meetings, and we are continually looking for community input.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Clough, Chair  
Jessica Philippe, Vice-Chair, Mike Heath, Cornelia Hasenfuss, Adam Kane

## **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.*

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Dear Peacham Families,

The 2019-2020 school year has been engaging, productive and purposeful so far at The Peacham Elementary School. I continue to be privileged to serve the Peacham School community in my fourth year as their principal. Our school is an extraordinary and distinctive place to learn, grow and work. Our staff and students are very fortunate to belong to a supportive community that shares our values as we support the growth of life-long learners.

Our academic schedule includes whole school blocks of time for leveled reading groups, leveled phonics groups, and LEAP (Learn, Explore, Assess, Progress) intervention/extension groups. These whole school blocks of time offer us the unique opportunity for an “all hands on deck” approach for a little over 2 hours every day. Students are able to be met where they are at and instructed/challenged appropriately so they are continuously making individual progress. While this model allows us to individualize our approach for each student, we are also working to ensure that all students experience grade-level learning experience. One way we are doing this is through co-teaching. This year, we have started the first phase of a co-teaching model by having K/1 math, 5/6 literacy, and 4th grade writing co-taught. Teachers and students are enjoying this process and learning a lot from it.

When I began working at PES in 2016 we had 46 students. Last year we had 67 students enrolled at our school and this year we currently have 68 students. New families are moving to Peacham to benefit from the high quality, student centered education that we provide. The Peacham School is excited to embrace our growing and diversified school population.

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 Parent-Teacher-Friend Group (PTF) Report**

Our non-profit organization supports the Peacham School with a generous effort from busy, hard-working and dedicated parents, staff, and community. Our mission is to enrich our children's education and community experiences. We work to expand opportunities and promote quality education through engagement with arts, science, wellness, and community.

We initiated several new programs at the start of 2019. Partnering with Four Winds Nature Institute, and with support from community volunteers, we are bringing interactive natural science lessons into every classroom. A brand new mini-grant program allows the opportunity for anyone with an idea to pitch it for PTF support and funding. And 5 'room parents' have stepped up to lead engagement in each of our 5 classrooms.

Winter Wellness for our K-6th graders is the biggest (and possibly, most enjoyed) PTF program. Thanks to parents, teachers, and friends fundraising, students have 4 days of ski lessons at Q-Burke and 2 days of rock climbing, gymnastics, and swimming at Evergreen Sports Center.



Throughout the year, we host more than a dozen events for fun, community-building, and fundraising. Highlights include our fall foliage luncheon (see picture), 4th of July BBQ, wreath-making, a snowball dance (during winter carnival) and our famous Mud and Muck Auction-- Join us for the auction on April 4th, 2020!

We welcome everyone to join our efforts at Peacham PTF as we strive to provide connections among families, school, and community. Join our email list to be alerted of the latest meetings and happenings. Email us at: [PeachamPTF@gmail.com](mailto:PeachamPTF@gmail.com).

PTF Leadership -- President: Erin Lane, Treasurer: Rose Dedam, Secretary: Sarah Kempton  
Vice Presidents: Cecilia Garvin, Jennifer Layn, Kate Patno

# Peacham Elementary School Annual Report Card

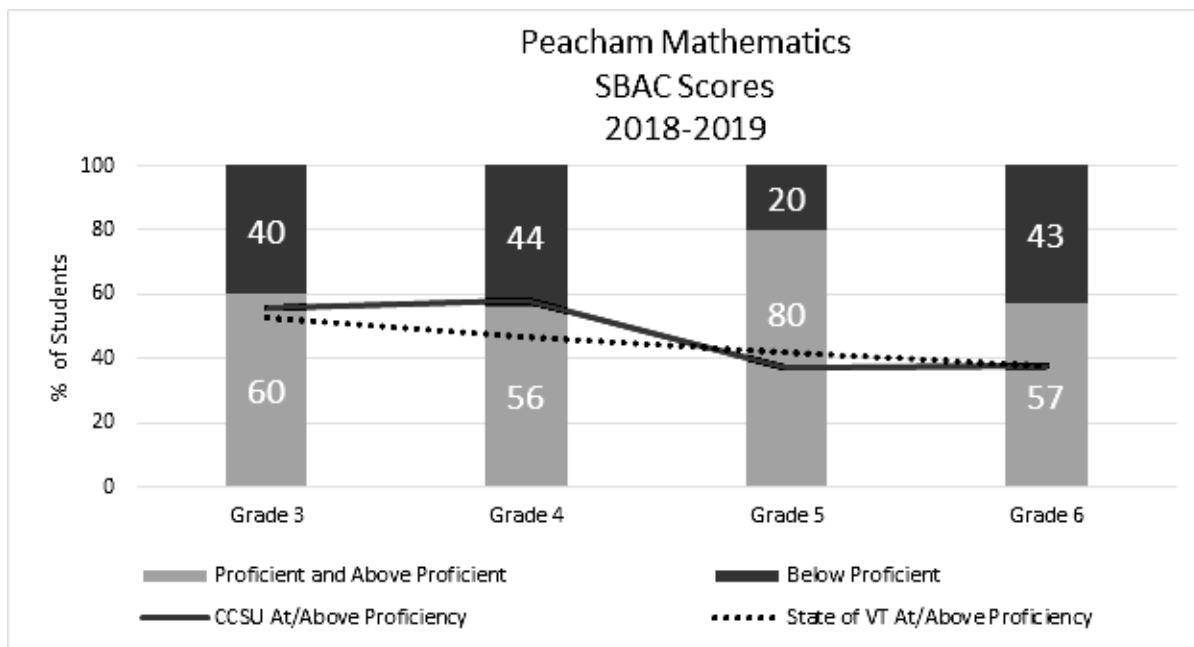


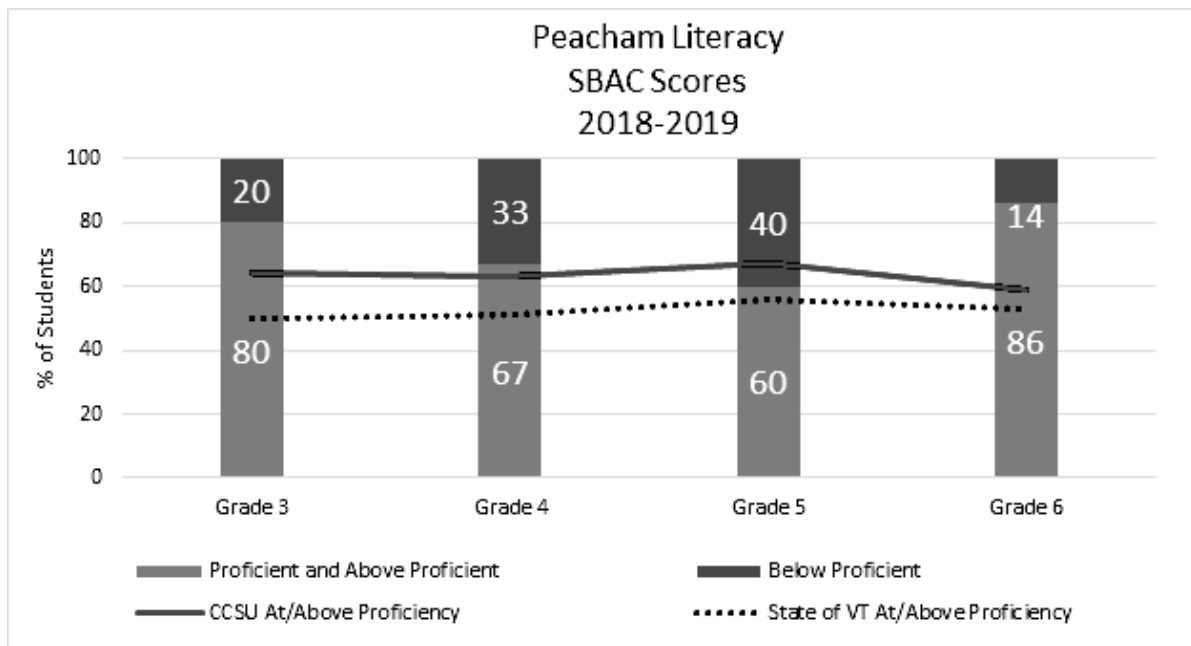
## Vermont State Assessment Program

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 9. 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

Peacham Elementary School students in grades three through six were assessed in the spring of 2019 using Smarter-Balanced Assessments in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.

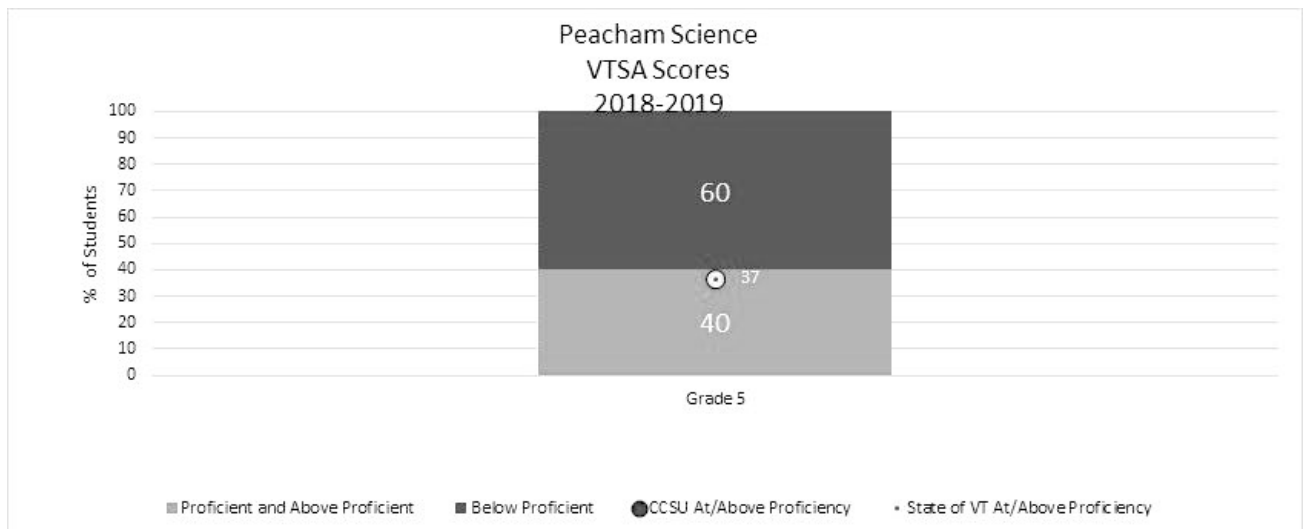




## Science ~ Vermont Science Assessment Data

Vermont’s new science assessment is fully aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), the academic content standards that Vermont adopted in 2013. The State’s previous science assessment was from the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). This assessment was not aligned with NGSS. A new, NGSS-aligned Science assessment will allow students to better represent their proficiency against the state’s current expectations for learning.

The VTSA was field tested in the Spring of 2018 to students in grades 5, 8 & 11. 2019 is the first year that VTSA scores have been released.



# **Caledonia Central Supervisory Union Reports**

## **CCSU Early Education Program**

The early education program has had a very successful year. We are excited to welcome the Twinfield and Cabot Schools. This year we have eight full time and four part time preschool sessions in our seven schools. We are currently serving 131 children in our school-based programs. It is always such a pleasure to visit all of the preschool classrooms where there is an abundance of learning taking place and plenty of creativity, fun, joy, and smiling faces!

### **Family Outreach**

One of our primary goals is the smooth and comfortable transition from home to school. We support this transition through a close partnership with families. We believe that all educational experiences, including those that involve children, teachers, and family members, should be filled with laughter, warmth, and mutual respect. Some of the many opportunities we have had to foster family involvement have included family information night, back to school picnics, meet and greets, celebration of learning night, constructing bird feeders, grandparents' day, school-wide concerts, stay and play mornings, gift making, hopes and dreams night, literacy parade, family meals, sharing of family books with tea and cookies, and field trips (including visits to the Fairbanks Museum, Great Vermont Corn Maze, Montshire Museum, Ben's Pumpkins, fire stations, and several local farms).

### **Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS)**

In addition to being fully licensed through the Vermont Agency of Human Services, all of our programs continue to participate in Vermont's STARS program, a quality recognition system for child care, preschool, and after-school programs. STARS encourages programs to go above and beyond state regulations to provide professional services that meet the needs of children and families. The rating scale ranges from one to five STARS. All of our seven schools have maintained five STARS this year, the highest rating that can be achieved.

## **CCSU Food Service Department**

How best to describe the months previous and future for the Food Service Department? Challenging? Exciting? Worrisome or some other adjective? Certainly it is not "business as usual". There are changes at the National and State governance levels. There are also additions to the local food service programs. The additions begin with Act 46, the Act 46 related challenge of learning about the new schools to the Department; Human Resource challenges, food service equipment needs, practices and policies that are scheduled for or need updating.

Looking forward to a potentially significant federal governance change that may affect our communities. The most recent budget proposal, by the current administration to the House of Representatives, includes a proposed reduction in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Depending upon the extent of the proposal, it could affect the Free and Reduced School Meal income qualifying matrix.

Vermont's Agency of Education, Child Nutrition Programs has undergone a leadership change and a host of division of labor changes within CNP. New reporting processes, to and from the State are implemented with its fair share of "hiccups".

Locally, programs within the Food Service Department have changed.



1. Walden School has had its Community Eligibility Provision expire on June 30, 2019. The transition from CEP to a traditional food service program has proceeded better than anticipated. This is a result of the communication to the community by a close communication partnership of the school administration and the SFA.
2. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program is a program that provides fresh fruit or vegetable snacks that are reimbursed by the federal government. Walden and Cabot Schools participate in this program. Barnet and Twinfield Union Schools failed to qualify for FFVP this school year.
3. Summer Food Service Programs more than double in size during the summer of 2019. Summer of 2018 had one CCSU school, Waterford, participating in a Summer Food Service Program. CCSU schools providing summer food increased significantly for the summer of 2019. In large part because Cabot School sponsors a significant summer food service program that is now part of Caledonia Central. The summer program also expanded because Barnet and Walden Schools joined Waterford School as summer food providers.
4. Twinfield Union School participates in the USDA Dinner Program. The dinner program is part of Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) division within Child Nutrition Programs. This program was essentially unknown to our SFA. Participation in the CACFP dinner program required its own set of budgets, professional development and applications to participate.
5. Provision 2, a Child Nutrition provision that provides four years of reimbursable school meals to students at no cost. Cabot and Twinfield Union Schools participate in this provision. Child Nutrition requested that the SFA begin a new provision four year cycle for a number of reasons. This required both schools to reestablish eligibility status percentages. Free, reduced and full price paid reimbursable meal percentages is in progress. As part of the Provision 2 application process, a review of discount school meal applications is required and currently underway. The final determination percentages will be shared with the CCSU administration when the results are shared from Child Nutrition.
6. After School Snack Program took a hiatus during the 18/19 school year. At the conclusion of the 17/18 school year, the Food Service Department had been informed that 18/19 would not have an after school enrichment program because the ELO grant funding had expired. Based upon this information, the Food Service Department did not submit an application to the State for inclusion in the after school program. Midway through the 18/19 school year, CCSU decided to institute a self-funded after school program. Because of the lateness in the year, and the lack of a snack application, program participant snacks were provided outside of the federally reimbursed program. Not knowing the CCSU administration's intention for a 19/20 after school enrichment program, (there was a minor CCSU administration change in progress at the time), the Food Service Department opted to buy some decision time and include an After School Snack Program as part of its application to operate, just in case. And after school enrichment program was instituted that began on December 2, 2019 with reimbursable snacks for those schools wishing to participate.

Regionally preferential purchasing is the technical term for local purchase procedures. The Food Service Department has made significant strides using Vermont based suppliers for food based purchases. Area providers supply our food service programs with a variety of dairy products, produce and beef. The hope is to expand regional preferential purchases in the coming year. The

greatest difficulty is getting items delivered to the schools. Food Service staff does not have the ability to travel to vendors for pickup of product.

USDA procurement requirements are being updated. Beginning January 2021, SFAs are required to purchase 20% of products regionally preferred. Child Nutrition assigned the CCSU's SFA to have a Procurement Administrative Review during SY 2021. This is an effort by Child Nutrition, on behalf of USDA, to determine if the Food Service Department is adhering to federal purchasing regulations and we are on track to meet the new local purchasing targets. The SFA must develop a purchasing manual identifying the steps followed in the purchase process. The SFA must also maintain documentation of steps taken when making various small purchases. The CCSU is a member of the Food Directors Association. The FDA is a purchasing organization that performs the bid tasks required by the USDA.

Previously, Child Nutrition Administrative Reviews were mentioned. There are many such reviews focused on different aspects of Child Nutrition. During SY 2019, Washington Northeast SU underwent a Summer Food Service Program Administrative Review. In February 2018 Child Nutrition performed an administrative review of the traditional school year food service program. Child Nutrition administrative reviews are scheduled to occur every three years. Beside the procurement review scheduled during SY 2020/2021 the SFA is also scheduled for a traditional program review. The traditional review will cover; breakfast, lunch, after school and Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program service.

There is no scheduled CACFP dinner program review. The frequency of summer program reviews is unknown.

Policies, practices and procedures is my final topic for this report. There is only one actual policy involving the Food Service Department. It is the Wellness Policy. Every other year the CCSU Board of Directors allows the review of the Wellness Policy. The Wellness Committee is reviewing the policy. It is the hope that the committee can submit a draft to the CCSU administration for review and additional updating before winter vacation.

Practices and procedures are defined as small "p" policies. This includes the procurement policy and the charging & collection policy. Procurement policy is a work in progress. The charging & collection policy requires review because of the opposition by the current Superintendent of a portion of the existing policy. An acceptable small "p" policy is required by Child Nutrition to be kept on file with the State.

Respectfully submitted by  
Kenneth Cyr, Food Service Director  
Caledonia Central Supervisory Union

## **CCSU Student Services**

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union, Barnet School, Cabot School, Danville School, Peacham School, Twinfield School, Walden School, and Waterford School staff are committed to meeting the needs of all students. Our special educators and related service providers work collaboratively with families, general educators and outside agencies to ensure that our students' needs are met through a variety of service delivery models. We are committed to fostering academic, social, and emotional growth in a physically and emotionally safe learning environment with a nurturing sense of belonging for all.

Special education is a mandated federal and state program that provides services to eligible students with an identified disability between the ages of 3 and 21. Students who qualify for special education services through an Individual Education Plan (IEP) have been identified as having a disability which adversely affects their education in at least one basic skills area and are in need of specifically designed instruction to address their unique educational needs that are not available through the school's comprehensive services.

The intent of special education is to ensure that students with disabilities have access to the general curriculum in the least restrictive environment. This means that the majority of our students are learning with their peers in the classroom with accommodations or a modified curriculum with extra support as needed. Depending on the service delivery model, many of our students receive additional small group instruction inside or outside of the classroom working on their individual academic and social/emotional goals outlined in the student's IEP.

Special education is at no cost to the parents to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability. A child's right to a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires equitable education to students with disabilities. Meeting the needs of all students is not only mandated through state and federal laws but is a philosophy and commitment our district has to provide all students with the support they require to be successful in school. It is important to know that unlike much of your school's budget, which is funded through your local property taxes, the majority of special education costs are funded through both state and federal funding formulas.

I appreciate the opportunity and am honored to work in a district that is committed to supporting the needs of All students.

Sabrina Brown  
Student Service Director

## **CCSU Superintendent's Report**

This has been a year of significant transition for Caledonia Central SU. It actually started last year, when the State Board of Education (SBE) voted to reassign the Cabot and Twinfield school districts to CCSU effective July 1, 2019. This reassignment dissolved the Washington Northeast SU, which was my former home as Special Services Director (2015-17) and then Superintendent (2017-19). With Mat Forest leaving in July and me in search of a new job, I was fortunate to be offered the opportunity to lead this enlarged SU, and I officially became your Superintendent on July 1, 2019.

This reassignment of Cabot and Twinfield by the SBE was not a merger in the way we have thought of that word throughout the Act 46 process. Cabot and Twinfield retained their status as independent PK-12 school districts, with their separate boards and separate budgets. In fact, contrary to one of the stated aims of Act 46 (the simplification of school governance structures) the reassignment created a more-complex Supervisory Union. CCSU is now the home for five (5) Districts – Danville, Peacham, and Caledonia Cooperative (Walden, Waterford and Barnet), with Cabot and Twinfield added in July. We govern this enlarged SU with six Boards – one each for the five districts plus the CCSU Board. This configuration requires us to create and support the approval of five distinct budgets, a process that we are deeply engaged in at this writing. If you find all of this a bit confusing, welcome to my world.

Despite the complexity of this transition, things have gone well. We have been slowly but steadily aligning the different processes that governed the original schools in CCSU and the new schools that came from Washington NE. We are currently running two separate financial management systems, but plan to move Cabot and Twinfield to the system used here before the end of this fiscal year. Washington NE was operating without a full-time HR person for the last year of its existence, and I am pleased to have a dedicated HR professional – Vanessa Koch – on my staff. The central office team is comprised of a mix of CCSU employees, former WNESU employees who made the trip with me to Danville, and a couple of new hires in the business office. All of the team here is focused on the main mission for any central office team – keeping the lights on at the schools so that they can focus on teaching our children.

There are a number of important initiatives coming from the State level that will be impacting us over the remainder of this year and beyond. There is a pending change to the way the State reimburses us for a share of the costs of special education (FY22); a potential change to some of the technical student “weighting” formulae used (in part) to determine local tax rates; and whatever they think of next.



Perhaps the thing you should all be most concerned with is, “How is my local school doing in the midst of all of this change?” The short answer is that if we are doing our job well here in the central office there is little about the transition that should directly impact the individual schools on a daily basis. We are blessed here in CCSU to have experienced building leadership at the helm in your school, and this is a significant relief to me as the person responsible for ensuring that our Principals are doing a good job for your kids.

I have tried to keep you apprised of important news using an occasional newsletter that goes out in an email blast each time I publish. If this is news to you, let us know here in the central office and I will make sure you are on the distribution list.

I will be around for the community budget forums that are coming up soon. If we haven’t met, please feel free to introduce yourself.

Mark Tucker, Superintendent of Schools

# School Financial Reports

## Peacham School District Revenue Budget

### General Fund

	Budget FY19	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Budget FY21	Increase/ (Decrease)
<b>Local</b>					
1300 Tuition pre-k	0	0	0	0	0
1510 Interest Income	5,100	6,131	5,100	6,100	1,000
1700 Student fees	0	7,449	0	0	0
1900 Donations & refunds	250	12,712	250	0	(250)
1900 Fund Balance OR Reserve	50,000	0	46,000	0	(46,000)
<b>Total Local Revenue</b>	<b>55,350</b>	<b>26,292</b>	<b>51,350</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>(45,250)</b>
<b>State</b>					
3110 Education Fund Payments	1,755,742	1,753,169	1,872,945	2,029,735	156,790
3114 On Behalf Voc Ed	2,741	2,741	3,701	3,701	0
<b>Total Education Spending</b>	<b>1,758,483</b>	<b>1,755,910</b>	<b>1,876,646</b>	<b>2,033,436</b>	<b>156,790</b>
3145 Small Schools Grant	79,722	77,664	95,651	77,114	(18,537)
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>1,838,205</b>	<b>1,833,574</b>	<b>1,972,297</b>	<b>2,110,550</b>	<b>138,253</b>
<b>Federal</b>					
5900 E-Rate	1,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Federal Revenue</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other</b>					
5200 Transfer from Capital Reserve	31,700	29,700	0	15,000	15,000
5482 Medicaid Grant	0	0	7,857	10,500	2,643
5483 EPSDT Funds	0	0	1,200	0	(1,200)
5990 Prior Year Adjustment	(2,573)	1,589	0	0	0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,923,682</b>	<b>1,891,155</b>	<b>2,032,704</b>	<b>2,142,150</b>	<b>109,446</b>



# Peacham School District Expense Budget

## PEACHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET DETAIL OF FUNCTION

<b>Regular Ed Instruction PRE K</b>		Function	1100-11			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	69,621	68,637	101,045	94,005	(7,040)
200	Benefits	24,758	31,880	38,584	58,981	20,397
300	Professional Services	700	25	700	500	(200)
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0
500	Other Services	3,273	20	3,371	0	(3,371)
600	Supplies	3,750	3,092	1,500	950	(550)
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
800	Other	0	125	0	0	0
		102,102	103,778	145,200	154,436	9,236

<b>Regular Ed Instruction</b>		Function	1100			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	316,034	325,973	342,992	334,212	(8,780)
200	Benefits	88,274	95,923	104,338	104,100	(238)
300	Professional Services	2,000	0	1,500	1,500	0
400	Property Services	100	0	100	0	(100)
500	Other Services	1,000	1,025	675	850	175
600	Supplies	24,380	25,345	6,300	5,355	(945)
700	Equipment	700	0	3,450	1,450	(2,000)
800	Other	0	199	100	120	20
		432,488	448,466	459,455	447,587	(11,868)

<b>Special Ed Instruction</b>		Function	1200			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	78,252	84,361	115,339	127,689	12,350
		78,252	84,361	115,339	127,689	12,350

<b>Reg Instruction- SECONDARY</b>		Function	1100-30			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
500	Tuition	764,966	811,389	756,096	802,079	45,983
		764,966	811,389	756,096	802,079	45,983

<b>Co- Curricular ELO</b>		Function 1400				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	0	22,989	0	0	0
200	Benefits	0	1,730	0	0	0
600	Supplies	0	1,890	0	0	0
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
800	Other	0	2,652	0	0	0
		0	29,261	0	0	0
Total of Instruction		1,377,808	1,477,255	1,476,090	1,531,791	55,701

<b>Student Support Services</b>		Function 2120				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	0	0	17,613	18,384	771
200	Benefits	0	0	1,592	5,324	3,732
600	Supplies	100	0	300	400	100
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
800	Other	0	0	0	129	129
		100	0	19,505	24,237	4,732

<b>Health</b>		Function 2130				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	20,122	19,669	21,481	25,624	4,143
200	Benefits	10,257	10,485	11,799	13,410	1,611
600	Supplies	300	270	370	500	130
700	Equipment	0	0	0	100	100
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0
		30,679	30,424	33,650	39,634	5,984

<b>Student Support</b>		Function 2190				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	0	628	0	600	600
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0
500	Other Services	200	0	700	0	(700)
600	Supplies	1,250	256	1,450	2,250	800
700	Equipment	400	210	2,000	2,000	0
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0
		1,850	1,093	4,150	4,850	700
Total of Student Support		32,629	31,518	57,305	68,721	11,416

Improvement of Instructional Support

**Professional Development**

		Function 2210				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	0	5,095	0	1,500	1,500
200	Benefits	7,000	7,835	7,000	10,115	3,115
300	Professional Services	30,838	33,430	26,830	26,859	29
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0
500	Other Services	500	2,231	500	1,000	500
		<u>38,338</u>	<u>48,590</u>	<u>34,330</u>	<u>39,474</u>	<u>5,144</u>

**Library**

		Function 2220				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	10,713	4,745	5,306	5,688	382
200	Benefits	1,046	490	472	554	82
500	Other Services	600	410	600	600	0
600	Supplies	2,500	846	2,000	2,000	0
700	Equipment	200	670	200	500	300
800	Other	100	0	100	0	(100)
		<u>15,159</u>	<u>7,161</u>	<u>8,678</u>	<u>9,342</u>	<u>664</u>

**Technology**

		Function 2225				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	27,252	26,997	41,727	41,424	(303)
600	Supplies	500	152	500	500	0
700	Equipment	5,000	0	3,000	3,000	0
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0
		<u>32,752</u>	<u>27,150</u>	<u>45,227</u>	<u>44,924</u>	<u>(303)</u>

**General Admin**

		Function 2300				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	1,500	2,085	1,500	2,900	1,400
200	Benefits	126	160	115	222	107
300	Professional Services	5,000	500	5,000	11,600	6,600
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0
500	Other Services	4,300	4,546	5,070	4,260	(810)
600	Supplies	0	0	0	200	200
		<u>10,926</u>	<u>7,290</u>	<u>11,685</u>	<u>19,182</u>	<u>7,497</u>

Total of Instructional Support		<u>97,175</u>	<u>90,190</u>	<u>99,920</u>	<u>112,922</u>	<u>13,002</u>
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Administrative Function

**Superintendent Office**

For Fiscal Year:

		Function 2320		30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	42,913	44,003	59,194	39,801	(19,393)
		42,913	44,003	59,194	39,801	(19,393)

**Principal's Office**

For Fiscal Year:

		Function 2410		30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	99,263	97,824	100,582	103,893	3,311
200	Benefits	20,729	8,943	13,059	36,958	23,899
500	Other Services	900	751	950	1,150	200
600	Supplies	1,500	472	1,650	1,750	100
700	Equipment	200	0	200	200	0
800	Other	600	600	600	600	0
		123,192	108,590	117,041	144,551	27,510

**Fiscal Operations**

For Fiscal Year:

		Function 2520		30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	29,185	28,717	42,602	35,145	(7,457)
600	Supplies	100	0	100	0	(100)
800	Other	5,300	5,833	5,300	5,800	500
		34,585	34,549	48,002	40,945	(7,057)

Total of Administration Functions

200,690	187,142	224,237	225,297	1,060
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**Operations**

For Fiscal Year:

		Function 2600		30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	30,416	29,690	29,956	31,375	1,419
200	Benefits	11,240	15,390	11,717	12,743	1,026
300	Professional Services	3,000	3,045	3,000	3,000	0
400	Property Services	18,200	26,642	19,330	38,050	18,720
500	Other Services	5,100	5,965	4,880	6,600	1,720
600	Supplies	26,982	25,841	27,750	25,914	(1,836)
700	Equipment	32,400	35,187	700	1,500	800
800	Other	100	0	100	100	0
		127,438	141,760	97,433	119,282	21,849

**Equipment**

For Fiscal Year:

		Function 2640		30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
400	Property Services	4,700	4,862	4,700	5,000	300
		4,700	4,862	4,700	5,000	300

<b>Transportation</b>		Function	2710/2720			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	28,751	34,480	31,192	30,500	(692)
300	Professional Services	2,000	960	1,000	1,000	0
		<u>30,751</u>	<u>35,440</u>	<u>32,192</u>	<u>31,500</u>	<u>(692)</u>

Total of Operation/Transport		<u>162,889</u>	<u>182,061</u>	<u>134,325</u>	<u>155,782</u>	<u>21,457</u>
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<b>Food Service</b>		Function	3120			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	33,979	30,827	32,666	39,475	6,809
		<u>33,979</u>	<u>30,827</u>	<u>32,666</u>	<u>39,475</u>	<u>6,809</u>

<b>Long Term Debt</b>		Function	5100			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
800	Interest	817	2,385	2,304	2,116	(188)
900	Principal	3,401	5,775	5,857	6,046	189
		<u>4,218</u>	<u>8,159</u>	<u>8,161</u>	<u>8,162</u>	<u>1</u>

<b>Transfers</b>		Function	5390			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
900	Other	14,292	0	0	0	0
		<u>14,292</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Grand Totals		<u>1,923,680</u>	<u>2,007,152</u>	<u>2,032,704</u>	<u>2,142,150</u>	<u>109,446</u>
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## Peacham School District 3-Year Tax Comparison

<i>General Fund</i>	<b>FY19 ACTUAL</b>	<b>FY20 BUDGET</b>	<b>FY21 BUDGET</b>
Total Expenditures	1,923,682	2,032,704	2,142,150
less all other Revenues	(165,199)	(156,058)	(108,714)
= Total Education Spending	<b>1,758,483</b>	<b>1,876,646</b>	<b>2,033,436</b>
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<b>Equalized Pupils</b>	<b>98.56</b>	<b>102.52</b>	<b>101.03</b>
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	<b>17,842</b>	<b>18,305</b>	<b>20,127</b>
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<i>Excess Spending Threshold</i>	<i>17,816</i>	<i>18,311</i>	<i>18,756</i>
Base Education Amount (Yield)	10,220	10,648	10,883
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	1.7458	1.7191	1.9754
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	116.45%	111.82%	99.83%
<b>Actual Homestead Tax Rate</b>	<b>1.499</b>	<b>1.537</b>	<b>1.979</b>
Tax Increase/(decrease)	(0.258)	0.038	0.442
% Tax Increase/(decrease)	-14.7%	2.6%	28.7%
<b>Non Residential Tax Rate</b>	1.580    1.357	1.580    1.413	1.580    1.583
Increase in Education Spending	120,736	118,163	156,790

## Caledonia Central Supervisory Union Budget Summary

### Revenue

	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>SU Wide Activities</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
1362 Tuition- SPED	0	145,800	0	0	0
1510 Interest Income	200	566	0	0	0
1932 Special Ed Assessment-SU	1,619,841	1,775,120	3,425,182	4,225,935	800,753
1934 General Assessment-SU	688,438	696,081	1,194,030	1,083,509	(110,521)
1941 Educational Services	813,094	820,813	1,781,306	520,354	(1,260,952)
1990 Miscellaneous Revenue	43,180	56,065	0	0	0
Local:	<u>3,164,753</u>	<u>3,494,446</u>	<u>6,400,518</u>	<u>5,829,798</u>	<u>(570,720)</u>
3150 Transportation Aid	222,401	239,608	305,745	433,839	128,094
3201 Mainstream Block Grant	409,094	409,094	638,074	594,905	(43,169)
3202 Special Education Reimburseme	1,435,494	1,975,873	3,415,159	3,140,519	(274,640)
3203 Special Education Extraordinary	460,949	596,048	594,150	1,212,919	618,769
3205 State Placed Reimbursement	0	23,719	20,000	0	(20,000)
5200 Interfund Transfer	0	36,822	0	0	0
5400 Prior Year	10,000	12,053	0	0	0
State/Other	<u>2,537,938</u>	<u>3,293,217</u>	<u>4,973,128</u>	<u>5,382,182</u>	<u>409,054</u>
Sub Total	<u>5,702,691</u>	<u>6,787,663</u>	<u>11,373,646</u>	<u>11,211,980</u>	<u>(161,666)</u>
Federal/State Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Totals	<u>5,702,691</u>	<u>6,787,663</u>	<u>11,373,646</u>	<u>11,211,980</u>	<u>(161,666)</u>

# CCSU Expense Budget Detail

## Caledonia Central Supervisory Union DETAIL OF FUNCTION

<b>Special Education Instruction</b>		Function 1200				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	1,467,603	1,607,748	2,630,949	2,759,194	128,245
200	Benefits	369,742	509,180	987,200	1,034,490	47,290
300	Professional Services	501,974	658,414	849,100	1,543,215	694,115
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0
500	Other Services	811,532	1,275,186	1,967,387	1,353,036	(614,351)
600	Supplies	16,300	10,849	30,900	33,725	2,825
700	Equipment	11,300	3,211	20,500	20,630	130
800	Other	0	0	0	52	52
		3,178,451	4,064,587	6,486,036	6,744,342	258,306
<b>Psychological Services</b>		Function 2140				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	51,049	70,473	560,975	119,837	(441,138)
		51,049	70,473	560,975	119,837	(441,138)
<b>Speech &amp; Language</b>		Function 2150				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	240,338	258,381	326,566	419,265	92,699
200	Benefits	47,353	55,023	53,856	60,673	6,817
300	Professional Services	15,024	65,528	77,634	58,700	(18,934)
400	Property Services	2,400	0	1,200	1,200	0
500	Other Services	0	1,747	1,500	5,362	3,862
600	Supplies	3,750	1,518	3,750	5,368	1,618
700	Equipment	2,000	191	2,000	2,000	0
800	Other	0	298	0	307	307
		310,865	382,686	466,506	552,875	86,369
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>		Function 2160				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	90,344	73,348	114,890	141,388	26,498
200	Benefits	8,615	11,532	14,453	35,684	21,231
300	Professional Services	0	8,208	8,232	8,561	329
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0
500	Other Services	0	0	0	359	359
600	Supplies	400	3,326	400	1,050	650
700	Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0
		99,359	96,414	137,975	187,042	49,067

<b>Physical Therapy</b>		Function	2170			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	12,360	82,241	87,480	114,346	26,866
		12,360	82,241	87,480	114,346	26,866

<b>Curriculum Development SPED</b>		Function	2210			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	0	0	0	441	441
		0	0	0	441	441

<b>Curriculum Development</b>		Function	2210			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	148,297	133,461	154,500	151,723	(2,777)
200	Benefits	48,072	52,956	54,765	52,526	(2,239)
300	Professional Services	13,000	24,352	0	0	0
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0
500	Other Services	4,400	1,908	5,900	8,600	2,700
600	Supplies	1,500	4,340	2,200	3,300	1,100
700	Equipment	1,800	2,110	1,800	1,800	0
800	Other	1,000	855	1,700	3,000	1,300
		218,069	219,982	220,865	220,949	84

<b>Technology Supervision</b>		Function	2225			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	142,460	148,502	205,742	216,092	10,350
200	Benefits	49,043	59,868	62,052	96,369	34,317
300	Professional Services	0	0	8,638	0	(8,638)
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0
500	Other Services	59,310	92,770	79,598	80,000	402
600	Supplies	4,000	453	4,000	4,000	0
700	Equipment	18,000	19,646	4,250	4,250	0
800	Other	0	0	0	0	0
		272,813	321,239	364,280	400,711	36,431

<b>General Admin</b>		Function	2310			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	0	1,160	6,000	6,000	0
200	Benefits	0	89	459	459	0
300	Professional Services	52,350	62,576	76,518	30,100	(46,418)
500	Other Services	4,100	458	11,139	10,700	(439)
400	Property Services	8,100	6,950	7,000	12,500	5,500
		64,550	71,233	101,116	59,759	(41,357)

<b>Negotiations</b>		Function	2318			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
300	Professional Services	20,000	24,057	10,000	20,000	10,000
600	Supplies	0	68	0	0	0
		<u>20,000</u>	<u>24,125</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

<b>Superintendents Office</b>		Function	2321			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	216,887	216,675	327,627	234,561	(93,066)
200	Benefits	64,183	63,937	108,638	87,078	(21,560)
300	Professional Services	11,600	15,768	23,840	23,840	0
400	Property Services	40,500	41,952	68,555	49,500	(19,055)
500	Other Services	17,920	28,103	30,998	28,020	(2,978)
600	Supplies	7,700	5,368	11,350	9,650	(1,700)
700	Equipment	2,200	1,092	3,200	3,200	0
800	Other	5,000	5,090	9,000	6,000	(3,000)
		<u>365,990</u>	<u>377,985</u>	<u>583,208</u>	<u>441,849</u>	<u>(141,359)</u>

<b>Special Services Admin</b>		Function	2420			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	0	0	77,250	89,610	12,360
200	Benefits	0	0	22,076	31,784	9,708
300	Professional Services	0	0	3,000	6,100	3,100
400	Property Services	0	0	0	0	0
500	Other Services	0	0	2,000	2,054	54
600	Supplies	0	45	700	720	20
700	Equipment	0	605	0	1,170	1,170
800	Other	0	0	4,750	4,900	150
		<u>0</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>109,776</u>	<u>136,338</u>	<u>26,562</u>

<b>Fiscal Services</b>		Function	2520			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Equipment	188,497	194,716	324,962	286,481	(38,481)
200	Benefits	54,364	50,848	131,083	130,392	(691)
300	Professional Services	19,620	20,545	21,689	21,750	61
400	Property Services	9,997	9,997	9,997	9,997	0
500	Other Services	1,000	384	5,000	5,000	0
600	Supplies	3,500	4,149	5,150	5,150	0
700	Equipment	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
800	Other	700	872	825	825	0
		<u>278,678</u>	<u>281,511</u>	<u>499,706</u>	<u>460,595</u>	<u>(39,111)</u>

<b>Plant Operations</b>		Function	2600			
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	0	0	384,280	366,622	(17,658)
200	Benefits	0	0	177,232	130,188	(47,044)
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>561,512</u>	<u>496,810</u>	<u>(64,702)</u>

<b>Transportation</b>		Function 2711				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	68,597	61,148	229,296	208,206	(21,090)
200	Benefits	29,149	29,878	84,112	79,334	(4,778)
300	Professional Services	120	90	5,330	5,429	99
400	Property Services	57,000	57,437	92,000	93,875	1,875
500	Other Services	366,015	379,839	397,377	410,946	13,569
600	Supplies	12,000	11,886	53,800	53,253	(547)
700	Equipment	0	0	2,500	2,500	0
800	Other	600	1,647	800	800	0
		533,481	541,925	865,215	854,343	(10,872)

<b>Transportation Voc</b>		Function 2700				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	6,400	1,616	7,000	7,000	0
200	Benefits	490	136	536	536	0
600	Supplies	5,000	7,935	7,300	7,300	0
		11,890	9,687	14,836	14,836	0

<b>Transportation Extra</b>		Function 2700				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	11,000	10,857	11,000	11,000	0
200	Benefits	842	873	1,042	1,042	0
500	Other Services	0	3,748	0	0	0
		11,842	15,478	12,042	12,042	0

<b>Transportation SPED</b>		Function 2700				
For Fiscal Year:		30-Jun-19	30-Jun-19	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-21	
<u>Object</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Incr/(Dcrs)</u>
100	Salaries	10,378	5,198	15,857	0	(15,857)
200	Benefits	1,076	580	2,062	0	(2,062)
500	Title	261,840	231,030	274,199	374,865	100,666
		273,294	236,809	292,118	374,865	82,747

Grand Totals		5,702,691	6,797,024	11,373,646	11,211,980	(161,666)
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## CCSU Assessments By School District

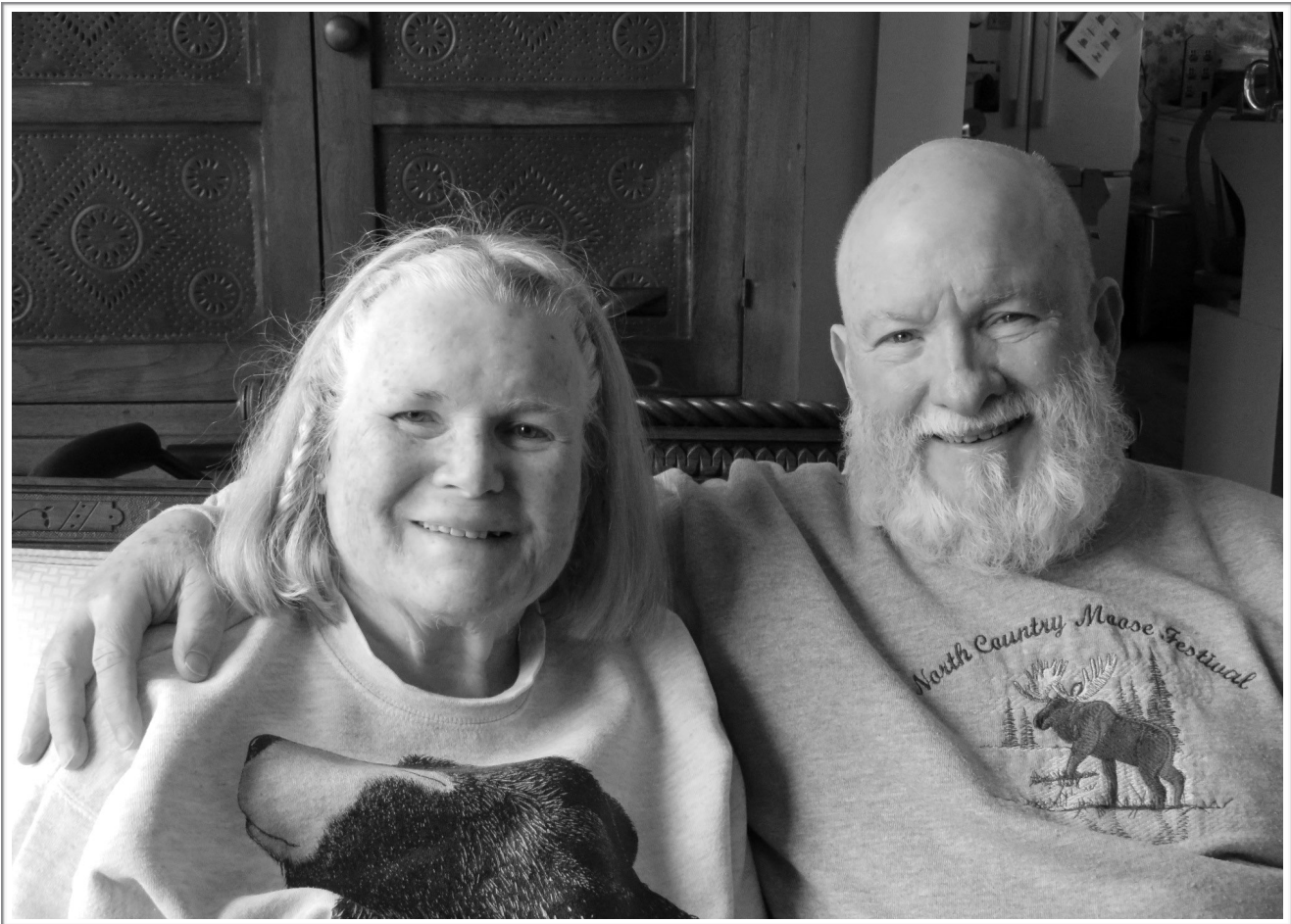
	FY21 Proposed Budget					Totals
	Cabot	Cal Coop	Danville	Peacham	Twinfield	
2210 Curriculum	\$ 25,580	\$ 78,265	\$ 52,385	\$ 16,859	\$ 47,860	\$ 220,949
2225 Technology	\$ 18,955	\$ 182,071	\$ 122,795	\$ 41,424	\$ 35,465	\$ 400,710
2310 General Admin	\$ 6,919	\$ 21,168	\$ 14,168	\$ 4,560	\$ 12,944	\$ 59,759
2318 Legal	\$ 2,315	\$ 7,084	\$ 4,742	\$ 1,526	\$ 4,332	\$ 20,000
2320 Superintendent's Office	\$ 51,155	\$ 156,513	\$ 104,759	\$ 33,715	\$ 95,709	\$ 441,850
2520 Fiscal Services	\$ 53,325	\$ 163,153	\$ 109,203	\$ 35,145	\$ 99,769	\$ 460,595
	\$ 158,249	\$ 608,253	\$ 408,053	\$ 133,229	\$ 296,079	\$ 1,603,863
1200 SPED	\$1,392,936	\$3,090,224	\$2,076,059	\$ 284,470	\$1,150,030	\$ 7,993,719
2400 SPED Admin	\$ 24,728	\$ 95,136	\$ 48,134	\$ 16,257	\$ 52,115	\$ 236,369
2600 Maintenance	\$ 158,904	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337,905	\$ 496,809
2700 Transportation	\$ 75,478	\$ 345,162	\$ 202,763	\$ 57,527	\$ 200,290	\$ 881,220
	\$1,810,294	\$4,138,775	\$2,735,009	\$ 491,483	\$2,036,418	\$ 11,211,980

## Peacham School District Faculty and Staff

Name	Description	FTE	FY20 Amount
Brisco, Janice	Teacher Intervention	1.00	75,445
Brock, Molly	Teacher Nurse	0.40	22,063
Colosa, Kevin	Teacher Music	0.33	22,983
Gadway, Leslie	Teacher Grade 5/6	1.00	41,371
Gray, Ashley	Principal	1.00	73,852
Lyons, Heidi	Teacher Art	0.20	12,524
McLaughlin, Andrea	Teacher Intervention	1.00	71,743
Ostrander Kurrle, Regina	Teacher PE	0.20	14,843
Parker, Sarah	Teacher Pre-K	1.00	74,213
Ryan, Shirley	Admin Assistant	1.00	24,495
Sheerin, Mary Jane	Paraeducator - Regular	0.60	11,933
Stevenson, Cheryl	Head Custodian	0.60	26,861
Stevenson, Cheryl	Paraeducator - Regular	0.40	12,883
Thompson, Aimee	Teacher Kindergarten	1.00	41,371
Tinkham, Brittany	Teacher Grade 3/4	1.00	47,066
Watrobski, Adrianna	Guidance Counselor	0.40	17,600
White, Kaitlin	Para - Library	0.20	4,825
Youngberg, Kelly	Teacher Grade 1/2	1.00	44,788

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December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

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Photo: Diana and Jerry Senturia, 2019 winners of the Harry Barnes Award For Extraordinary Volunteer Service to the Peacham Community by of Peacham Community Housing.

# Warning For the Annual Peacham Town Meeting

## WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL PEACHAM TOWN MEETING MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2020

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 3rd, 2020** immediately following the Annual 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 deposit \$7,807.45 from the General Fund into the Capital Building Fund to be used for ADA improvements on the Town Hall in 2020? The amount of \$7,807.45 is the sum of unexpended funds from 2019.
4. Shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$1,971,934, of which \$787,129 shall be raised by taxes and \$1,184,805 by nontax revenue?
5. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$29,790, to be raised by taxes, and to be held in the Peacham Afternoon Childcare restricted fund, for the sole purpose of funding and continuing the afternoon childcare program? Cost projections based on current enrollment amount to about \$9,450. Total costs of \$29,790 is based on maximum enrollment. Any unexpended funds at the close of 2020 from the Peacham Afternoon Childcare restricted fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.
6. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$8,629 to be raised in taxes to support the following organizations? These requests are the same amounts as requested in 2019.

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Services to Peacham (see agency reports for further information)</b>
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.
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium	\$650.00	Based on 2000 census at \$1 per resident. Provides free unlimited general admission for all Peacham residents; offers science education, exhibits, and weather/information services.
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.

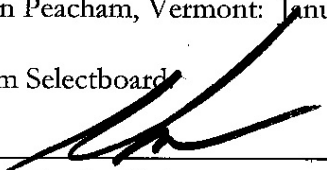
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Services to Peacham (see agency reports for further information)</b>
NEK Council on Aging (formerly Area Agency on Aging for NE'ern Vermont)	\$660.00	Services to seniors: senior meals programs; wellness and fitness programs; health insurance counseling; family caregiver support; elder justice advocacy; benefits advocacy; problem-solving for Social Security and insurance; budgeting assistance.
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$769.00	Mental health services (request based on \$1.05 per resident from 2010 census).
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.
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{The Peacham Fire District #1 maintains the water supply for Peacham Village, including public facilities.}
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{The Peacham Historical Association provides; community programs, exhibits, preservation of historic archives and collections, Peacham research, and publications.}

9. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$26,000 to be raised in taxes to support the Peacham Library? This is an increase of \$14,000 from 2019's appropriation of \$12,000.  
 {The Peacham Library provides; library services, including books, periodicals, films, audio books, internet access, community programs and gatherings, technology training, used book sale, and municipal meeting space.}
10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be raised in taxes to support SASH (Support and Services at Home)? This is a new consideration for 2020.  
 {SASH provides free support and services at home for elderly and disabled people who are Medicare eligible, including wellness visits, medication reviews, blood pressure screening, and healthy living planning.}
11. Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before November 2nd, 2020, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date?
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Dated in Peacham, Vermont: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

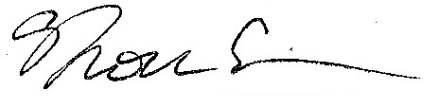
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 Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk & Treasurer

# Minutes for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting

The Legal Voters of the Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham, Vermont on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:15 AM

Tim McKay read the Warning for the 2019 Town Meeting.

Tim turned the meeting over to the Selectboard for Article 1. Tim Scott, Chair of the Selectboard, read the first article.

**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.

Rick Scholes nominated Tim McKay. Seconded by Mike Tillotson. There were no other nominations. **Tim McKay** elected Moderator by voice vote.

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

Ron Craig asked if he could stand and give the *Pledge of Allegiance* to the flag and asked the audience to join him. Tim asked the residents to stand and say the *Pledge of Allegiance* to the flag.

Charlie Byron spoke on behalf of the Auditors. He stated that the report will be short; “everything is fine” he said. The residents laughed and clapped. He went over the monthly auditing procedures. He then stated that the auditors are responsible for the Town Report and invited residents to join in the process.

Ron Craig moved to receive the report, seconded by Jerry Senturia. The report was received by voice vote.

**Article 3:** Shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$1,536,569, of which \$775,838 shall be raised by taxes and \$760,731 by nontax revenue?

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

Tim Scott, Chair of the Selectboard, thanked the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Road Foreman, Road Crew, and the many Volunteers who helped make the job of the Selectboard easier. Tim acknowledged the rise in this year’s budget. He stated that although it is below the cost of inflation it is the highest since 2010. He further explained that since 2011 the Town enjoyed little to no increase in the budget. He mentioned deferring costs has left residents frustrated with a lack of services, and forced the board to scramble over capital improvements, retreatment of roads, highway and fire department equipment. In 2017 the board started setting aside money to stabilize future budgets. He thanked Jeremy Withers for his hard work and dedication. The residents clapped loudly. Tim spoke about the concerns for an undersized culvert on Aiken Farm Rd which will cost the Town \$52,000 to replace in 2019. Tim continued about outdated highway equipment costing about \$50,000 to repair in 2018 and has led the Board to switch from buying trucks to leasing them to save money and stabilize the budget for 2019. Tim continued to discuss the increase from leasing (to own) the new fire tanker at \$43,000 a year for the next seven years. The old tanker is leaking. Tim said the Town is planning to improve the soccer field, Town Hall, and tennis court area. Tim also spoke about the formation of a new energy committee in 2018 to help the town save money and energy through recommendations to the selectboard. He thanked Neil Monteith for his work in developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan. He finished with a quick discussion of the Town Plan to be released in 2019.

Mark Clough asked Thomas Galinat (Town Clerk) about the Town Office in terms of staffing, records, and technology.

-Thomas spoke that there were only 2 members, Rebecca Washington and himself. He spoke that the Town Office now has a full digital record of the surveys in the vault. He continued that the Town Office has upgraded some electrical systems to meet insurance requests and has improved its efficiency with new LED lighting.

-Clough thanked Tom for his work and acknowledged the increase of the Town Clerks role. He also thanked him for all the horse pulling activities. The residents clapped and laughed.

Rick Scholes asked why the pickup truck purchase was separated from the budget.

-Tim Scott, Selectboard Chair, replied it was for transparency. He said the decision to buy was getting close to the end of budget discussions and the Board felt it was best to leave it up to the voters.

Kathy Corcoran of the Peacham Fire Department, thanked the residents for their continued support. She said the fire department is in need of volunteers. Kathy said that Cynther Greene is taking orders for 911 address signs. The signs are essential for responders who don't know everyone in town.

-Jerry Senturia said there was an anonymous donor to cover the cost of the sign for those who cannot afford one.

-Herta Forrai said she would need a post but she was too old to put a post in.

-Cynther Greene said she would help her, Herta said "help me dig!" The residents filled the meeting house with laughter.

Barry Lawson asked what the non-tax revenue was and what is the direction of future budgets.

-Thomas Galinat, Treasurer, explained the non-tax revenue is money we borrow in anticipation of taxes (\$200,000), \$122,000 from grants for the Aiken Farm Rd culvert, \$134,000 in State Highway Aid, these funds are any funds raised outside of tax bills.

-Lawson asked if they were definite or if the Town was waiting for a grant.

-Galinat said the \$122,000 was confirmed and will be completed in 2019.

-Tim Scott, Selectboard Chair, said the Town is now putting aside money for equipment, paving roads, capital building, and the new lease plan are all examples of trying to save the town money.

-Lawson asked if the future budget would go up, or down?

-Scott said he hoped it would be level funded in the future.

-Galinat said the idea of saving and leasing is about planned spending as opposed to reactionary spending. He furthered that this method should keep the budget level with respect to the cost of inflation.

-Scott reiterated that keeping trucks too long costs the Town down time and money. He said that we end up fixing the trucks just to trade them in.

Wendy Morgan asked if the Town was planning on taking on some of the school's expenses.

-Nate Giroux, Selectperson, said the school received notice of a \$90,000 decrease in revenue two days before the Warning was due. He said this was a discussion between the Town and School to shift funding which would reduce the penalty. The penalty is based on the school's cost per student compared to the state average.

Julie Hansen thanked the Fire Department for how professional and kind the Fire Department is.

Matt Kiley asked why the Fondo cost the Town \$4700.

-Thomas Galinat, Treasurer said the Fondo cost the Town \$0. The account is a pass-through account, ear marked for the specific cause of a new pavilion, which reflects the amount of money raised from donations and the event. The expenses for the Fondo are withdrawn from this account.

-Charles Byron, Auditor, pointed out all the pass-through accounts. He said these accounts are a direct reflection of all good things happening in Peacham.



-Gretchen Kaija, Fondo organizer, said the Town, Fire Department, and the Library were very supportive of the event and they are planning on holding the event again.

Bruce Wescott, non-resident, asked permission to speak, Tim McKay, Moderator, asked if there was any objection to Bruce speaking. There was no objection

-Wescott asked about leasing vehicles.

-Nate Giroux, Selectperson, said that the tanker is 7 year lease and will come off the budget. He also said that leasing the town trucks will remain on the budget.

-Thomas Galinat, Treasurer, explained that the Selectboard cannot buy equipment, only residents can. He said the Selectboard can lease equipment. The fire tanker is a 7-year lease-to-own example. The town truck is a lease to lease. He said that the Town is in the process of leasing to own a truck and leasing a truck, this will be used to compare true costs.

**Article 4:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$52,905, to be raised by taxes, and to be held in the Road Capital Equipment Fund until used, for the sole purpose of the acquisition of a new one ton pickup truck with plow for the Highway Department?

Jerry Senturia moved to accept the Article, seconded by Lynn Lawson. The article passed by voice vote.

Matt Kiley asked how many miles are on the current town pickup.

-Tim Scott, Chair of the Selectboard, said the truck has just over 120,000 miles. He noted that the dealership said don't even bring it in to trade, they were not interested.

-Nate Giroux, Selectperson, assured the voters that the best plan was to buy the truck outright and plan to replace in 5 years.

**Article 5:** Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$24,179 to be raised in taxes to support the following organizations?

<b>Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice</b>	*\$2,000.00	Home health care; hospice; long-term care; maternal/child care; homemaking; nursing visits; home health aides; therapy visits.
<b>Catamount Arts</b>	*\$500.00	Arts education, live performances, films, festivals, gallery exhibits, First Night.
<b>Danville-Peacham Senior Meals Site</b>	*\$800.00	Senior meals program for Peacham residents with services in Peacham and Danville.
<b>Fairbanks Museum &amp; Planetarium</b>	*\$650.00	Based on 2000 census at \$1 per resident. Provides free unlimited general admission for all Peacham residents; offers science education, exhibits, weather/information services.
<b>Kingdom Animal Shelter</b>	*\$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.

<b>NEK Council on Aging (formerly Area Agency on Aging for NE'ern Vermont)</b>	*\$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.
<b>Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.</b>	*\$769.00	Mental health services (request based on \$1.05 per resident from 2010 census).
<b>Northeast Kingdom Learning Services</b>	*\$250.00	Adult Basic Education; literacy tutoring; GED preparation, dropout recovery program.
<b>Northeast Kingdom Youth Services</b>	*\$500.00	Services to teens; parent education program; Living Room day shelter for teens; court diversion program; school outreach/mentoring programs; transitional living assistance.
<b>Peacham Community Housing</b>	*\$1,000.00	Affordable housing for Peacham residents; historic preservation; support for community development projects including Café, Guild, and Acoustic Music Fest.
<b>Peacham Fire District #1</b>	*\$1,500.00	Maintains water supply for Peacham Village, including public facilities.
<b>Peacham Historical Association</b>	*\$1,000.00	Community programs and exhibits, preservation of historic archives and collections; Peacham research and publications.
<b>Peacham Library</b>	*\$12,000.00	Library services, including books, periodicals, films, audio books, internet access, community programs and gatherings, technology training, used book sale.
<b>Rural Community Transportation, Inc.</b>	*\$500.00	Regional public transportation services with scheduled services to Peacham.
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<b>West Danville Community Club</b>	*\$500.00	For maintenance of free public beach at Joe's Pond.
<b><u>Total Requests for 2018</u></b>	<b><u>\$24,179.00</u></b>	

\* Denotes same amount as 2018

Dave Edwards moved to accept the Article, seconded by Diana Senturia. The Article passed by voice vote.

Josette Lyders, Appropriations Committee member, spoke giving gratitude to Charlie Browne, former Appropriation Committee member. Josette said Charlie served on the committee for 26 years. The residents clapped.

Charlie Browne commented “aw shucks”, the residents laughed. Charlie spoke for Peacham Community Housing, thanking the residents. Charlie said that there is an award sponsored by PCH, The Harry Barnes Award. He urged residents to make nominations.

Mel Reis spoke from the Northeast Kingdom Counsel on Aging. Mel described the services provided and thanked the residents.

Adam Kane spoke from the Fairbanks Museum thanking the residents and reminded residents that by approving the appropriation, all Peacham residents have free admission to the museum.

Gillian Sewake spoke from Peacham Library thanking the residents and introduced the new Library Director. Gillian described the programs for the summer and pointed out a survey in the back of the room.

Joe Alper asked if the ambulance service was rolled into the budget.

-Josette Lyders, Appropriation Committee member said that Danville Rescue has been absorbed by CALEX and most towns are now contracting for ambulance service. The total appropriation is less without the Danville Rescue line.

**Article 6:** Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of 1 percent per month with an 8 percent penalty charged against them from the due date.

Ron Craig moved to accept the Article, seconded by Diana Senturia. There was no discussion. The Article passed by voice vote.

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

Peter Craig nominated Tom Galinat. Seconded by Ron Craig. There were no other nominations. **Tom Galinat** elected Town Clerk by a voice vote.

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

Nate Giroux nominated Tom Galinat. Rick Scholes seconded. There were no other nominations. **Tom Galinat** elected Town Treasurer by voice vote.

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

Marilyn Magnus nominated Beatrice Ring. Seconded by Lynn Lawson. There were no other nominations. Rick Scholes moved to close nominations and have the clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Brian Barney. The motion pass by a voice vote. The Moderator directed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Beatrice Ring. **Beatrice Ring** elected Selectperson by a ballot vote. The residents clapped.

**Article 10:** To elect a Selectboard member for a term of 1 year.

Ron Craig nominated Peter Craig. Seconded by Diana Senturia. Jock Gill nominated Mary Daly. Barry Lawson nominated Nate Giroux. Nate Giroux declined the nomination. Jane Alper moved to close nominations, seconded by Diana Senturia. The nominations were closed by a voice vote. The moderator explained the ballot process and rules according to State Statute. Geoff Sewake requested the Candidates introduce themselves.

Barry Lawson asked which board members were going out.

-Nate Giroux, Selectperson, said Tim Scott, Selectboard Chair is leaving the 3 year term. The residents clapped. Nate said he stepped in to fill Natty Emmons spot in December. His spot is only for 1 year to fill out Emmons' term.

Geoff Sewake asked for a speech.

Mary Daly introduced herself. She said she was raised in Peacham but left to be a flight nurse. Mary said she previously lived in Fairlee, VT where she was a Selectman and on the Board of Civil Authority. Mary also said that she has a family history of contributing to town affairs.

Peter Craig introduced himself. He said he was born and raised in Peacham. He has been on the fire department, served in the military and is ready to help in any way.

The Moderator opened the election to ballot and explained the flow of the voting process. The residents cheerfully began filling the center aisle of the Meeting House sharing smiles and talking while waiting to vote. After all voters had a chance to vote, the Moderator declared the ballot boxes closed and asked the election officials to count the votes. The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk tallied the votes for the Moderator.

Total votes cast tallied 121, 61 are needed for a majority. Peter Craig 75, Mary Daly 46, 5 spoiled. **Peter Craig** elected Selectperson by ballot vote. The residents clapped.

**Article 11:** To elect a Lister for a term of 3 years.

Betsy McKay nominated Rusty Barber. There were no other nominations. Diana Senturia moved to close nominations. Seconded by Jerry Senturia. Rick Scholes moved to have the Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Charlie Browne. The motion was passed by voice vote. The Moderator directed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Rusty Barber. **Rusty Barber** elected Lister by ballot vote. The residents clapped.

**Article 12:** To elect an Auditor for a term of 3 years.

Morris McCain nominated Stan Fickes. Seconded by Nate Giroux. There were no other nominations. Kathy Corcoran moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot, seconded by Rick Scholes. The motion was passed by voice vote. The Moderator directed the Clerk to cast one ballot for Stan Fickes. **Stan Fickes** elected Auditor by ballot vote. The residents clapped.

**Article 13:** To elect a Grand Juror for a term of 1 year.

Nate Giroux nominated Charlie Browne. There were no other nominations. **Charlie Browne** elected Grand Juror by voice vote.

**Article 14:** To elect a Town Agent for a term of 1 year.

Diana Senturia nominated Robert Fuehrer. There were no other nominations. **Robert Fuehrer** elected Town Agent by voice vote.

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

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

**Article 16:** To elect a Second Constable for a term of 1 year.

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

**Article 17:** To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.

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

Josette Lyders wanted to thank John Sheehan. The residents clapped.

**Article 18:** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Betsy McKay reminded residents to file the HS-122 Homestead Declaration before the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. She also reminded resident to file the HI-144.

Jock Gill said the Peacham Energy Committee is looking for someone to join the Energy Committee. Jock said there is a survey in the back of the room.

-Gretchen Kaija said the survey in the back of the room is saving the Town mailing costs.

Madge Rossinoff asked the residents to think of another location for the pavilion (other than the tennis court). Madge said she had a petition and urged residents to sign.

Jerry Senturia suggested that Energy Committee should do a mailing with the Town Tax Bill.

Rachael Moragues spoke for the Peacham Farmers Market. Rachael said the market will start in June. Rachael said the Farmers Market is selling bags for \$15.

Mel Reis spoke for PAM fest and urged residents to sign up to volunteer.

Jane Alper spoke as the coordinator of the Roller Barn. Jane is looking for volunteers to staff the Roller Barn. Jane said the Roller Barn is the only roller barn museum in the world.

Erin Lane spoke for the Peacham School Parents Teachers Friends group to remind residents about the Mud and Muck auction on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Erin said they are still looking for donations.

Josh Kantrowitz, Peacham Health Officer, reminded residents about the concerns of ticks. Josh gave the residents some methods to prevent tick-borne diseases.

Dick Lyders spoke about the pavilion. Dick said there are already plans for a pavilion at the Fire District's land on Mack Mountain Rd.

Andrea Kane spoke about the appreciation fund in Peacham. Andrea said that this year they recognized Jerry and Diana Senturia. The residents clapped wildly.

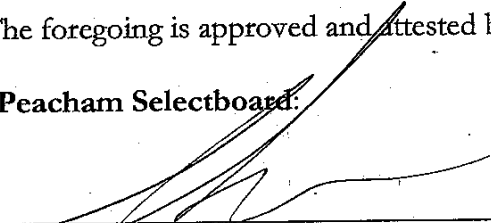
Alfred Dedam said that it was his mother's birthday. The residents clapped and erupted into "Happy Birthday".

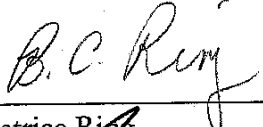
Jean Dedam said that it was also Morgan Gold's birthday. The residents clapped.

Kathy Corcoran moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Diana Senturia. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

The foregoing is approved and attested by:

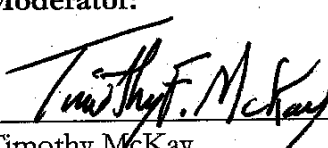
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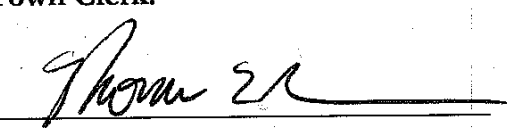
  
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## Auditors' Report

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, 2019 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. We've also reorganized the Balance Sheet Report to distinguish taxpayer-funded reserve funds from those where the Town serves as a collection point for donations.

Over the past 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.

We have continued to develop the tools used to produce this report, including our historical financial database, and many document files and templates, and we have placed these on cloud-based storage where they are accessible to all the Auditors.

We extend our thanks to Town Treasurer Tom Galinat and Assistant Treasurer Rebecca Washington for their dedicated work in 2019, and for their good humor. We would also like to thank volunteer Jill Hurst for her help in putting together this Town Report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Byron, Jan Eastman and Stan Fickes  
Town of Peacham Auditors



## Selectboard Report

2019 was another productive year for the Town of Peacham. Thanks to the hard work of the Planning Commission, we were able to finalize and approve our new Town Plan. This allowed us to move forward with reinstating our village center designation, which was lost when our previous town plan expired. The Village Center Designation opens the door to numerous technical assistance programs and state funding to assist us in making Peacham an even stronger community than it already is.

We adopted the Better Roads standards, which is designed to promote better erosion control and maintenance techniques. Adopting these standards allows the Town to access grant funds to improve ditching and culverts, which will mitigate the expense of repairing washouts from extreme rainfall events as well as helping to keep our brooks, ponds, lakes and streams cleaner. These standards also lower our required local match on all state highway grants from 30% to 20%.

As you have probably noticed by now, the Board decided to institute a cashless punch card system at the transfer station. This was the result of a recommendation from our Auditors several years ago and seems to be working quite well. Cards can be purchased at the Clerk's Office, Marty's First Stop, West Barnet Quick Stop, and of course the Transfer station (checks only please.)

We were successful in crossing off a laundry list of projects that have been hanging out there over the last year: The new town website ([www.peacham.org](http://www.peacham.org)) is up and running! Many thanks to Terry Miller for her hard work on this! We brought power and lighting to the Roller Barn, installed a telephone at the Transfer Station, and are moving forward with repairing the ramp to the Town gym, allowing for ADA compliant access for community activities as well as voting.

Although we were able to keep the budget level and end with a small surplus, we were not able to lower it as much we had hoped. This was due to an unplanned culvert replacement at the north end of the Peacham Rd. These things happen I suppose.

We are now on a 3-year replacement cycle for town trucks. This plan will pay for itself through the subsequent reduction in maintenance and repair costs, as well as provide the road crew with a more reliable fleet. A new furnace was installed at the Town garage and repairs were made to the water line feeding the garage, eliminating the hassle and cost of hauling water in. On the agenda for 2020 is to repave East Peacham Rd! We hope to do this using a combination of money set aside each year for the purpose of paving, as well as State grant funds. This should not impact the tax rate. It is our goal to increase contributions to the retreatment fund in next year's budget in order to try and get ahead of our retreatment needs without affecting tax rates in the future.



The afternoon child care program is having a very successful first year. The program is expected to grow next year, and there are many exciting things planned (such as a community bread oven!). We realize this topic is controversial, and rather than include it into the budget, it was decided to make this its own article in order to facilitate more transparency and discussion.

On the docket for the upcoming year: We are diligently working to provide more oversight and coordination with our Committees and Town Officials, both elected and appointed.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone involved in making Peacham what it is. It is because of your participation and creativity that Peacham continues to grow and thrive.

Mike Heath, Chair, Peacham Selectboard

## Town Clerk's Report

This year was defined by the completion of the Reappraisal. The Clerk's Office was busy with a constant flow of residents seeking information about all the aspects of the reappraisal. Starting the surge last winter, the Listers announced the new tax maps. We spent countless hours scanning deeds and surveys to assist Lister and resident alike. Loose ends were tied up that have been unknowns for over 50 years. I thoroughly enjoyed working on this process. These changes were spurred by a change in right-of-way calculation for tax purposes required by the State. With the reappraisal underway now was the time to get the maps done. The maps were just the beginning. The Listers produced an excellent product with a final Common Level of Appraisal, or CLA, of 99.83%. That's right, 0.17% off. Let me say this in another way...They Nailed It! Grievances of the assessment led to a flood of residents researching their properties. Of all the properties grieved, about 10% of all properties, only 4 went on to the Board of Civil Authority. Of those only two had their values changed. The BCA wrapped up the reappraisal process in November. The Listers worked countless hours and painstakingly corrected decades of errors and omissions. Many of these corrections had



little or no effect on the assessment itself, which is a testament to their commitment to a job well done. It safe to say that the Town's data set provided by the Listers is the most complete and accurate to date.

Our records are changing across the State with the introduction of the Vital Records Information Management System or VRIMS. This new platform allows Clerks from any town to produce vital records for any Vermont vital record event. There are some restrictions on who can receive the records, but this means that if you were born in Vermont but not in Peacham, we can still retrieve your birth record. Visit us for more details. While you're visiting, check out our growing section of self-serve records. We believe in providing efficient service to the representatives of our residents, namely, attorneys and real estate professionals. The Land Records of our Town are my single largest priority. I intend to preserve them with the upmost care. Last year we purchased a new 3 shelf roller shelf to organize and preserve our earliest records. In 2020 we will be installing another full-size roller shelf to accommodate our growing land records. This expansion of our roller shelves is an implementation of a 20-year plan created in 2015. The expansion does not increase taxes and is entirely funded through recording fees.



Building maintenance continued in 2019. Schoolcraft Builders did an amazing job matching the architecture of the Town Offices when they built the extension to the roof by the stairs to the gym. This extension makes snow removal easier, and will prevent both the gym and furnace room doors from getting snowed shut. So far so good this year. Thanks, Greg and Blake! In 2020 the Selectboard plans on renovating the ramp and rear entrance to the gym. This renovation will be funded by the capital building fund and will not increase taxes. Dave Stauffer built a posting board for the Town at the Library. He never ceases to amaze me with his ability to make fine details match those of centuries ago. The Peacham Fire District #1 also did a lot of work in 2019 with the new water mains. Although the Town had no part in the construction, our office spent many hours working with the engineers reviewing old plans and surveys from the Academy days. It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. In Clerk terms, a survey is worth a thousand deeds. For all of 2019 and 2020's projects, that could not have been more true.

Lastly, I would like to thank and acknowledge Josette Lyders along with the rest of Appropriations Committee, Nancy Saidi and Mel Reis. They created policies and procedures for the appropriation process. This is now on file in the Town Clerk's Office in perpetuity. I cannot thank them enough for the countless hours spent creating this document. Now any resident can be appointed to the committee and ensure the process is fair, replicable, and most of all enjoyable. I always fear the day when long term volunteers retire. With processes like this in place I can now confidently wish a happy retirement to all on the appropriation committee...but don't retire yet, I mean seriously, you're just getting started, right?

\* **Peacham residents** – don't forget to file your HS-122 and HI-144 forms with the State before the **April 15th** deadline. Late filing will result in a **penalty**, which will be applied to your 2020 Tax Bill.



Thomas Galinat  
Peacham Town Clerk

## Town Treasurer's Report

2019 closed with a total of \$7,807.45 of unexpended funds. In Article 4 of the warning, you'll have the opportunity to move these funds into the Capital Building Fund to offset future renovation costs. The Selectboard felt this was the best use of the funds for 2020. Renovations have been delayed since 2017 due to higher-than-anticipated renovation bids. Both previous boards and the current Selectboard felt that saving toward the renovation project was better than a single spike in the budget. I have to agree.

For the first time since 2015 we had to borrow funds in the anticipation of taxes. We borrowed a total of \$150,000 in 2019. This debt cost the Town \$1,542.03 in interest. The need to borrow was created by three events. First, the purchase of a new pickup truck for our Highway Department. This was decided by the voters at Town Meeting so the funds were to be available immediately following that meeting. Second, the Fire Department ordered a new tanker truck. This truck required the down payment due at the time of delivery of the chassis to the body shop as opposed to being due upon delivery of the finished truck. The chassis was delivered early in the year, so our down payment came in the most vulnerable time to make large payouts. Third, the timing of tax bills. 2019 tax bills went out later than usual. This was due to the recessed school meetings. The State could not calculate tax rates for the school portion until after the school budget was passed. The delay in tax bills delayed our cash flow. I work very hard every year to ensure large projects are completed later in the summer, large lease payments are due later in the year, and tax bills go out early to get our cash flow moving. The events cost us \$1,542.03, all of which can be avoided if we plan appropriately in the future.

There were a few unexpected and therefore unbudgeted expenses in 2019. In May the Selectboard agreed to take on the afternoon care program from the school. This was awarded by bid to a contractor and ended up costing the Town \$3,502. The Culvert on the Peacham Danville Road failed and opened a pandora's box in North Peacham. An old timer (Jeff Berwick) once told me "You can't walk across that swamp, Tom". His voice turned instant old-school Vermonter and shaky like,


shortly followed by tales of enormous deer that got away and buddies that disappeared in there forever (okay, I made that part up). However, there may be some truth to these tales. The excavator never found that buck or his buddy, but it also never found the bottom either. Over 20 10-wheeler loads of 2ft stone were needed to fill a trench 6ft wide. This emergency repair cost \$26,289.80. The final unbudgeted expense came from paving the stretch of road from Monteith's to the Danville line. Jeremy Withers, Road Foreman, would like everyone to know this was only a shim and overlay. It is not a permanent repair and may fall apart faster than rebuilding the road. It is considerably less expensive but also does not last as long. This paving project cost \$27,266.98.

These projects were absolutely necessary. The costs would have put us in a deficit without John Sheehan, Delinquent Tax Collector. This year he collected \$107,555.41. That's \$47,000 more than was budgeted. He works harder than anyone I know. His handshake is firm and his eyes on yours. He is a testament to a person's word, to good-faith bargaining, and giving a hand up to those in need. I've seen him work with all walks of life, everyone from Yale to jail, and his methods are the same. They are the same as when he was first elected Delinquent Tax Collector in 1977, 43 years ago. He told me not to congratulate him or let anyone know what he's done for all of us. So, I never told you, but would someone please bake the man a cake, but as we discussed, for no reason of course.

In early 2019, the Town of Peacham leased a 10-wheel plow truck for \$9,806.01 for three years. The next Selectboard carried on this tradition this year by signing another 3-year lease on a 6-wheel plow truck for \$12,211.39 a year. Last year we spent over \$20,000 keeping our oldest truck on the road. This truck was only 7 years old. By leasing trucks under warranty, we will save money, reduce down time, and keep Jeremy smiling; did I mention he likes pumpkin spice coffee, because that keeps him smiling too. We paid off our John Deere 544K loader this year. Excluding the leased vehicles, we still owe \$111,655.21 on an International 10-wheel plow truck.

The 2020 budget looks extremely good. I am very pleased. The Selectboard did a great job of matching cost of living increases while carving off the excess. This was by far the most deliberate budget I've been a part of. Selectboard, well done. There are two large unknowns which will likely lead to unexpended funds. The first being the Aiken Farm Road box culvert. The budget was set before the bids came in. We will have to wait to see how the project finishes up. In addition, the grant was awarded during a 30% match agreement. Our agreement is now a 20% match for 2020. I do not yet have an answer if the State will award this based on date of award or the date of project completion. The second is Article 5 of the Warning. If passed the unexpended funds from the Peacham Afternoon Care Fund would transfer into the general fund at the end of 2020.

The Cemetery assets did very well this year. The Endowment closed at \$125,449.91. This is an increase of 18.88%. The Cemetery Working Capital also did well with a 17.48% increase, finishing the year at \$20,030.24.



Thomas Galinat  
Peacham Town Treasurer

# Town Financial Reports

## Balance Sheet

	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17	12/31/18	12/31/19
<b>Assets (Bank Accounts)</b>					
Main Checking	\$ 11,300	\$ 241,562	\$ 162,882	\$ 149,786	\$ 121,187
ICS High Interest	\$ 390,607	\$ 138,774	\$ 186,307	\$ 134,130	\$ 195,681
Electronic Receiving	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
ACH High Risk		\$ 950	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,058
Road Retreatment	\$ 21,531	\$ 5,451	\$ 5,454	\$ 45,457	\$ 85,505
Road Capital Equipment	\$ 41,021	\$ 61,061	\$ 1,114	\$ 41,114	\$ 81,158
Cemetery Working Capital	\$ 16,727	\$ 18,198	\$ 17,782	\$ 18,266	\$ 20,007
Cemetery Endowment	\$ 93,564	\$ 97,744	\$ 111,095	\$ 108,844	\$ 125,450
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 575,250</b>	<b>\$ 564,241</b>	<b>\$ 486,192</b>	<b>\$ 499,155</b>	<b>\$ 630,546</b>
<b>Liabilities*</b>					
Education Tax Payable	\$ 135,525	\$ 104,879	\$ 51,987	\$ -	\$ -
VT State Withholdings	\$ 668	\$ 1,031	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Sale Excess		\$ 2,517	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prop Tax Credits Payable	\$ 4,105	\$ 200	\$ 16,306	\$ 317	\$ 1,647
<b>Town Restricted Funds</b>					
Working Capital Fund	\$ 148,439	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 140,749	\$ 140,749
Capital Building Fund	\$ 23,935	\$ 23,764	\$ 23,764	\$ 79,726	\$ 99,726
Restoration Land Records	\$ 6,274	\$ 6,571	\$ 7,935	\$ 10,651	\$ 14,421
Conservation Reserve	\$ 10,892	\$ 11,092	\$ 11,092	\$ 11,092	\$ 11,092
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 Cap. Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
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<b>State Restricted Funds</b>					
Vt Money For Reappraisal	\$ 38,274	\$ 44,589	\$ 7,217	\$ -	\$ -
Lister Education Fund	\$ 566	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 15
Ballfield Grant	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,318
<b>Donation Pass-thru Funds</b>					
Veteran's Memorial Fund	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,298
Roller Barn Card Fund	\$ -	\$ 320	\$ 370	\$ 470	\$ 555
Jean Berwick Tent Fund	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,850
Peacham Farm Support Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Winter Carnival	\$ 400	\$ 3,509	\$ 2,301	\$ 2,382	\$ 3,020

	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17	12/31/18	12/31/19
Ewell Mill Historic Site			\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
July 4th Gala				\$ 251	\$ 2,910
Community Picnic				\$ 550	\$ 550
Fall Fondo				\$ 4,717	\$ 1,067
Appreciation Fund				\$ 740	\$ 1,053
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 575,233</b>	<b>\$ 564,239</b>	<b>\$ 440,229</b>	<b>\$ 499,155</b>	<b>\$ 622,738</b>
<b>Assets - Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 17</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 45,963</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,807</b>
* Liabilities include accounts payable and reserve funds.					

## Notes

- The Town Assets listed here are its bank accounts. Town equipment and Town real estate are listed in separate reports. The Town's Liabilities are either money owed to others, or reserve funds for specific purposes. There are three types of reserve fund:
  - Town funds; funded by tax revenue.
  - State funds; funded by the State of Vermont.
  - Donation funds; managed by the Town but funded only by private contributions.
- The Selectboard proposes to carry the 2019 surplus (e.g. Assets - Liabilities) of \$7,807 into 2020, in an Article to be voted at Town Meeting.
- The decrease in the Education Tax Payable liability in recent years is due to more accurate estimates by the State of Vermont of Peacham's total liability.
- The increased balances of the Road Retirement (e.g. repaving) and Road Capital Equipment funds in 2018 and 2019 reflect higher contributions to these funds.
- Donation Pass-thru funds hold voluntary contributions from citizens, not tax money. The Town maintains these as a public service but does not determine how they are spent.



## 2020 Budget Summary

§	Note	Description	2017 actual	2018 actual	2019 budget	2019 actual	2020 budget
<b>General Government</b>							
<b>General Revenue, Budgeted</b>							
1	A.	Delinquent Taxes, Int. & Penalty	\$53,219	\$61,000	\$75,560	\$134,012	\$33,800
2+4+14		Fees & Other Town Revenue	\$69,012	\$63,977	\$27,438	\$34,792	\$26,010
3	B.	State Current Use Payback	\$86,301	\$95,801	\$95,801	\$109,562	\$110,000
3		Other State of Vermont	\$26,281	\$31,829	\$31,881	\$37,404	\$37,400
5	C.	Money rec'd for Restricted Fds	\$10,392	\$65,907	\$29,928	\$30,977	\$31,440
5		Money rec'd for Passthru Funds	\$8,675	\$16,705	\$0	\$13,775	\$0
6	D.	Money used from Restr. Funds	\$55,734	\$79,536	\$7,038	\$20,937	\$1,540
<b>Subtotal Gen'l Rev, Budgeted</b>			<b>\$309,614</b>	<b>\$414,756</b>	<b>\$267,646</b>	<b>\$381,459</b>	<b>\$240,190</b>
1	E.	Current Tax & Tax Anticipation Note	\$2,439,181	\$2,352,864	\$200,000	\$2,803,570	\$300,000
<b>E. Subtotal General Revenue</b>			<b>\$2,748,795</b>	<b>\$2,767,620</b>	<b>\$467,646</b>	<b>\$3,185,030</b>	<b>\$540,190</b>
<b>Road Revenue</b>							
8		State Highway Aid	\$121,885	\$121,618	\$121,370	\$122,460	\$122,500
9	F.	State & FEMA Project Grants	\$20,000	\$12,000	\$122,500	\$13,600	\$297,500
9+10	G.	Transfers from Restricted Funds	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$148,828
7+9		Permits & Other	\$17,620	\$4,331	\$790	\$3,057	\$600
<b>Subtotal Road Revenue</b>			<b>\$259,505</b>	<b>\$137,949</b>	<b>\$244,660</b>	<b>\$139,117</b>	<b>\$569,428</b>
11		Transfer Station Revenue	\$34,991	\$35,572	\$46,200	\$46,119	\$47,000
12		Fire & Rescue Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13		Cemetery Revenue	\$2,970	\$3,480	\$2,225	\$2,990	\$4,360
<b>Total General Revenue</b>			<b>\$3,046,261</b>	<b>\$2,944,621</b>	<b>\$760,731</b>	<b>\$3,373,256</b>	<b>\$1,160,977</b>
<b>General Expenses, Budgeted</b>							
15+31	H.	Payroll	\$150,095	\$215,567	\$257,350	\$219,572	\$250,214
16		Other General Expenses	\$51,582	\$102,031	\$67,983	\$68,932	\$65,629
17+31	I.	Town Office	\$49,605	\$67,939	\$50,750	\$65,754	\$74,524
17		2017-2018 Reappraisal	\$44,051	\$50,845	\$13,000	\$39,558	\$0
18	C.	Transfers into Restricted Funds	\$19,067	\$82,612	\$29,928	\$44,752	\$31,440
19	D.	Transfers from Restricted Funds	\$46,400	\$69,270	\$7,038	\$7,207	\$1,540
18		Money sent from Passthru Funds	\$9,334	\$10,266	\$0	\$13,730	\$0
<b>Subtotal General Exp's, Budgeted</b>			<b>\$360,800</b>	<b>\$588,264</b>	<b>\$426,049</b>	<b>\$445,775</b>	<b>\$423,347</b>
<b>Road Expenses, Budgeted</b>							
20	J.	Payroll	\$205,209	\$168,103	\$180,400	\$166,718	\$191,000
21	K.	Operating Expenses	\$72,859	\$148,304	\$188,350	\$176,324	\$186,029
22	L.	Town Garage	\$188,338	\$59,909	\$53,200	\$116,568	\$36,400
23		Road Maintenance	\$131,025	\$136,060	\$152,700	\$149,060	\$158,500

§	Note	Description	2017 actual	2018 actual	2019 budget	2019 actual	2020 budget
23	M.	Paving Projects	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$53,557	\$315,000
23	N.	Other Road Projects	\$20,960	\$7,459	\$175,000	\$23,518	\$175,000
		<b>Subtotal Roads Expenses</b>	<b>\$618,391</b>	<b>\$519,835</b>	<b>\$749,650</b>	<b>\$685,745</b>	<b>\$1,061,929</b>
24-26		Transfer Station Expenses	\$39,551	\$41,299	\$46,200	\$45,258	\$49,300
27-29		Fire & Safety Expenses	\$38,854	\$45,000	\$100,550	\$126,469	\$99,650
30		Cemetery Expenses	\$14,722	\$11,706	\$14,420	\$7,829	\$13,880
16	E.	School Allocation	\$1,885,766	\$1,747,210		\$1,862,962	\$0
16		Tax Anticipation Note Principal	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
32		<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>\$32,883</b>	<b>\$35,883</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$24,179</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total General and Road Expenses</b>			<b>\$2,990,967</b>	<b>\$2,989,196</b>	<b>\$1,536,869</b>	<b>\$3,348,217</b>	<b>\$1,948,106</b>
<b>Cemetery Endowment</b>							
33		Endowment Revenues	\$14,491	-\$1,057	\$2,000	\$15,878	\$13,000
33		Endowment Expenses	\$1,140	\$1,194	\$1,200	\$1,231	\$0
<b>Cemetery Working Capital</b>							
35		Revenues		\$635	\$475	\$1,941	\$1,900
35		Expenses		\$191	\$200	\$195	\$200
<b>Town Contributions to Restricted Funds (included in totals above)</b>							
18		Capital Building Fund	\$0	\$55,963	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
37		Retreatment Fund	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
39		Road Capital Equipment Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>Amount Proposed To Be Raised In General Fund Taxes</b>					<b>\$776,138</b>		<b>\$787,129</b>

## Footnotes to Budget Summary Report

The line numbers in the first column above (labeled “§”) key to the Section numbers of the Budget Detail report. The letters in the Note column above key to the footnotes below.

#	Footnote
A.	Determined by delinquencies; not fully predictable. Budget is a conservative estimate.
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.	Additions to Restricted Funds (reserves); these may come from Town taxes, the State of Vermont, or private donors. Each fund is earmarked for a specific purpose, such as property reappraisal, Winter Carnival, and so on. The revenue line (5) is balanced by the expense line (18).
D.	Withdrawals from Restricted Funds for projects, such as property reappraisal. These are reserves that were put aside in past years, that are being used in the current year in lieu of current taxes. The revenue line (6) is balanced by the expense line (19).

#	Footnote
E.	Tax revenue is not budgeted by the SelectBoard. Town expenses are voted on at Town Meeting. Then the following July, the State allocates the Town its school expense (so this cannot be budgeted either.) The actual tax rates needed to raise the required Town and School revenues are then calculated by the Selectboard and tax bills are mailed in July. The 2019 revenue budget for Current Tax & Tax Anticipation Note is the likely Tax Anticipation Note amount, if needed. The Town Warning shows the Selectboard proposals for Town expenses, and for tax and non-tax revenues, for this year. The School Warning shows the Schoolboard's proposed expenditure for the next fiscal year.
F.	The 2019 budget reflected the Aiken Farm Road box culvert project, which was deferred to 2020. The 2020 budget also reflects the paving of portions of the East Peacham road.
G.	Withdrawals from Restricted Funds for road-related purposes such as paving or equipment. These are reserves that were put aside in past years and are now being used in the current year, in lieu of current taxes. The revenue Section (9+10) is balanced by expenses in Section 23.
H.	2019 Actual reflects understaffing in 2019; 2020 budget reflects expected full staffing.
I.	Increased 2020 Town Office budget reflects increases in mowing costs, mileage reimbursements (for Selectboard training and more frequent bank deposits), and accounting software costs.
J.	Road crew payroll was under budget due to not having full staff.
K.	Weather-related savings in supplies, plowing, and other lines reduced expense relative to budget in 2019.
L.	Reduction in Town Garage expense reflects lower maintenance costs of new, leased vehicles, and completion of building repairs.
M.	2019 expense reflects repair of Peacham-Danville Road. 2020 budget reflects repair of portions of the East Peacham Road.
N.	2019 expense reflects engineering for the Aiken Farm Road box culvert, and for ditching and culverts on Old County Road. 2020 budget reflects completion of the Aiken Farm Road project.





## 2020 Budget Detail

			2017	2018	2019		2020
§	Note	Description	actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		<b>General Revenue</b>					
		Revenue from taxes					
<b>1</b>		<b>Tax Related</b>					
		Taxes - Current - muni	\$2,422,074	\$2,339,205	\$0	\$2,642,798	\$0
		Taxes - Current - edu	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>1.</b>		Del. Taxes: Principal	\$41,973	\$45,325	\$60,500	\$107,555	\$28,000
		Del. Taxes: Interest	\$6,591	\$8,100	\$10,200	\$16,741	\$3,600
		Del. taxes: Penalty	\$4,656	\$7,575	\$4,860	\$9,715	\$2,200
<b>2.</b>		Municipal tax adjustment	\$17,107	\$13,660	\$0	\$10,773	\$0
		Tax anticipation note rev	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
		Working Capital Used	\$0	\$54,840	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>2</b>		<b>Clerk's Office</b>					
		Town Clerk's Fees	\$7,264	\$6,250	\$6,200	\$8,257	\$8,000
		Dog Licenses	\$496	\$492	\$500	\$532	\$500
		Liquor License Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>3</b>		<b>State of Vermont</b>					
<b>3.</b>		Current Use Payback	\$86,301	\$95,801	\$95,801	\$109,562	\$110,000
		Pilot State Land	\$24,505	\$29,663	\$29,663	\$34,821	\$34,821
		PILOT buildings	\$1,758	\$2,148	\$2,200	\$2,564	\$2,560
		Lease Land	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19
<b>4</b>		<b>Other Town Revenue</b>					
<b>4.</b>		Zoning Fees	\$570	\$360	\$350	\$534	\$0
		Development Review Fees	\$0	\$25	\$0	\$80	\$0
		Zoning Fines	\$2,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Rentals	\$13,175	\$13,325	\$13,300	\$13,175	\$13,300
		Misc Revenue	\$899	\$320	\$0	\$42	\$0
		Public Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Logging	\$0	\$22,199	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Tree Board	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Interest On Investments	\$357	\$470	\$400	\$444	\$250
		Reappraisal Money Spent	\$44,051	\$13,905	\$6,688	\$6,717	\$0
<b>5.</b>		Peacham Pond Grant	\$0	\$1,354	\$0	\$5,012	\$3,300
		Planning Grant 2017-2018	\$0	\$5,276	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>5</b>		<b>Money received for Restricted Funds</b>					
		Restoration Land Records	\$3,088	\$2,716	\$2,700	\$4,260	\$4,200
		Conservation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		VT Money for Reappraisal	\$6,679	\$6,688	\$6,688	\$6,717	\$6,700

§	Note	Description	2017	2018	2019		2020
			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		Lister Education Fund	\$625	\$540	\$540	\$0	\$540
		Capital Building Fund	\$0	\$55,963	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
		Working Capital Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6.		Peacham Farm Support Fund	\$6,380	\$6,204	\$0	\$6,625	\$0
6.		Roller Barn Cards	\$50	\$100	\$0	\$85	\$0
6.		Winter Carnival	\$1,745	\$2,251	\$0	\$2,515	\$0
6.		Ewell Mill Historic Site	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6.		July 4th Gala	\$0	\$1,110	\$0	\$4,095	\$0
6.		Community Picnic	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
6.		Fall Fondo	\$0	\$5,100	\$0	\$100	\$0
6.		Appreciation Fund	\$0	\$740	\$0	\$355	\$0
<b>6</b>		<b>Money withdrawn from Restricted Funds</b>					
		Restoration Land Records	\$1,724	\$0	\$0	\$491	\$1,000
		VT Money for Reappraisal	\$44,051	\$13,905	\$6,688	\$6,717	\$0
		Lister Education Fund	\$625	\$525	\$350	\$0	\$540
		Capital Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Working Capital Fund	\$0	\$54,840	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Peacham Farm Support Fund	\$6,380	\$6,204	\$0	\$6,625	\$0
		Winter Carnival	\$2,954	\$2,169	\$0	\$1,877	\$0
		July 4th Gala	\$0	\$859	\$0	\$1,436	\$0
		Community Picnic	\$0	\$650	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Fall Fondo	\$0	\$383	\$0	\$3,750	\$0
		Appreciation Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42	\$0
<b>7</b>		<b>Permits</b>					
		Access Permits	\$0	\$51	\$50	\$34	\$50
		Excess Weight Permits	\$290	\$240	\$240	\$265	\$250
		Fines	\$330	\$540	\$500	\$372	\$300
<b>8</b>		<b>State &amp; FEMA Aid</b>					
		State: Highway Aid	\$121,885	\$121,618	\$121,370	\$122,460	\$122,500
<b>9</b>		<b>Other</b>					
		Equipment sale	\$17,000	\$3,500	\$0	\$2,386	\$0
7.		Bridge Fund Money Used	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,828
		Green Bay Loop Grant 2017	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Maple Tree Ln Grant 2017	\$0	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Thaddeus Stevens Rd Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,600	\$0
7.		Aiken Farm Rd Culvert	\$0	\$0	\$122,500	\$0	\$122,500
8.		Paving 2020 Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$175,000
<b>10</b>		<b>Transfers from Restricted Funds</b>					

			2017	2018	2019		2020
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	8.	Retreatment money used	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
		Capital Equip money used	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>11</b>		<b>Transfer Station</b>					
		Transfer Station Fees	\$34,991	\$35,572	\$46,200	\$46,119	\$47,000
<b>12</b>		<b>Fire &amp; Rescue Revenue</b>					
<b>13</b>		<b>Cemetery Revenue</b>					
		Cemetery Plots	\$800	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,980	\$2,000
		Cemetery Markers	\$170	\$480	\$225	\$450	\$360
	9.	Burials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
		Endowment Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Interest on Investments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$560	\$0
		Working Capital Used	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>14</b>		<b>Lister, Planning, &amp; Zoning Revenue</b>					
	4.	Zoning Fees					\$500
		DRB Fees					\$160
<b>General Expenses</b>							
<b>15</b>		<b>Payroll</b>					
		Selectboard Salaries	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
		Board Clerk Salary	\$5,313	\$5,339	\$5,500	\$5,421	\$5,500
	10.	Listers' Salaries	\$11,255	\$11,135	\$22,000	\$4,500	\$0
		Animal Control Person	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
	4.	Zoning	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
		Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$33,025	\$33,139	\$33,800	\$34,213	\$34,682
		Asst Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$24,225	\$24,315	\$25,000	\$25,370	\$25,882
		Auditors' Salaries	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
		Constable	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
	1.	Del tax collector	\$4,464	\$7,767	\$4,800	\$9,715	\$2,200
		FICA/MEDI	\$12,246	\$11,945	\$12,500	\$10,914	\$13,000
		Unemployment	\$3,067	\$121	\$500	\$163	\$300
		Workers Comp	\$11,403	\$11,287	\$11,500	\$14,860	\$15,000
	11.	Health Insurance	\$36,599	\$100,519	\$127,000	\$97,344	\$111,000
	12.	Retirement Funds	\$750	\$2,250	\$7,000	\$9,322	\$14,000
<b>16</b>		<b>General Expenses</b>					
		VMCTA Dues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55
		VALA Dues	\$75	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$0
		VLCT Dues	\$1,814	\$1,853	\$1,897	\$1,898	\$1,975
		GFOA Dues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$190	\$190

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			actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		Town Insurance	\$18,085	\$19,206	\$19,500	\$19,595	\$19,500
		Prop tax abatements	\$8,208	\$31	\$0	\$29	\$0
		Legal Expense	\$4,527	\$1,165	\$1,000	\$1,655	\$1,500
		County Tax	\$14,998	\$15,137	\$15,137	\$14,511	\$15,309
		Tax Mapping	\$0	\$3,810	\$2,000	\$2,325	\$0
		Conservation	\$0	\$238	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Recreation	\$1,965	\$610	\$1,500	\$1,560	\$500
		Green-Up Day Event	\$0	\$368	\$375	\$180	\$200
		NVDA	\$549	\$549	\$549	\$549	\$0
		Tree board	\$150	\$478	\$750	\$0	\$0
		Town Forest	\$0	\$860	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Energy Committee	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$50	\$0
<b>13.</b>		Website	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$2,262	\$1,200
<b>14.</b>		Roller Barn	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,411	\$1,000
		Elections/town Meeting	\$613	\$1,763	\$700	\$1,175	\$2,700
		Contribution to Cap Bldg	\$0	\$55,963	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
		Misc Expenditure	\$598	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Tax Ant. Note: Interest	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$1,542	\$1,500
		Tax ant. note principal	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
		School Allocation	\$1,885,766	\$1,747,210	\$0	\$1,862,962	\$0
<b>17</b>		<b>Town Office Expenses</b>					
		Telephone	\$2,357	\$2,514	\$2,300	\$2,865	\$2,800
		Electricity	\$5,376	\$6,062	\$6,000	\$6,243	\$6,200
		Mileage	\$674	\$831	\$350	\$939	\$1,000
<b>4.</b>		Lister Mileage	\$75	\$0	\$500	\$152	\$0
		Supplies	\$2,503	\$2,771	\$3,000	\$2,042	\$3,000
		Dog Expense	\$100	\$101	\$100	\$100	\$100
<b>4.</b>		Lister Supplies	\$257	\$681	\$550	\$222	\$0
		Land records books	\$402	\$509	\$150	\$0	\$150
		Land record maintenance	\$34	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
		Special Projects	\$227	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Postage	\$2,479	\$1,962	\$2,000	\$2,166	\$2,300
		Internet	\$2,679	\$2,685	\$3,100	\$3,143	\$3,200
		Computer Expense	\$2,128	\$1,293	\$250	\$1,952	\$1,500
		Training	\$170	\$110	\$1,000	\$592	\$1,000
<b>4.</b>		Training (Lister)	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$145	\$0
		Service Support/licensing	\$2,936	\$3,520	\$3,500	\$3,102	\$7,000
		IT Services	\$2,760	\$3,239	\$2,500	\$3,049	\$3,000

			2017	2018	2019		2020
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		Town Notices	\$300	\$464	\$500	\$2,109	\$2,100
		Town Hall Maintenance	\$4,774	\$14,332	\$7,500	\$8,495	\$7,500
	15.	TH Maintenance-Mowing	\$900	\$1,188	\$1,200	\$9,700	\$9,000
		Heating Fuel	\$6,346	\$9,045	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
		Water	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
		Contracted Services	\$7,841	\$6,876	\$7,000	\$5,759	\$7,000
		Town reports	\$1,662	\$1,961	\$2,000	\$2,089	\$2,100
		2017-2019 Reappraisal	\$44,051	\$50,845	\$13,000	\$39,558	\$0
		2017 Town Hall Renovation	\$597	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		2017 Planning Grant	\$1,226	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	5.	Peacham Pond Grant	\$0	\$2,997	\$0	\$3,640	\$3,700
		2018 Planning Grant	\$0	\$4,050	\$0	\$0	\$0
18		<b>Transfers Into Restr. Funds</b>					
		Restoration Land Records	\$3,088	\$2,716	\$2,700	\$4,260	\$4,200
		VT Money for Reappraisal	\$6,679	\$6,688	\$6,688	\$6,717	\$6,700
		Lister Education Fund	\$625	\$540	\$540	\$0	\$540
		Capital Building Fund	\$0	\$55,963	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
		Working Capital Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	6.	Peacham Farm Support Fund	\$6,380	\$6,204	\$0	\$6,625	\$0
	6.	Roller Barn Cards	\$50	\$100	\$0	\$85	\$0
	6.	Winter Carnival	\$1,745	\$2,251	\$0	\$2,515	\$0
	6.	Ewell Mill Historic Site	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	6.	July 4th Gala	\$0	\$1,110	\$0	\$4,095	\$0
	6.	Community Picnic	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
	6.	Fall Fondo	\$0	\$5,100	\$0	\$100	\$0
	6.	Appreciation Fund	\$0	\$740	\$0	\$355	\$0
19		<b>Restricted Money Spent</b>					
		Restoration of Land Records	\$1,724	\$0	\$0	\$491	\$1,000
		VT money for reappraisal	\$44,051	\$13,905	\$6,688	\$6,717	\$0
		Lister Education Fund	\$625	\$525	\$350	\$0	\$540
		Capital Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Working Capital Fund	\$0	\$54,840	\$0	\$0	\$0
	6.	Peacham Farm Support Fund	\$6,380	\$6,204	\$0	\$6,625	\$0
	6.	Winter Carnival	\$2,954	\$2,169	\$0	\$1,877	\$0
	6.	July 4th Gala	\$0	\$859	\$0	\$1,436	\$0
	6.	Community Picnic	\$0	\$650	\$0	\$0	\$0
	6.	Fall Fondo	\$0	\$383	\$0	\$3,750	\$0
	6.	Appreciation Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42	\$0

			2017	2018	2019		2020
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<b>Road Expenses</b>							
<b>20</b>		<b>Payroll</b>					
	11.	Road Dept. Salaries	\$143,312	\$156,608	\$168,000	\$154,871	\$177,000
	11.	Road Dept. FICA/Medicare	\$8,567	\$11,496	\$12,400	\$11,848	\$14,000
		Roads Dept. Health Ins.	\$53,330	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>21</b>		<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
		Municipal Roads Permit	\$0	\$640	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$1,350
		Gas, Oil, Diesel	\$25,358	\$56,519	\$45,000	\$40,253	\$45,000
		Tires	\$6,373	\$2,532	\$2,500	\$830	\$4,500
		Radios	\$1,128	\$1,321	\$500	\$734	\$1,200
		Town truck leases	\$0	\$7,291	\$59,000	\$53,157	\$53,979
		Contr. Cap. Equip. Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
		Contr. Retirement Reserve	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>22</b>		<b>Town Garage</b>					
		Mileage	\$148	\$89	\$100	\$132	\$100
	16.	Equip:repairs/supplies	\$45,727	\$49,747	\$30,000	\$46,446	\$25,000
		Other Benefits	\$3,558	\$4,781	\$5,000	\$4,789	\$5,000
		Office supplies	\$623	\$792	\$500	\$77	\$500
		Road Crew Notices	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0
		Training	\$360	\$270	\$300	\$270	\$300
		Tools	\$2,100	\$623	\$2,000	\$295	\$2,000
		Equipment purchase	\$134,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$296	\$0
	17.	Bldg: Repairs & Maint.	\$1,822	\$3,607	\$12,000	\$11,357	\$3,500
<b>23</b>		<b>Road Maintenance</b>					
		Contracted Services	\$20,236	\$15,494	\$20,000	\$21,362	\$20,000
		Contracted- Rdside mowing	\$6,020	\$6,160	\$6,200	\$5,880	\$6,000
		Culverts	\$2,113	\$3,886	\$4,000	\$3,266	\$5,000
		Dust Control	\$8,356	\$12,546	\$12,500	\$12,376	\$12,500
		Gravel, Crushed Stone	\$50,213	\$46,702	\$50,000	\$47,078	\$50,000
		Salt	\$28,140	\$31,487	\$36,000	\$40,179	\$36,000
		Winter Sand	\$14,700	\$15,936	\$18,000	\$17,917	\$20,000
		Supplies	\$1,248	\$880	\$1,000	\$81	\$1,000
		Signs	\$0	\$2,969	\$3,000	\$922	\$3,000
		Guard Rails	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$5,000
		Green Bay Loop Grant 2017	\$16,905	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Maple Tree Ln Grant 2017	\$4,055	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	18.	2019 Town Pickup Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$52,905	\$0
		Thaddeus Stevens Grant	\$0	\$7,459	\$0	\$0	\$0

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	7.	Aiken Farm Rd Culvert	\$0	\$0	\$175,000	\$6,050	\$175,000
		Old County Rd Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,468	\$0
	19.	Peach-Dan Rd Patch	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,267	\$0
	19.	Peach-Dan Rd Culvert Repair	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,290	\$0
	8.	East Peacham Rd paving	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$315,000
<b>Transfer Station Expenses</b>							
24		<b>Transfer Station Payroll</b>					
		Waste Transfer Salaries	\$6,983	\$7,678	\$7,500	\$7,756	\$8,000
25		<b>Transfer Station Expenses</b>					
		Gas for Compactor	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13	\$300
		Repairs & Maint.	\$594	\$142	\$500	\$1,087	\$1,000
		Contracted Services	\$1,210	\$50	\$1,200	\$1,345	\$1,300
		Recycling: Cont. Services	\$907	\$1,938	\$2,500	\$2,790	\$3,700
		Trash Removal	\$29,240	\$31,352	\$34,000	\$31,470	\$34,000
26		<b>Transfer Station Office</b>					
		Supplies	\$119	\$71	\$200	\$384	\$500
		Heating fuel	\$499	\$68	\$300	\$412	\$500
<b>Fire &amp; Safety Expenses</b>							
27		<b>Payroll</b>					
		Fire Dept. Salaries	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
		Fire Warden: Salaries	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
28		<b>F &amp; S Expenses</b>					
		Calex Rescue Contract			\$12,000	\$11,970	\$12,000
		Dues & Fees	\$730	\$1,552	\$1,200	\$1,411	\$1,200
		Fire dept insurance	\$13,094	\$12,749	\$13,000	\$13,871	\$14,000
		Fire Dept. Mileage	\$64	\$80	\$200	\$0	\$200
		Supplies	\$74	\$67	\$300	\$44	\$100
		Gas	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$177	\$200
		Heating Fuel	\$0	\$1,800	\$2,500	\$4,324	\$3,400
		Medical Supplies/equip	\$380	\$31	\$200	\$0	\$100
		Hepatitis B Shots	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200
		Fire Equipment	\$7,866	\$7,343	\$8,000	\$12,926	\$9,000
		Hydrant	\$3,139	\$479	\$500	\$0	\$500
		Law Enforcement	\$2,398	\$3,111	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
	20.	Fire Truck Lease	\$0	\$0	\$43,000	\$61,025	\$43,000
29		<b>F &amp; S Office</b>					
		Fire Dept. Training	\$942	\$2,193	\$1,000	\$2,088	\$2,000
		24-hour Contract	\$3,415	\$4,596	\$4,600	\$5,160	\$5,100

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		Repairs & Maint. Equip.	\$4,950	\$4,936	\$6,200	\$8,975	\$6,000
		Repairs & Maint. Bldg	\$1,151	\$5,413	\$3,000	\$3,849	\$2,000
<b>30</b>		<b>Cemetery Expenses</b>					
		Inv Advisory Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>21.</b>		Sexton Salaries	\$2,097	\$1,935	\$3,000	\$1,344	\$3,000
		Cemetery FICA/Medicare	\$153	\$148	\$220	\$103	\$230
<b>9.</b>		Sexton Burial Wages	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
		Mileage	\$133	\$33	\$100	\$72	\$100
		Fuel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50
		Supplies	\$792	\$472	\$800	\$948	\$1,000
		Stone Maintenance	\$3,210	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
		Stone Cleaning	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
		Building Repair/Maint	\$750	\$109	\$500	\$0	\$500
		Equip Repair/Maint	\$533	\$45	\$500	\$20	\$500
<b>15.</b>		Contracted Services - Mow	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0	\$0
		Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Contracted Burials	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
		Cemetery Improvements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Misc. Expense	\$39	\$64	\$0	\$342	\$0
<b>22.</b>		Trees	\$2,000	\$1,100	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
		New Equipment	\$215	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Add to Cem. Working Capital	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Lister. Planning. &amp; Zoning Expenses</b>							
<b>31</b>	<b>4.</b>	<b>Payroll</b>					
		Lister Salaries					\$20,400
		Zoning Administrator					\$3,000
	<b>4.</b>	<b>Lister Expenses</b>					
		VALA Dues					\$75
		Mileage					\$500
		Supplies					\$550
		Postage					\$0
		Computer Expense					\$0
		Equipment					\$0
		IT					\$0
		Training					\$250
		Tax Maps					\$2,000
		Legal Expense					\$0
		Consulting					\$0
		Reappraisal Expenses					\$0



			2017	2018	2019		2020
§	Note	Description	actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
		Notices					\$0
	<b>4.</b>	<b>Zoning Expenses</b>					
		Postage					\$0
		Supplies					\$0
		Training					\$0
		Legal Expense					\$0
		Notices					\$0
		DRB Notices					\$0
		DRB Supplies					\$0
	<b>4.</b>	<b>Planning Expenses</b>					
		NVDA					\$549
		Postage					\$0
		Supplies					\$0
		Notices					\$0
		Energy Committee Expenses					\$500
<b>32</b>		<b>Appropriations</b>					
		Adult Basic Ed/nek Learni	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
		NEK Council On Aging	\$660	\$660	\$0	\$660	\$0
		Cal. Home Health & Hospic	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
		Danville Rescue	\$11,704	\$11,704	\$0	\$0	\$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	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
		Rural Community Transport	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		Umbrella	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		Catamount Arts	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		Danville Senior Action Center	\$800	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$0
		Vt. Assn. For The Blind	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		W Danville Community Club	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
		Peacham Community Housing	\$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	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
<b>33</b>		<b>Cemetery Endowment Revenues</b>					
		Interest on Investments	\$2,369	\$3,015	\$2,000	\$3,317	\$3,000
		Gains (Losses)	\$12,122	-\$4,071	\$0	\$12,561	\$10,000

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<b>34</b>		<b>Cemetery Endowment Expenses</b>					
		Inv Advisory Fees	\$1,140	\$1,194	\$1,200	\$1,231	\$0
<b>35</b>		<b>Cemetery Working Capital Revenues</b>					
		Interest on Investments	\$834	\$493	\$475	\$605	\$600
		Gains (Losses)	\$394	\$143	\$0	\$1,337	\$1,300
<b>36</b>		<b>Cemetery Working Capital Expenses</b>					
		Inv Advisory Fees	\$201	\$191	\$200	\$195	\$200
		Working Capital Used	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>37</b>		<b>Retreatment Revenues</b>					
		Interest On Investments	\$3	\$2	\$0	\$49	\$10
		Revenue from Town	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>38</b>		<b>Retreatment Expenses</b>					
	8.	Retreatment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
<b>39</b>		<b>Road Capital Revenues</b>					
		Interest On Investments	\$53	\$0	\$0	\$44	\$30
		Revenue from Town	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>40</b>		<b>Road Capital Expenses</b>					
		Road Capital	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## 2020 Budget Detail - Footnotes

These footnotes comment on significant differences between 2019 actual results and either that year's budget, the prior year's actual results, or next year's budget. The footnote numbers key to the Note column of the 2020 Budget Detail report above.

#	Footnote
1.	Determined by delinquencies; not fully predictable. Budget is a conservative estimate.
2.	Tax revenue returned from State based on property tax adjustments.
3.	The State of Vermont pays a portion of the Town's property tax in lieu of property owners, based on their Current Use designation.
4.	The Listers, Planning, and Zoning functions have been moved from the general office budget to have separate line items. See Listers, Planning, and Zoning Expenses.
5.	State grant received for specific purpose.
6.	Donations account pass-through fund; not tax dollars.
7.	Planned replacement of Aiken Farm Road box culvert.
8.	Planned paving of portions of E. Peacham Road.
9.	Selectboard decided to include all Cemetery income and expenses in Town books as of 1/1/2020.
10.	Lister salaries in 2019 were mostly charged to the revaluation project (see 2017-2019 Reappraisal in Section 17.) The 2019 figure here relates to time spent on other duties.
11.	Many personnel costs were under budget in 2019 due to vacancies in the Road Dept.

#	Footnote
12.	In 2019 the Selectboard decided Peacham would join the Vermont Municipal Employee Retirement System; this provides a guaranteed retirement benefit to all employees.
13.	Successful on-budget project to build a new Town website. Ongoing costs are for maintenance.
14.	Selectboard decided to install electricity in the Roller Barn in 2019. 2020 budget reflects maintenance.
15.	Town Office and Cemetery mowing are now under a single contract.
16.	Equipment planned to be replaced in 2019 had significant repairs during the period when the supplier had delayed delivery of its replacement.
17.	Town Garage repairs in 2019 reduced expected maintenance going forward.
18.	Expenditure voted at Town Meeting 2019.
19.	Emergency road repairs in 2019; culvert under Peacham-Danville Road failed.
20.	2019 budget reflected only ongoing lease but not later change orders; so the actual costs were higher.
21.	Sexton actual hours worked were fewer than expected.
22.	Planned maintenance not performed.



## Delinquent Taxes

Total collected in 2019:	<b>\$107,555.41</b>
Total interest collected in 2019:	<b>\$16,741.41</b>
Total penalty collected in 2019:	<b>\$9,715.30</b>
Delinquent Tax Collector Salary in 2019:	<b>\$9,715.30</b>
Parcels delinquent as of 01/07/2020:	

Parcel ID	Years	Amount Due
00126-000	2017-2018	\$3,647.19
00211-000	2018-2019	\$7,339.42
00215-000	2019	\$1,332.26
00229-000	2018-2019	\$5,635.38
00308-001	2018-2019	\$362.71
00503-000	2018-2019	\$4,736.72
00531-000	2019	\$2,181.84
00533-000	2019	\$1,189.18
00624-000	2017-2019	\$12,407.70
00629-000	2018-2019	\$3,730.92
00808-001	2018-2019	\$10,133.51
01304-000	2018	\$821.88
01904-001	2017-2019	\$8,186.17
02011-003	2018-2019	\$3,058.56
02801-000	2019	\$2,291.92
02802-000	2019	\$2,060.58
02807-000	2019	\$1,998.74
04013-000	2017-2019	\$13,178.53
05005-000	2019	\$144.51
06119-000	2019	\$1,088.37
06508-000	2019	\$2,645.78
OMP04-000	2019	\$4,946.76
OMP09-000	2019	\$3,642.64
OMP69-000	2018	\$510.48
<b>Total Due</b>		\$97,271.75
<b>Total Prior to 2019</b>		\$41,459.62
<b>Total Due for 2019</b>		\$55,812.13

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

## Town Bank Balances, Debt Outstanding, and Real Estate Inventory

SUMMARY OF TOWN BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES					
Account	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17	12/31/18	12/31/19
Checking	\$ 11,300.17	\$ 241,562.20	\$ 162,882.35	\$ 149,785.80	\$ 121,187.42
ICS High Interest	\$390,606.88	\$ 138,774.40	\$ 186,306.69	\$ 134,130.36	\$ 195,680.68
Electronic Receiving	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
ACH High Risk		\$ 950.00	\$ 1,057.73	\$ 1,057.73	\$ 1,057.73
Retreatment	\$ 21,531.23	\$ 5,451.40	\$ 5,451.40	\$ 45,456.51	\$ 85,505.24
Road capital equipment	\$ 41,020.93	\$ 61,060.52	\$ 61,060.52	\$ 41,113.80	\$ 81,157.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$464,959.21</b>	<b>\$ 448,298.52</b>	<b>\$ 417,258.69</b>	<b>\$ 372,044.20</b>	<b>\$ 485,088.68</b>

STATEMENT OF DEBT 12/31/2019	
2020 International HV613 10 Wheel Dump/Plow Truck (3 Year Lease)	\$ 19,612.02
2019 International HV613 10 Wheel Dump/Plow Truck	\$ 111,655.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 131,267.23</b>

INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE 12/31/2019		
Description	Value	Parcel ID
3.3 acres behind Peacham Historical House (from VLT)	\$ 55,400	00603-003
Cemetery	\$ 85,200	00603-005
Devil's Hill	\$ 39,800	06508-002
Ewell's Mill Historic Park	\$ 5,100	01805-001
Fire House, Roller Barn, Village Green	\$ 217,700	04201-000
Garage and Salt Shed	\$ 143,400	00204-001
Luther Fletcher Parker Field	\$ 53,400	00146-001
Old Cemetery	\$ 2,000	04305-005
Town Forest	\$ 136,100	03110-000
Town Hall	\$ 322,300	00145-003
Town Line Cemetery (Peacham/Groton)	\$ 700	05904-005
Transfer Station	\$ 44,400	00204-000
Worcester Cemetery	\$ 600	05201-005
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,106,100</b>	



## Equipment Inventory

Road Capital Equipment	Purch. year	Lifespan (years)	% Used	Cost to Replace	Suggested Annual Contribution to Reserve	Suggested Reserve to Date
<b>Highway</b>						
2019 F-350 Pickup with Plow	2019	6	17%	\$ 53,000	\$ 8,833	\$ 8,833
2019 International 10 Wheel Dump	2019	6	17%	\$ 188,000	\$ 31,333	\$ 31,333
2019 International 10 Wheel Dump	2018	6	33%	\$ 186,000	\$ 31,000	\$ 62,000
2017 John Deere 544K Loader	2017	10	30%	\$ 155,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 46,500
2014 Freightliner dump truck with plow and spreader	2013	10	70%	\$ 130,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 91,000
2011 Caterpillar Grader	2011	20	45%	\$ 250,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 112,500
2008 Caterpillar loader/backhoe with extra bucket	2010	8	125%	\$ 75,500	\$ 9,438	\$ 75,500
1989 Ford Culvert Pumper (formerly Fire Dept)	2019	10	10%	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 500
York rake	2013	40	18%	\$ 6,200	\$ 155	\$ 1,085
Culvert thawing rig, with trailer	2013	10	70%	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 3,500
Chloride tank (750 gallon)	1998	10	220%	\$ 1,200	\$ 120	\$ 1,200
Chloride tank (2500 gallon)	2000	15	133%	\$ 3,000	\$ 200	\$ 3,000
1999 Vermeer brush chipper	1999	15	140%	\$ 12,000	\$ 800	\$ 12,000
6000 gallon diesel fuel tank and pump	1993					\$ -
300 gallon gasoline tank and hand	2012					\$ -
2008 Titan 8000 generator	2008					\$ -
2008 Honda water pump	2008					\$ -
Lincoln welder	1988					\$ -
AgriMetal bale chopper	2004	10	160%	\$ 7,500	\$ 750	\$ 7,500
GPS Enabled Tablet	2019	5	20%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 100
Laptop PC	2019	5	20%	\$ 1,000	\$ 200	\$ 200
<b>Totals</b>					<b>\$ 25,263</b>	<b>\$ 456,752</b>
<b>Office</b>						
Auditor Apple Laptop	2018	5	40%	\$ 2,000	\$ 400	\$ 800
Desktop PC	2018	5	40%	\$ 1,200	\$ 240	\$ 480
Copier	2015	8	63%	\$ 5,000	\$ 625	\$ 3,125
Server PC	2015	5	100%	\$ 4,000	\$ 800	\$ 4,000
Desktop PC	2014	5	120%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 500
Laptop PC	2014	5	120%	\$ 750	\$ 150	\$ 750
Printer	2019	3	33%	\$ 200	\$ 67	\$ 67
<b>Totals</b>					<b>\$ 1,742</b>	<b>\$ 9,722</b>
<b>Listers</b>						
Desktop PC	2015	5	100%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 500
Desktop PC	2014	5	120%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 500
Desktop PC	2014	5	120%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 500
Printer	2014	3	200%	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 300
<b>Totals</b>					<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 1,800</b>

# Grand List Computations 2019

Appraised Valuations \$ 136,318,300.00 Exemptions already accounted for

Grand List Set July 24th, 2019

Total  $\$136,318,300.00 \times .01 = \$1,363,183.00$

2019 Education Property Tax Rate (Set by Vermont Dept. of Taxes)

Homestead rate	1.6036
Non-Residential rate	1.4869

Town Taxes to be raised (Set at Town Meeting)

Highway	\$ -
General	\$ 775,838.00
Appropriations	\$ 24,179.00
Capital Building Fund appropriation	\$ 52,905.00
Local Agreement (Veteran's exemption)	\$ 600.00

Total  $\$ 853,522.00$

Town tax rate  
 $\$ 853,522.00 / \$1,363,183.00 = 0.6262$

**TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE 2.2298**  
**TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE 2.1131**

**Peacham Selectboard**

  
 Michael Heath, Chair

  
 Peter Craig

  
 Beatrice Ring

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## Notes

These calculations show the determination of the 2019 property tax rates.

The new 2020 property tax rates will be determined this July. These are the sum of the Town tax rate and the Education tax rates for Residents and Non-residents.

The Town tax rate is determined by the Town taxes to be raised (as voted at Town Meeting) divided by the total value of taxable property in the Town (as determined by the Grand List in July.)

Peacham's Education tax rates are set on July 1 by the State of Vermont.

The Town uses these rates to generate tax bills in July.

# Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Reports

## Warning


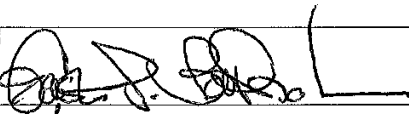
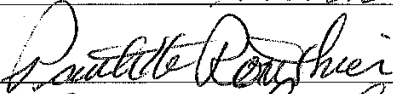
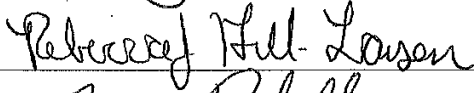
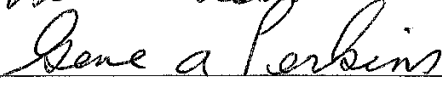
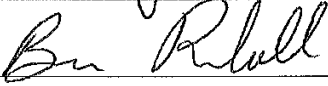

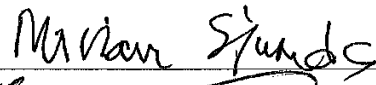
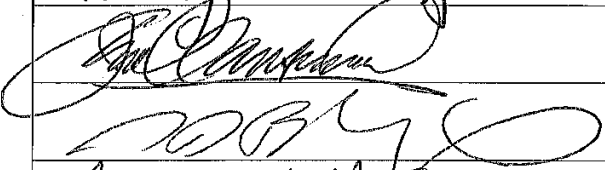
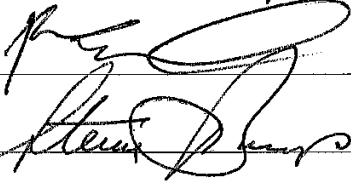
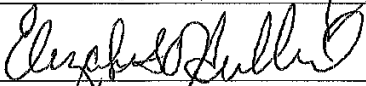
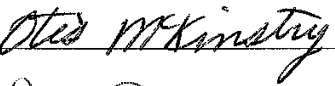
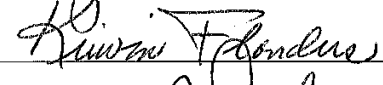
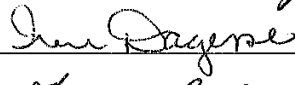
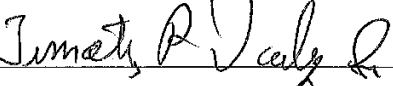
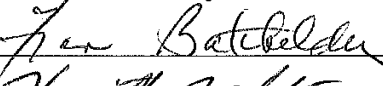
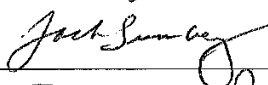

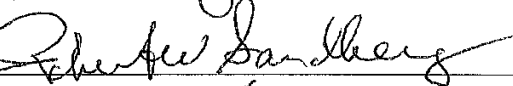

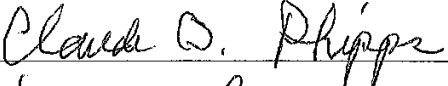
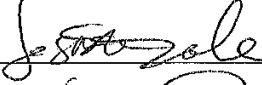
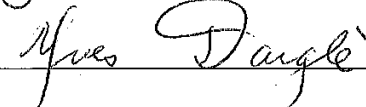
### WARNING

#### NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 3, 2020

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 3, 2020 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 \$794,823?

	
Preston Smith	David Gaudin
	
Pauline Perreault	Rebecca Hill-Louson
	
Gene Perkins	Ben Rull
	
Walt McNeil	Marian Spinks
	
Bill Campbell	Steve Dumas
	
Elizabeth Fuller	Otes McKinstry
	
Duane Flourens	Dan Dagenre
	
Timothy P. Vail	Ken Batchelder
	
Jack Sumner	Kenneth W. Weston
	
Robert Sandberg	
	
Ann R. Stodola	
	
Claude W. Phipps	
	
Jesse Cole	
	
Yves Dangle	



## **Executive Committee Report**

The NEKWMD finished 2019 by processing less recycling compared to 2018 – 2615 tons in 2019 compared to 2750 tons in 2018. Significant drops in mixed paper, cardboard, and glass were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including compostable materials, batteries, and metal saw increases in tonnage. E-Waste, tires, and plastics tonnages were approximately the same as 2018. Recycling markets remained low throughout all of 2019.

The District ended 2019 with a deficit of \$16,116.38. The District ended 2018 with a deficit of \$41,069.02. Revenues in 2019 were 1% above projections, while budgeted expenses were 3% above projections. The catastrophic failure of our baler on September 24, 2018 was the largest reason for the deficit. Even though the baler was replaced in February of 2019, we incurred significant costs for the first quarter of 2019 that were directly associated with having limited or no processing capacity.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2019. 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.

The NEKWMD is entering 2020 with a proposed budget of \$794,823 – a decrease of 3.6% compared to 2019. The decrease reflects the continued poor markets for recyclables. The surcharge rate of \$24.75 will remain unchanged for 2020. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.59. The NEKWMD will be raising hauling fees by \$10 for facilities and schools. The new rates for 2020 are \$45 for facilities and \$30 for schools.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and two part-time employees in 2019. 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 57,000 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 2019

	A	B	C	D
1	BUDGET ITEM	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2019	2020 PROPOSED BUDGET
2	<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>			
3	Advertising	\$400.00	\$263.75	\$200.00
4	Audit -- Financial	\$7,595.00	\$8,595.00	\$7,595.00
5	Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$2,000.00	\$1,135.00	\$600.00
6	Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
7	Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
8	Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$1,760.00	\$1,920.00
9	Copier	\$2,000.00	\$1,551.83	\$1,500.00
10	Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$5,000.00	\$6,976.12	\$4,600.00
11	Heating Fuel	\$1,500.00	\$918.36	\$1,500.00
12	Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13	Liability & Casualty Ins.	\$15,000.00	\$13,816.00	\$13,000.00
14	Planning	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15	Legal Fees	\$1,500.00	\$2,895.00	\$0.00
16	Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,124.45	\$2,000.00
17	Office Supplies	\$3,600.00	\$3,925.44	\$3,600.00
18	Telephone - Office	\$3,000.00	\$2,949.88	\$3,000.00
19	Water/Sewer	\$1,100.00	\$932.72	\$1,100.00
20	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$47,715.00</b>	<b>\$47,843.55</b>	<b>\$40,765.00</b>
21	Gross Wages	\$394,610.00	\$378,076.79	\$387,800.00
22	OT Wages--Warehouse	\$5,000.00	\$4,856.87	\$5,000.00
23	Fica (Employer Match)	\$24,466.00	\$23,772.93	\$24,000.00
24	Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,722.00	\$5,559.94	\$5,625.00
25	Unemployment Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$1,613.48	\$2,212.00
26	VMERS (Retirement)	\$21,010.00	\$20,635.87	\$21,000.00
27	Workman's Comp. Insurance	\$55,000.00	\$57,000.00	\$55,000.00
28	Mileage - Employee	\$7,000.00	\$8,454.13	\$7,000.00
29	Mileage- Supervisor's	\$4,000.00	\$2,275.37	\$3,200.00
30	Supervisor Secretary Payments	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
31	Personnel Equipment	\$500.00	\$406.26	\$250.00
32	Training	\$1,500.00	\$774.72	\$500.00
33	Travel	\$100.00	\$75.14	\$50.00
34	<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$524,408.00</b>	<b>\$504,001.50</b>	<b>\$512,137.00</b>
35				
36	Loss of Use-Baler	\$0.00	\$16,542.76	\$0.00
37	<b>TOTAL LOSS OF USE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$16,542.76</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
38				
39	<b>BUILDING EXPENSES</b>			
40	Improvements	\$1,000.00	\$2,462.59	\$500.00
41	Electricity	\$9,000.00	\$5,357.24	\$7,300.00
42	Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$2,341.31	\$500.00
43	Misc. Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
44	Trash Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,085.16	\$3,000.00
45	<b>TOTAL BUILDING</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,246.30</b>	<b>\$12,300.00</b>

	A	B	C	D
46	BUDGET ITEM	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL as of 12/31/2019	2020 PROPOSED BUDGET
47	<b>EQUIPMENT EXPENSES</b>			
48	Purchases	\$500.00	\$498.25	\$0.00
49	Baler Loan Payment	\$40,000.00	\$64,000.00	\$40,537.00
50	Baler Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,944.00
51	Baler Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$6,323.68	\$8,000.00
52	Forklift Fuel	\$2,200.00	\$2,193.24	\$2,500.00
53	Forklift Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$992.72	\$3,000.00
54	Misc. Equipment Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
55	Skidsteer Fuel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
56	Skidsteer Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$2,319.38	\$4,000.00
57	Warehouse Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$3,150.31	\$2,000.00
58	Trucks--Diesel	\$21,000.00	\$21,753.75	\$22,000.00
59	Trucks--Repairs	\$12,000.00	\$22,094.89	\$12,000.00
60	<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$97,700.00</b>	<b>\$123,326.22</b>	<b>\$97,481.00</b>
61	<b>PROGRAMS EXPENSES</b>			
62	Advertising	\$1,000.00	\$306.25	\$500.00
63	Permits & Fees	\$450.00	\$235.00	\$500.00
64	Composting	\$20,000.00	\$19,426.50	\$20,000.00
65	Composter/Bin	\$3,000.00	\$2,263.68	\$1,500.00
66	Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
67	Education Outreach	\$10,000.00	\$10,762.53	\$11,000.00
68	Hazmat Disposal	\$24,000.00	\$33,307.06	\$23,000.00
69	Hazmat Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,849.72	\$3,000.00
70	Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$25,000.00	\$32,172.59	\$22,000.00
71	Special Collections	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
72	Supplies	\$500.00	\$1,589.05	\$600.00
73	Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$14,506.50	\$14,000.00
74	<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$96,250.00</b>	<b>\$118,418.88</b>	<b>\$96,140.00</b>
75	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$781,073.00</b>	<b>\$823,379.21</b>	<b>\$758,823.00</b>
76				
77	Capital Improvement Fund	\$44,000.00	\$28,060.00	\$36,000.00
78	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$44,000.00</b>	<b>\$28,060.00</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>
79				
80	<b>TOTAL NEK EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$825,073.00</b>	<b>\$851,439.21</b>	<b>\$794,823.00</b>
81				
82	Grants--St of VT & USDA	\$59,000.00	\$150,002.52	\$82,000.00
83	Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$41,000.00	\$43,240.00	\$48,000.00
84	Haz Mat/Paint Care	\$3,500.00	\$6,333.65	\$5,400.00
85	Interest Income	\$25.00	\$10.61	\$10.00
86	Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$1,703.79	\$1,200.00
87	Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,000.00	\$1,152.00	\$1,600.00
88	Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
89	Sale of Recyclables	\$130,000.00	\$61,254.75	\$88,000.00
90	Compost Income	\$18,000.00	\$20,624.33	\$19,225.00
91	Electronics Income	\$15,000.00	\$25,670.27	\$21,200.00
92	Scrap Metal Income	\$25,000.00	\$13,283.90	\$18,000.00
93	Battery Income	\$8,000.00	\$5,520.75	\$6,500.00
94	Tire Income	\$12,000.00	\$14,257.40	\$16,000.00
95	Per Capita Assessment	\$41,500.00	\$42,834.60	\$42,538.00
96	Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$470,398.00	\$449,359.26	\$445,000.00
97	<b>TOTAL NEK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$825,073.00</b>	<b>\$835,322.83</b>	<b>\$794,823.00</b>

# Town and Regional Officials

## Elected Town Officers

Office		Term ends at Town meeting in the year
Auditors	Charles Byron Jan Eastman Stan Fickes	2020 2021 2022
First Constable Second Constable	John Sheehan Peter Craig	2020 2020
Delinquent Tax Collector	John Sheehan	2020
Grand Juror	Charles Browne	2020
Library Representative	Craig Harrison	2021
Listers	Betsy McKay Rick Scholes Rusty Barber	2020 2021 2022
Moderator	Tim McKay	2020
School Directors	Mike Heath Adam Kane Cornelia Hasenfuss Jessica Philippe Mark Clough, Chair	2020 2020 2021 2021 2022
Selectboard	Peter Craig Mike Heath Beatrice Ring	2020 2021 2022
Town Agent	Robert Fuehrer	2020
Town Clerk	Thomas Galinat	2020
Town Treasurer & Tax Collector	Thomas Galinat	2020

## Appointments by Selectboard as of March 2019

Appointment:		App't ends
Appropriation Committee	Mary Ellen Reis	2020
	Josette Lyders	2020
	Nancy Saidi	2020
Cemetery Preservation Committee	Ron Craig	2020
	Laura Johnson	2020
	Dean Schoolcraft	2020
	Cheryl Stevenson	2020
Cemetery Sextons	Ron Craig	2020
	Cheryl Stevenson	2020
Conservation Commission	David Stauffer	2020
	David Magnus	2020
	Marilyn Magnus	2020
	Ron Miller	2020
	Neil Monteith	2020
	Anna Rubin	2020
Development Review Board	Nick Comerci	2020
	Matt Kempton	2020
	Greg Schoolcraft	2020
	Morris McCain	2020
	Raymond Young	2020
	Marilyn Magnus (alternate)	2020
Energy Committee	Thomas Bryer	2020
	Mary Daly	2020
	David Edwards	2020
	Jock Gill	2020
	David Jacobs	2020
	Daniel O'Brien	2020
	Bruce Wescott	2020
	Thomas Galinat (alternate)	2020
	Morgan Gold (alternate)	2020
Emergency Management Coordinator	Neil Monteith	2020
911 Coordinator	Brian Barney	2020
Fence Viewers	Kathy Corcoran	2020
	Karen Gallas	2020
	Julie Lang	2020
	Anna Rubin	2020
Fire Chief	Jeff Berwick	2020

<b>Appointment:</b>		<b>App't ends</b>
Fire Warden	Aaron Morton	2020
Green Up Chair	Rose Dedam	2020
Health Officer	Joshua Kantrowitz	2020
Assistant Health Officer	Mary Daly	2020
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, and Wood	Joseph Layn Timothy McKay	2020 2020
Keeper of the Pound	Jo Guertin	2020
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative	Amber Lowell	2020
NVDA Representatives	Annette Lorraine Jen Surat	2020 2020
Planning Commission	Jock Gill Anna Rubin Marilyn Magnus Bruce MacLean Richard Scholes Tyler Lafontaine (alternate)	2020 2020 2020 2020 2020 2020
Road Foreman	Jeremy Withers	2020
Selectboard Clerk	Rebecca Washington	2020
Service Officer	Patty Strader	2020
Tree Board	David Jacobs Julie Lang Bruce Maclean Neil Monteith Dave Stauffer	2020 2020 2020 2020 2020
Tree Warden	Neil Monteith	2020
Weigher of Coal	Dave Stauffer	2020
Zoning Administrator	Robert Hansen	2020
Memorial Day Chair	Julie Hansen	2020

## Other Elected Officials

Justices of the Peace (all terms expire in February 2021):

Jean Dedam  
Cynthia “Cynther” Greene  
Eric Kaufman  
Sam Kempton  
Diana Senturia

State Representative (term expires in 2021):  
Kitty Beattie Toll

State Senators (terms expire in 2021):  
Joe Benning  
Jane Kitchell

US Representative (term expires in 2021):  
Peter Welch

US Senator:  
Bernie Sanders (2025)  
Patrick Leahy (2023)



# Other Peacham Reports

## Cemetery Reports

### Cemetery Sexton

Through the efforts of the Vermont Offender Work Programs, new leadership brought with it a beautiful mowing job this year. We really appreciate their hard work. Along that line, we are now negotiating one mowing/raking contract with them for the entire town. We are continually working to improve our business practice with starting a spreadsheet of long term and immediate goals.

I have contacted someone to help establishing a cremation area. The costs and designing will be in the works this spring. More stones were cleaned and repaired this last summer. The stones in the Peacham/Groton cemetery were also cleaned and repaired this year. They look great. A new fence will be going up this coming summer in the Peacham/Groton cemetery.

If you need a copy of the by-laws or have a question, please feel free to contact me.

Cheryl Stevenson, Sexton, 592-3202

Note: Cemetery financial accounts are now included in the the overall Town financial reports.

## Development Review Board and Zoning Applications

The Peacham Development Review Board held three public hearings in 2019 to act on two subdivision applications and one boundary line adjustment. All three applications were approved.

Submitted by Nick Comerci – Chair DRB

### **Peacham Zoning Applications**

Total Zoning Permit Applications:	17
Approved Building Permit Applications:	14
Approved Subdivision Applications:	3
Approved Variance Applications:	0

Of the 14 building permits, 5 were for substantial renovations involving new home construction, major interior and exterior renovations, large building additions and foundation replacement. The remaining 9 permits were for much smaller projects such as new decks, storage sheds, small building additions and porch extensions.

Subdivision applications are required to have a conditional use review conducted by the Development Review Board. Three subdivision applications were submitted and all were approved by the DRB.

Submitted by Bob Hansen, Peacham Zoning Administrator

## Peacham Board of Listers

Thanks to the help and cooperation of our friends and neighbors the town-wide reappraisal is done. The new Grand List was used to apportion 2019 real property taxes. We strived to make the assessments fair, accurate, and consistent for everyone. We received between 1/3 and 1/2 of the statistically forecast number of grievances. This suggests that most of you are satisfied with the new assessments; or at least are not too dissatisfied.



The Grand List values will remain stable for a few years, changing only for new construction and when there are alterations and improvements to existing properties. If you have altered your property since April 1st of last year we will call in March or April for an appointment to visit.

Over time the real estate market will change. When the Vermont Tax Department's annual "equalization study" of sales in Peacham determines that the market in town has changed by 15% or more we will be required to re-appraise the entire town again. Hopefully it will be another ten years before that happens.

In the meantime we will sit in front of our computers, keeping up with property transfers, new construction projects, and the myriad reports the Tax Department requires each year.

As always, if you have any questions please call us at 592-3011 or visit us in the Town Hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 am until noon.

Rusty Barber, Betsy McKay, and Rick Scholes

## **Peacham Children's Center**

Peacham Children's Center, Inc. (PCC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit formed in 2018. The mission of the PCC is to provide high quality, affordable childcare for the children of Peacham. More broadly, we envision a community that cares about families, from the youngest to the oldest. We believe we live in a caring community that can continue to make positive change.



Peacham Children's Center

Since May of 2018 much groundwork has been laid. Support for the concept has been overwhelming. Shortly after last year's town meeting PCC was urged to try to work with the Peacham Congregational Church with the hope that locating childcare in the church could be a boon to both organizations. Any investment in the building would benefit the church and community regardless of the future of childcare, and bringing children and their families to the church every day could attract new members to the church and provide new energy for the future of both the church community and the building itself.

Other alternatives have been explored including the renovation of existing buildings, the purchase of an existing house in the village, and building a new building on the grounds of the Peacham Elementary School. While any of those alternatives are still possible, the PCC board determined that the preferred alternative is to renovate space in the Church. This will involve considerable investment in new septic and heating systems, and some renovations to the ground floor of the Church. After careful deliberation through the summer, the church membership approved moving ahead with the design process to obtain good cost estimates, which will ultimately determine the feasibility of using the space. Both PCC and the Church are keenly aware of the importance of the ground floor space to the broader community and the floor plan will be flexible to allow for special events such as the town meeting lunch.

Providing a quality child care center in Peacham will bring multiple benefits beyond critical support to our young parents. We expect the Peacham Children's Center to employ six to eight people, which is significant in our small town. It will attract young couples and families looking for a place to raise children. The town has budgeted for continuing an after-school program at the Peacham Elementary School, and the existing full time PreK program at the school is helping greatly with 3 and 4 year

olds. Currently, Peacham's babies and toddlers are scattered across various child care situations around the region. The availability of local care will give families the ability to be a part of a local child-rearing community from the start.

Peacham Children's Center Board: Tim McKay, Jess Philippe, Alex Maclean, Gretchen Kaija, Patrice McDonough, Cathy Browne

## **Peacham Collaborators Group**

For the past 16 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 10-15 people to attend these meetings which are scheduled from 8:30-10:30 on the first Saturday morning of even-numbered months (February, April, June, August, October and December.)

Notes from these meetings are prepared and distributed to those who attend 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 sharing current information about major public events Peacham hosts each year and providing assistance with these events from time to time. As an example, the Collaborators Group has organized the potluck luncheon during the Town Meeting for several years.

The Collaborator Group is entirely voluntary. There is no staff, no budget, and no by-laws – just a social gathering which is fun, enlightening and productive. Please consider joining us at one of our regular meetings. People who represent an organization in town (including town government and boards) are especially welcome. Or sign up at [frank.miller@charter.net](mailto:frank.miller@charter.net) 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**

Peacham Community Housing, Inc., is a non-profit corporation founded by Peacham residents to support affordable senior housing. PCH was a community partner with Housing Vermont for converting two buildings that had been part of the Peacham Academy campus after the Academy closed: the Kenerson Building, which is now known as the Academy Apartments and the Science Building, which is now vacant. In 2010 Housing Vermont decided that the capital needs of the Science Building were too expensive, so they closed it.

Three years ago, as expected, Housing Vermont withdrew its role in operating these Peacham facilities and passed them on to PCH's sole ownership of the Academy Apartments, the Science Building, and the lovely green that was the heart of the campus. These are unique community assets, but PCH has few resources to invest in major improvements, especially for the Science Building.

The mission of PCH is to provide safe and comfortable housing and to enhance the quality of life for our tenants and the entire community. To fulfill its mission, PCH hosts the Peacham Farmers Market and opens its facilities for community events such as the PAMFest in summer, the Fondo Cycling

Event in the fall, and the Winter Carnival. PCH is also one of the founders of the monthly programs of Aging Well in Peacham (AWIP), open for all.

PCH engages a property management company (E.P. Management) to maintain high standards in the housing conditions, manage the housing finances, and fill vacancies from a waiting list when available. There are six apartments currently housing eight residents, and the PCH Board works closely with both E.P. Mgmt. and the tenants to ensure their safety, comfort, and social life. The building includes guest quarters, a kitchen, a living room, and parking for tenants and visitors.

The annual budget for maintaining these apartments is approximately \$60,000, including growing a small reserve fund for essential improvements, such as, in the past two years, the new roof and the new boiler for heat and hot water. Modest rents and, at times, subsidies are the sources of income for meeting the facility's expenses.

Peacham Community Housing has also received ownership of the former town office and its adjacent school bus barn. The old town office now hosts the Peacham Corner Guild, and the bus barn is now the splendid Peacham Café. PCH is very pleased to provide spaces for these popular businesses in the heart of Peacham. Caring for these facilities is sustained on a slim budget (c. \$9,500) with little or no reserves for repairs, but with annual voters' appropriation support. Thank you!

PCH has ambitious goals in the near future: 1) building a safe, ADA-compliant walkway from the Apartments to the Town Offices; 2) resolving the future of the Science Building; and 3) improving the Guild space and its vacant upstairs. We hope you'll help.

PCH's current volunteer Board of Directors consists of Liza Browne (Treasurer), Olive Cheney (elected by the apartment residents), Dina Danielson, Alfred Dedam (Secretary), Morgan Gold, Cynther Greene, Dart Thalman (Vice President), and Charlie Browne (President). The Board invites and welcomes the assistance of all community members. With the vision and traditions of our community, PCH annually honors neighbors who have displayed extraordinary volunteerism and leadership for a better Peacham. For "Extraordinary Service and Contributions to Peacham", the Harry Barnes Award has been presented to (the late) Bob and Sharon Fuehrer in 2017, to Lorna Quimby in 2018, and, most recently, to Diana and Jerry Senturia in October 2019. Embrace the PCH mission and perhaps you'll be next!

Thank you, All, from the PCH Board and Tenants

## **Peacham Energy Committee**

In 2019, The Energy Committee has been focused on developing an Enhanced Energy Plan for Peacham. This focus will continue in 2020. The plan will address a number of goals:

1. to insure that the town of Peacham has legal standing with the state to participate in considering any energy plans the state would like to pursue in Peacham;
2. to help Peacham develop an energy system for our future that is as resilient as possible;
3. to update and enhance the section of the new town plan which discusses energy; and
4. to help Peacham contribute to the state's environmental goals. The Energy Committee is supported by planner Alison Low of Northern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) to develop this enhanced energy plan.

Interested residents are invited to attend Energy Committee meetings at the Peacham Library at 6 PM on the second Monday of every month.

### Peacham Energy Committee

Jock Gill (chair), Tom Bryer, Mary Daly, David Edwards, Tom Galinat, Morgan Gold, David Jacobs, Gretchen Kaija, Jeff Lane, and Stergios Lazos

## Peacham Fire Department

The Peacham Fire Department responded to a total of 75 emergency response calls in 2019 that included 20 in-town fire calls and emergencies, 50 in-town medical emergencies and 5 mutual aid calls outside of Peacham.

We welcomed Debi Smith and Maxwell Post as new members to the department this year as firefighters. We appreciate their commitment to helping protect the residents of Peacham during an emergency. We regret the retiring of Firefighter Rodney Reis, Firefighter Richard Greenwood, EMT Jerry Senturia, and Support Specialist Diana Senturia in 2019. Together they had a combined service of over 80 years with the department! We wish them well.



In September of this year we took delivery of our new tanker/pumper manufactured by Toyne Fire Apparatus. We have been training on the new truck and have responded to a few emergencies since the delivery. The truck has exceeded our expectations and has already proven valuable at one structure fire. The 2,500 gallons of water was enough to put out the fire and we didn't need to rely on a mutual aid response. This truck will provide us with both flexibility and increased fire protection capability.

The department continues to update our response equipment each year. We replace older, outdated, unsafe and non-functioning equipment, hose, nozzles, and gear each year. This year a large, planned expense will be new air bottles for the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs). Several years ago, we were fortunate to be awarded a grant for these bottles and now their maximum service life of 15 years has been exceeded.

Our BIGGEST challenge is recruiting new members, not only during the daytime hours but all times of the day. 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 at 7:30pm 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. Also, please post your 911 location number so it is visible from the road day and night. If we cannot see your number, we might not find you!!

Thank you for your support.

Jeffrey F. Berwick, Chief, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

## **PFD Medical Response**

In the year 2019 Peacham Volunteer Fire Department logged 50 medical calls. 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, the medically trained members of our Peacham Volunteer Fire Department arrive at your location within a few minutes with our first response vehicle, Rescue 1. Rescue 1 carries all of our medical, ice and rope rescue, traffic control, and other specialized equipment. It is our role to take on and handle any life-threatening emergencies immediately, and assist CALEX Ambulance as they arrive to transport the patient to the hospital. Two of our EMS personnel also carry defibrillators. We DO NOT operate an ambulance; that task is provided by CALEX. As with a fire call, please call 911 as soon as you become aware of an emergency medical condition rather than pondering if the call is "serious" enough to warrant calling 911. Dial 911! Please note to not call members directly for an emergency – again, call 911.

It is with sadness that we report the retirements of Jerry and Diana Senturia after many years of service from the department as EMS. As most people know, they were instrumental in assisting Chief Berwick with re-instating medical response in the town back in 2000. They will be missed.

In 2019, with the retirement of Jerry, we now have four members trained as EMS medical first responders. We have three members awaiting certification for EMS medical response, two at the EMT level and one at the EMR level. They should be all trained within the next month. All of our medical responders are trained to the latest Vermont and National EMS Protocols.

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 regarding emergency resuscitation efforts on your behalf. 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. The easiest way to make the COLST available is to put it in a labelled sealed envelope on the outside of your refrigerator.

Also please consider installing a reflective green 911 sign displaying your house number if you don't already have one, as 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 really can't say this enough about this. Please - display your 911 house number.

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

We need your help also as volunteers. Please volunteer in supporting your community and neighbors in providing needed care throughout the town. You can help in so many ways. 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 or stop by the station any Monday evening after 7:30 PM.

Thank you for your support,

Jeffrey F. Berwick, Chief, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department

## **Peacham Fire District No. 1 Prudential Committee**

The Annual Meeting was held at Peacham Library on February 12, 2019, at 7:00 PM with three members of the fire district and one member of the public 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 2018 Grand List. Elections were held with the following results: Jonathan Kaplan was elected to a 3 year term on the Prudential Committee. Cecilia Kane was elected as Clerk for the year and Jean Dedam was elected Treasurer and Collector of taxes for the year. Reports were presented to the voters by the Prudential Committee, Water Operator, Treasurer and Examiner.

The water line replacement project finally got underway in late May and was nearing completion when winter set in. The last 500' of pipe will be replaced in the spring which will represent a significant upgrade to the system that should last for decades. Village and town residents were pleased with the work and demeanor of Munson Earth Movers who are doing the project. The project did generate much interest in the workings of the Fire District and we welcomed increased public participation at our meetings so all have a better understanding of the origins and responsibilities of the Fire District.

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 are asking for an increase to the appropriation this year as we upgrade a water system that serves everyone in the town at one time or another, as well as lights in the village maintained for safety. 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, Cecelia Kane, Jonathan Kaplan

## **Peacham Fire Warden**

In 2019, there were 45 burn permits issued. Please see the Permit Guidelines section on how to get a burn permit.

I would like to thank Dick Greenwood for his help over the years. He has moved on to his next adventure. He spent 25 years on the fire department as well as helping to issue permits and attending trainings with me. We will miss his help.

There is no key man at this point. By fire season I will have one in place and have numbers posted. If you have any questions please call. To report any type of fire please call 911 immediately.

Aaron Morton, Fire Warden, 684-1174

## **Peacham Library**

*"Public libraries dismantle the walls between us."*

*-Sue Halpern*

Last year more than 7,500 people passed through the Peacham Library. Some came to use the computers, to borrow a book or a movie, or to get help downloading an eBook or an audiobook. Others came to watch a movie. They attended meetings, listened to speakers, brought their children to Story Hour. Or they just stopped in to say hello. That number represents over 10 visits per capita—as if every Peacham resident came to the library ten times over the course of the year.



The library is open 20 hours a week, but the library building is in use, for meetings, programs and classes, for nearly 40 hours outside of our normal operating schedule. Town committees and organizations, including the Selectboard, planning commission, energy committee, Peacham Fire District #1, and the town listers, account for nearly half that time. Organizations using the community room include the Peacham Historical Association, Aging Well in Peacham, Peacham Community Housing, Peacham Childcare Committee, Acoustic Musicians, Collaborators Group, Caledonia Central Supervisory Union, Peacham Academy Alumni Association, Peacham Corner Craft Guild, OnGuard and PAMFest. This winter the library was home to yoga classes as well.

Among the programs on offer over the last year were a wet felting class, a visit to Iceland with Tim McKay, Frederick Douglass with Julie Hanson, Talking Gardens with Ken Kraus, lectures on the Emerald Ash Borer threat and on tick awareness, "Repeopling Vermont" with author Paul Searls, "Green Burials," Drag Queen Story Hour, Gold Star Dog Training, Iron Chef Jr., Kingdom Mountain Dulcimers, David Rosane and the ZOOkeepers, a preview of the acclaimed PBS series by Ken Burns, "Country Music," with local musicians, and a Fedco Order and gardening get-together.

We invited Modern Times Theater for our Summer Reading Kick-Off program at the elementary school. They blasted us into a summer of fun with the theme "A Universe of Stories." We offered "story time" at the Farmer's Market, 12 sessions of reading stories, getting messy making gadgets and having fun building and playing in a spaceship. We continued the fun and community spirit of the summer season into the fall by combining story time with Sunday pot luck dinners.

Four Peacham Landings Summer Series events had residents sharing stories of how they came to live in Peacham. This series was funded by a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council and will continue into 2020. The library hosted another Pie Stop during the Fall Fondo—feeding bikers with phenomenal pies donated by the bakers of Peacham, and with the world's best ice cream generously provided, and served, by Artesano of Groton.

Art shows in our gallery space featured work by Dorothy Baxter, Grace Greene, CCSU Students, Susan Smolinsky, CCSU Visual Art Department, Cecelia Kane and Susan McClellan.

Among the many events the library sponsors every year are the Winter Coffee House series, the Winter Carnival Chili Sale, Santa's Crafts and Latkes, and our Summer Reading series. In addition, we invite you to attend any and all of our regular free events like Friday Coffee Hour, Tai Chi, the Reader's Delight book club, Knitters & Puzzlers, Story Time, and to watch one of our monthly movies. And we hope to see everyone at our Annual Meeting, on July 13, 2020.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Friends of the Peacham Library for all they do to support our programs and collection, and particularly for their hard work putting together fun community events such as the Holiday High Tea and the Cinco de Mayo celebration, which help raise funds to support the library.

Peacham Library exists at the heart of Peacham because of you—our community. We want to thank you for all you do to help us ensure that the library and its resources are available to you and everyone in our community. Thank you for your generosity and support, at Town Meeting and throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Smolinsky, Director

## **Peacham Planning Commission**

In 2019, your Planning Commission finished the new Town Plan, which has been duly approved by all parties required. The plan will need to be redone in 8 years. The plan is available online at:

*<https://peacham.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Peacham-Town-Plan-2019-Adopted.pdf>*

In 2020, the Planning Commission will be working on:

1. the Enhanced Energy Plan currently under development by the Energy Committee;
2. re-establishing the Village Center designation;
3. reviewing Peacham's zoning regulations;
4. expanding the availability of high speed internet and cellphone coverage.

The Commission will look into ways to prevent fragmentation of fields and forests, enable district heating, enable Tiny Homes, enable properly sited town renewable energy projects, ensure that an emergency center is allowed, etc.

The Commission invites comments and suggestions on all of these matters as well as suggestions for other items that should be considered. The public is invited to attend Planning Commission meetings in the Town Offices at 6 PM on the second Tuesday of every month. Please note that this a new time and is subject to change.



## Vital Statistics 2019

### Births

Vincent Pierce Mulligan	April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Melissa and Eugene Mulligan
Benjamin Paul Regis	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ashley and Mark Regis
Benjamin Conrad Patno	September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kate and Cody Patno

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

### Marriages

Gretchen Flora Kaija Ian Pierce Boswell	May 25 <sup>th</sup>	
Sarah Elizabeth Langmaid William Owen Kempton	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Heather Lyn Hudson Jonathan Williams Smires	June 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Abby Teresa Young Jason Michael Bean	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	
Lauren Euphemia Fowler Kyle Shand Haughey	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Patricia Farr Blackmore Gerald Paul Knowlton	December 29 <sup>th</sup>	

### Deaths

Sandra Lee Greenwood	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Peacham
Michael Joseph Bruton	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Peacham
Cecile M. Aubin	February	Derby
Raymond Robert Welch	July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Peacham
Joan Mary Field	July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Peacham
Joanne Elizabeth Crisman	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Peacham
Robert Charles Fuehrer	September 18 <sup>th</sup>	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

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E-MAIL: dean.shatney@caledoniasheriff.net

We completed another audit for our office in 2018 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 due 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. The radar cart is working well and in many 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 and two golf carts. 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 20 Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year, with hopes to send a couple new hires 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, but are unable to do that right now. Our new location is wonderful and working as it should. We've had a lot of visitors and people stopping by with question. We are more visible and easier to reach. Plus the savings on the tax payers went from \$52,000, down to \$30,000. In 12 years, that expense will go away and the county will own the building.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me or stop by 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

## **CALEX Ambulance Service**

*Compassionate professionals delivering the highest quality emergency medicine, specialty care, and training to our providers and communities.*

2019 was yet again a very busy year providing Emergency Services in our region. CALEX continues to provide the highest quality of pre hospital care to all the towns we serve providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic level 24/7/365. Serving 9 towns – Saint Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Concord, Kirby, Victory, Danville, Walden and Peacham.

Our volumes continue to rise overall for our system. Our responses were down a bit slightly in Peacham last year to 60 responses this year 47. Our average response time to the scene for our entire service area 7 minutes 48 secs. Overall our agency responded to 3,181 requests for service. CALEX provided 788 inter-facility transports throughout the year in VT and an additional 314 in NH for a total of 1,102 inter-facility transports. These transports are a critical point of our service, reducing any delays of getting our patients to definitive care whether it be trauma services, cardiac care or other specialty services at a higher-level care facility such as DHMC or UVMMC and other hospitals across the New England. CALEX transferred patients to further tertiary care facility in 2019 due to bed availability. Our overall fleet mileage for 2019 was 102,580 averaging of 281 miles per day. CALEX provides Paramedic coverage 24/7/365 – with 2 Paramedic trucks at minimum 24/7 and additional AEMT level ambulance daytime 0700-1900. CALEX also

continues to provide Paramedic intercept services to Lyndon Rescue and other services that may be transporting critical ill patients into NVRH. Our Paramedics respond rapidly with our intercept vehicle to meet on scene or enroute to the hospital to provide the highest level of care.

This year we remounted our 2009 Chevy C4500 (189,000 miles) onto a new 2019 C5500 as well as 2016 F-350 (127,000 ) onto a new 2019 F-450 4x4. This remount process which is completed by Osage Ambulance, Linn MO – removes the old box from the chassis, installs new LED lighting, new flooring, reinspects all the electrical systems, and completely sandblast the box and repaint/letter. This remount process has been successful for us while saving thousands versus purchasing new for a minimum of two remounts. We also replaced our 2007 Chevy Tahoe which was at the end of service with a 2019 Dodge Durango. We maintain a fleet of 5 Ambulances, one Paramedic intercept vehicle, one off-road UTV. We will also be upgrading two new cardiac monitors moving into 2020 as the other two are at the end of their service.

The CALEX Grill was a fundraising success in 2019! Many hours of labor were needed to operate The Grill, hours filled completely by volunteers, by individuals and families from communities throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties. The Grill took part in more than 15 Community Events during the 2019 Season. Over \$9,000, after supply costs and venue fees were paid, went directly toward the purchase of Medical Equipment used to provide care to those we serve. All of us at CALEX Ambulance Service offer sincere thanks to all who support the Agency, to those who volunteered and made The Grill a fundraising success, to those who purchased and enjoyed all that the Grill had to offer, and to those who supported the Agency in countless other ways in the past and throughout 2019.

CALEX St. Johnsbury continues to serve as the area's American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Public Training Center. Classes are offered regularly to the public, they can also be arranged to be held privately for small group or larger businesses throughout the Kingdom.. You can also learn CPR/First Aid online and we will provide your skills verifications for certification. For more information you can visit us at [www.calexambulance.org](http://www.calexambulance.org) Please learn CPR today, you could save a

life!

As we end 2019, I look forward to another successful year of providing the very best of pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed to anyone who may need our service in the communities we serve. We hope you will continue to support us and approve our funding requests so we can continue providing the very best Emergency Medical Care to the region.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors and our dedicated dispatchers for their continued support and dedication to the Agency's mission.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael J. Wright, NRP  
Chief Executive Officer

## **Danville Senior Meal Site**

The Danville Senior Meal Site is a Board governed organization whose mission is to provide support to the local community's senior citizens. The programs and services of the Meal Site Center are operated in space rented from the Danville United Methodist Church on Park Street in Danville. Currently the meal site serves residents of Danville, Peacham and Walden.

The meal site program currently provides over 4,000 nutritious and well-balanced meals per year. These meals are provided at the meal site and delivered through the Meals on Wheels program. If any resident of Danville, Peacham or Walden is interested in the Meals on Wheels program they can contact the North East Kingdom Council on Aging at 1-800-642-5119. Meals are served at the meal site on Tuesdays and Thursday at noon. Individuals can also call the meal site at 802-684-3389.

The past year we hired Robert Walley to serve as the Chef/Manager of the meal site. His knowledge and passion in serving others will ensure that the patrons of the meal site receive a well-balanced and nutritious meal served in an inviting and friendly atmosphere. We cannot express our gratitude to all those who volunteer their time and energy to make this program work: our drivers, Ken Linsley and Tim Ide, and all the workers who diligently support us, Joanne Murray, Christine Viano, Pam Hebert, Elaine Pacholek, Connie Clark, Priscilla Harrod, Jean Ashley, and Kathy Baker, among others. We also would like to express our thanks to the Churches of this area, local businesses and individuals who have donated to the meal site this past year. We are only able to successfully accomplish the mission of the meal site through your generosity. Thank You!

Our funding from the Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging is directly linked to the number of meals served, and patrons are asked to make a "suggested" donation of \$4.00 per meal for those over 60 years of age and \$5.00 for those under 60. As with any non-profit organization it is always a challenge to meet our budget. As with the 2019 fiscal year we are requesting \$800 from the town of Peacham to continue our mission to the seniors of our community in 2020. We are grateful for the town's support and hope that the 2020 town meeting will continue its support for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of directors of the Danville Senior Action Center,

Kenneth Munding, Reverend Bob Sargent, Jane Milne, Cheryl Mitchell and Christine Viano.



Since 1976, Umbrella has ensured that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties have access to services that make for strong women, supported families and safe homes. Umbrella operates 4 multi-faceted, client- centered programs and plays a crucial role in decreasing the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence. Services offered include:

**The Advocacy Program** is an essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. The Advocacy Program meets the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventive programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent and healthy relationships. In 2019, 569 individuals received direct advocacy, 27 adults and 26 children were sheltered for a total of 2,654 bed-nights, and 330 adults and 3,207 youth were reached at 150 prevention programming events.

**Kingdom Child Care Connection (KCCC)** is a community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and southern Essex counties. KCCC is responsible for helping families find and pay for high-quality childcare services while also increasing the availability and quality of child development services through professional development opportunities and targeted programmatic supports. In 2019, 759 families were connected with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program.

**The Family Room** is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. In 2019, the Family Room helped 101 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent. Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

**Cornucopia** is a culinary arts job-training program for women with barriers to employment. This 14-week program introduces women to the culinary arts through the preparation and packaging of Meals-on-Wheels for Newport area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with local businesses that fit their individual strengths and interests, enabling them to achieve economic self-sufficiency. In 2019, Cornucopia empowered 12 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training and produced over 30,615 nutritionally-balanced meals to homebound, Newport-area seniors and 2,380 meals at its weekly community meal site.

Given that some services are provided anonymously, it is difficult to provide each town with a precise number of people served by Umbrella. However, at least 13 households in Peacham were served by Umbrella in 2018 and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs in schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals.

Community support is critical to sustain our programming and to discover innovative approaches to the work Umbrella does. We are deeply grateful for Peacham’s support.

Respectfully,

Amanda Cochrane, Executive Director

Umbrella Inc. was incorporated in 1981 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission is nurturing communities of strong women, supported families and safe homes.

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# Town Information

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

Dog Licenses 2019	
121 dog licenses were issued.	
Income:	\$1,122.00
	\$590.00 – Rabies
(less) Expenses:	<u>\$100.27</u> – Dog tags
Net Income:	\$431.73

2020 Rates for Dog Licenses	
Neutered or spayed:	\$9.00
Intact:	\$14.00
Each includes 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.

## DEFEAT **RABIES** - Fight with **Facts**

### Rabies Kills

animals and people!



Vermont

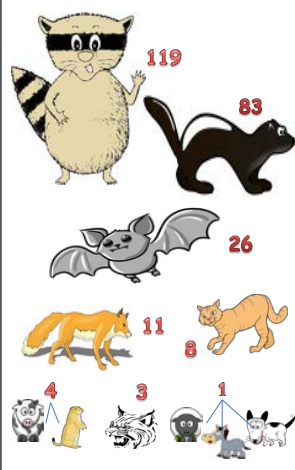
25-50 animals/year positive for rabies



Rabies kills 1 person every 10 minutes

### RECOGNIZE RABIES

VT rabies cases since 2011:



### PREVENT RABIES



Vaccinate your animals!

Avoid any weird-acting animals - then tell an adult!



TALK to your doctor if you get bitten by an animal or wake up to find a bat in your house.



One Health Committee [www.vtvets.org](http://www.vtvets.org)  
World Rabies Day 2016

## Town 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 \$40.00 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 \$40.00
- **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. Contact Dave Shepard, 802-272-4088, or email [dave.shepard@vermont.gov](mailto:dave.shepard@vermont.gov). This is wood only — you cannot burn plywood, treated wood, painted wood, or 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. If Aaron is unavailable you may also email [Jeff Berwick](mailto:insure@berwickagency.com) at [insure@berwickagency.com](mailto:insure@berwickagency.com) Please do not call the Fire Chief or members of the Fire Department. They will tell you to contact the Fire Warden to request a burn permit. Please plan ahead. They may not always be available when you would like to burn.



# Recycling Guidelines and Waste Fees

## Peacham Recycling and Waste Disposal Guide

Town Highway #2, E. Peacham Rd. Saturdays, 8:00am — 4:00pm

<b>↓ SORT ITEMS ↓</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MIXED PAPER</u></b></p> <p>Newspapers, catalogs, telephone books, glossy inserts, paperback books, colored &amp; white paper, wrapping paper and junk mail. Any color or type of paper except:</p> <p><b><i>NO brown Kraft bags, boxboard, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or metallic wrapping paper.</i></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, BOXBOARD, &amp; BROWN KRAFT BAGS</u></b></p> <p>All Cardboard and Boxboard food packaging. Remove excess tape. Staples are OK.</p> <p><b><i>NO wax-coated cardboard, cardboard soiled with food waste, coffee cups, ice cream cartons, or Styrofoam.</i></b> *BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED*</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TIN CANS</u></b></p> <p>Labels are OK. Flattening not required. Separate from aluminum cans. Tin is magnetic.</p> <p><b>*MUST BE RINSED*</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ALUMINUM CANS, FOIL AND FOOD TRAYS</u></b></p> <p>Labels OK. Flattening not required.</p> <p><b><i>Snack bags and candy wrappers are trash.</i></b> <b>*MUST BE RINSED*</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>GLASS BOTTLES &amp; JARS</u></b></p> <p>*Rinse, Remove Lids (recycle with tin)* <b><i>NO porcelain, Pyrex, windows, crystal, light bulbs, lids, metal or wood.</i></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PLASTIC BAGS</u></b></p> <p>Any plastic bag or packaging labelled #2, #4, or #5. Any color accepted. Includes bubble wrap.</p>
<p><b><u>PLASTIC CONTAINERS #1 – #4 &amp; #5 Food Containers</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Max size 2 Gallons / NO BLACK PLASTIC / *MUST BE RINSED*</u></b></p> <p>Includes food containers, cleaner containers. #5 accepted <i>if it's a food container.</i></p> <p><b><i>DISPOSE OF THESE PLASTIC ITEMS IN THE TRASH: Any black plastic, Screw-top caps, automotive fluid bottles, pesticide bottles, vinyl siding, toys, CD cases, VHS tapes, Styrofoam, syringes, or medical devices.</i></b></p>	
<p><b>NO...</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DIRTY OR UNRINSED ITEMS</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Black Plastic containers</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Plastic Containers larger than 2 Gallons</u></b></p>	

### **ADDITIONAL ACCEPTED MATERIALS:**

**FOOD SCRAPS:** All food scraps, including meat, bones, dairy. Remove PLU stickers. No plastics, metals, paper.

**SPECIAL WASTES:** Automotive Batteries, Rechargeable batteries, Alkaline batteries, Cellular Phones, Fluorescent Bulbs, Electronics and Scrap metal. **Tires** - Fees apply

**HOUSEHOLD TRASH:** Trash disposal at transfer station: Punch cards for trash disposal available for purchase at transfer station (checks only) or at Town Office (cash or check). Residents can also contract with private haulers for curbside collection, find our Licensed Hauler List at <http://www.nekwmd.org/pdf/haulerlist.pdf>.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:** **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**, Monday – Friday, May to October in Lyndonville, and special events throughout the District June – September. Call for details.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS – CONTACT THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AT (802) 626-3532 or (800) 734-4602 On the web at [www.nekwmd.org](http://www.nekwmd.org), e-mail [outreach@nekwmd.org](mailto:outreach@nekwmd.org)

Updated 1/2020





**List of Items NOT ACCEPTED for Recycling**  
Please put the following items in your trash unless otherwise stated

**Unacceptable Plastics Include:**

Any **black** plastic containers  
Screw-top Caps  
Motor oil, gas containers  
Pesticide containers  
Styrofoam of any kind  
Planting pots and trays  
Plastic furniture  
Plastic Toys  
Coffee Makers  
Coat hangers  
Vinyl Siding  
Maple Tubing  
CDs, DVDs, VHS, and cases  
Water line pipes and plastic tubing of any size  
**Hard, rigid plastic** (if it shatters, it's not accepted)

**Unacceptable Plastic Bags and Films**

Any films with food residue

**Unacceptable Aluminum**

Chip Bags, Snack Wrappers, Pop tart Wrappers  
Aluminum Flashing (recycle with scrap metal)  
Coffee Bags

**Unacceptable Tin**

Recycle these with Scrap Metal

Frying Pans  
Large Pieces of Metal  
Nails, Screws, Fasteners  
Any tin that is a non-food container

**Unacceptable Cardboard**

Pringles containers  
Milk and Juice Cartons of any kind  
Ice cream and waxy or plastic frozen food boxes  
Cardboard with metallic interior  
Single-use coffee cups  
Soiled Cardboard  
Waxy Cardboard

**Unacceptable Paper**

Kraft brown paper bags (recycle with cardboard)  
White or Brown Boxboard (recycle with cardboard)  
Shiny, glossy, or metallic papers  
Paper plates, cups, bowls  
Single-use cups  
Napkins, paper towels, tissue paper

**Unacceptable Glass**

Crystal  
Incandescent light bulbs  
Automotive lights  
Pyrex  
Porcelain

**Unacceptable Food Scraps**

PLU Stickers (sticks on fruits, vegetables)  
"Biodegradable" cutlery, bowls, plates, utensils  
Food utensils  
Plates, bowls, cups  
Plastic bags  
Styrofoam  
Keurig cups

## Waste Fees

The Transfer Station **will not accept cash.** Check or Dump Card only.

Dump Cards can be purchased by cash, check, or card from the Town Clerk's Office, Marty's First Stop, and the West Barnet Quick Stop.

Item	Price
White Kitchen Bags	\$2 (1 punch)
30ish Gallon Black Bags	\$4 (2 punches)
Contractor Bags	\$6
Barrels	\$6
Truck Loads Tacoma Size, 6.5' Bed, 8' Bed	<b>\$40, \$60, \$80 and UP</b> 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

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

All materials are left at the discretion of the Attendant. Please be courteous to them and respect their decisions. They have 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 7:15 am – 3:45 pm Monday – Thursday, and 7:15 am – noon Friday and Saturday. They can be reached at 748-2332.

Peacham Transfer Station Access is also 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.

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