

**TOWN OF  
SUNDERLAND, VERMONT  
AND  
SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2016**

**NOTICE**

**TOWN BUSINESS MEETING: MARCH 6, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING: MARCH 6, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**AT SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**98 BEAR RIDGE ROAD**

**BALLOT BOXES OPEN FOR AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING**

**MARCH 7, 2017 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

**AT SUNDERLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

**104 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD**

SUNDERLAND TOWN WEBSITE.....Sunderlandvt.org

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.....KERRY OLSON..... 375-1179

BCRC.....442-0713

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.....LUCILLE MORSE.....375-6991

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR.....KATHLEEN MORSE...375-6745

EMERGENCY CALLS – RESCUE SQUAD – FIRE – POLICE.....911

STATE POLICE (other than emergency).....442-5421

FIRE DEPARTMENT (other than emergency).....375-2323

FIRE WARDEN.....PAUL ENNIS.....375-6003

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE      GLORIA ALEXANDER      375-1281  
    JAMES AYREY      375-6952  
    SALLY AYREY      375-6952  
    ROSE STONE      375-2258  
    SALLY STONE      375-2258

LISTERS.....PETER VANVLECK.....375-9390

TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE.....375-6106  
    Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday . 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
    Fridays by appointment only

TOWN GARAGE.....375-2865

BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION.....362-2452

SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....375-6100

ARLINGTON POST OFFICE.....375-6904

MANCHESTER POST OFFICE.....362-1170

MANCHESTER CENTER POST OFFICE.....362-3070

MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY.....375-6153

STRATTON TOWN CLERK.....896-6184

TRANSFER STATION.....362-4082  
    Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 7:00 am to 2:00 pm  
    Sat. 7:30 am to 11:30 am.

STATE FIRE PERSON      LARS LUND      483-2727  
 AIR QUALITY      PETER ETTER      241-3847  
    CHRIS JONES      241-3840  
 ENFORCEMENT      DON GALLUS      786-5909

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**TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS  
2016-2017**

<b>TOWN MODERATOR</b> (1 year term)	Sally Ayrey
<b>TOWN CLERK</b> (3 year term) Expires 2019	Rose Keough
<b>TREASURER</b> (3 year term) Expires 2019	Rose Keough
<b>SELECT BOARD:</b>	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	Steven Bendix
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Mark Hyde
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Jon French
Term Expires 2017 (1 year term)	Richard Timmerman
Term Expires 2017 (1 year term)	John Williams
<b>FIRST CONSTABLE</b> (1 year term)	Jesse Stone
<b>SECOND CONSTABLE</b> (1 year term)	Renee Tobin
<b>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</b> (1 year term)	Kathleen Morse
<b>LISTERS:</b>	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	John Stuermer
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Peter VanVleck, Jr.
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Vacant
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:</b>	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Lucille Morse
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term) appointed until 2017	Kathleen Johnston
<b>AUDITORS:</b>	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term)	Vacant
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Vacant
<b>TOWN GRAND JUROR</b> (1 year term)	Vacant
<b>TOWN AGENT</b> (1 year term)	Vacant
<b>SCHOOL DIRECTORS:</b>	
Term Expires 2017 (3 year term)	Melanie Virgilio
Term Expires 2018 (3 year term) appointed until 2017	Jennifer Rosenthal
Term Expires 2019 (3 year term)	Mary Van Vleck
Term Expires 2017 (2 year term)	Heidi French
Term Expires 2018 (2 year term) appointed until 2017	Thomas Towslee
<b>SCHOOL MODERATOR</b> (1 year term)	Vacant

## **OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD**

**(One year term unless otherwise noted)**

**2016-2017**

<b>Animal Control Officer &amp; Pound Keeper</b>	<b>Kerry Olson</b>
<b>telephone: (802) 375-1179</b>	
<b>Emergency Management Coordinator</b>	<b>Michael DiMonda</b>
<b>Green-Up Chairman</b>	<b>John Williams</b>
<b>Health Officer</b>	<b>Selectboard</b>
<b>Deputy Health Officer</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b><u>Selectboard:</u></b>	
<b>Selectboard Chairman</b>	<b>Mark Hyde</b>
<b>Selectboard Clerk</b>	<b>Jon French</b>
<b>Selectboard Road Liaison</b>	<b>Richard Timmerman</b>
<b>Selectboard Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Stephanie Wells</b>
<b>Service Officer</b>	<b>Samuel Liss</b>
<b>Telephone: (802) 375-9510</b>	
<b>Town Forest Fire Warden</b>	<b>Paul Ennis, Sr.</b>
<b>Telephone: (802) 375-6003</b>	
<b>Tree Warden</b>	<b>Selectboard</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	<b>Mark Hyde</b>
<b>e-mail address: <a href="mailto:mhyde@sunderlandvt.org">mhyde@sunderlandvt.org</a></b>	
<b>Zoning Administrator</b>	<b>Melissa Johnson</b>
<b>e-mail address: <a href="mailto:zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org">zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org</a></b>	
<b><u>Bennington County Regional Commission Representatives:</u></b>	
<b>Term Expires March 2017</b>	<b>John Williams</b>
<b>Term Expires March 2019</b>	<b>Steven Bendix</b>
<b><u>Planning Board:</u></b>	
<b>Term Expires March 2017</b>	<b>Edward Bove</b>
<b>Term Expires March 2018</b>	<b>Scott York</b>
<b>Term Expires March 2018</b>	<b>Lilly Van Haverbeke</b>
<b>Term Expires March 2017</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Term Expires March 2017</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b><u>Zoning Board:</u></b>	
<b>Term Expires 2018</b>	<b>Robert Alexander</b>
<b>Term Expires 2017</b>	<b>Robert Faley</b>
<b>Term Expires 2017</b>	<b>Peter Van Haverbeke</b>
<b>Term Expires 2018</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Term Expires 2018</b>	<b>Peter Van Vleck, Jr.</b>
<b><u>Justice of the Peace: Elected November 8, 2016</u></b>	
<b>Gloria Alexander</b>	<b>(802) 375-1281</b>
<b>James Ayrey</b>	
<b>Sally Ayrey</b>	
<b>Rose Stone</b>	<b>(802) 375-2258</b>
<b>Sally Stone</b>	<b>(802) 375-2258</b>

**2017-2018  
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, WAGES  
AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES**

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$ 225.00	monthly
AUDITORS	\$ 15.00	hourly
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY	\$ 15.00	hourly
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	\$ 500.00	annually
CONSTABLES	\$ 10.00	hourly
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	Fees	
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR	\$ 15.00	hourly
EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COORDINATOR DEPUTY	\$ 15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 15.00	hourly
HEALTH OFFICER DEPUTY	\$ 15.00	hourly
LISTERS	\$ 15.00	hourly
MODERATOR	\$ 100.00	meeting
PLANNING BOARD - MEMBER	\$ 700.00	annually
RECORDING SECRETARY (SELECTBOARD & PLANNING BOARD)	\$ 16.08	hourly
ROAD FOREMAN	\$ 24.45	hourly
ROAD HELPER	\$ 18.00	hourly
SELECTPERSON - CHAIRMAN	\$ 2,000.00	annually
SELECTPERSON - MEMBERS	\$ 1,500.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	\$ 23,000.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	Fees	
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	\$ 15.00	hourly
TOWN TREASURER	\$ 18,000.00	annually
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER ASSISTANT	\$ 12.85	hourly
WEBMASTER	\$ 1,200.00	annually
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 30.00	hourly
ZONING BOARD - CHAIRMAN	\$ 350.00	annually
ZONING BOARD - SECRETARY	\$ 300.00	annually
ZONING BOARD MEMBER	\$ 200.00	annually
MILEAGE	Federal Rate per mile	

## REGULAR MEETINGS OF TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS

### SELECTBOARD:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 6:30 PM.

### SCHOOL BOARD:

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Elementary School at 6:30 PM.

### CEMETERY COMMISSION:

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 3:30 PM.

### PLANNING COMMISSION:

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 6:30 PM.

## TAX RATES

General Fund Amount of \$128,348.11 + Grand List of \$1,704,403.19

Rate = \$.0753

Municipal Building Debt of \$28,506.00 + Grand List of \$1,704,403.19

Rate = \$.0167

Highway Fund Amount of \$388,060.00 + Grand List of \$1,704,403.19

Rate = \$.2277

Cemetery Fund Amount of \$6,235.00 + Grand List of \$1,704,403.19

Rate = \$.0037

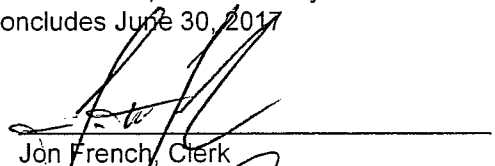
Local Agreement Amount of \$3,920.00 + Grand List of \$1,704,403.19

Rate = \$.0023

By authority, duly granted by T.17 Sec. 2664 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, we do hereby establish the foregoing rates of taxation for the 2016-2017 fiscal year which concludes June 30, 2017



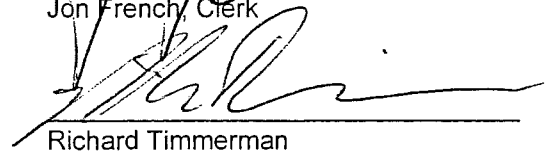
Mark Hyde, Chairman



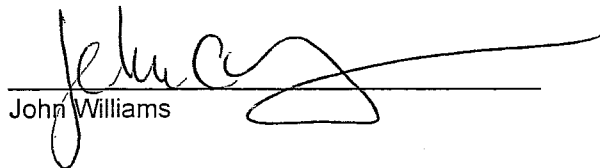
Jon French, Clerk



Steven Bendix



Richard Timmerman



John Williams

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
WARNING  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Sunderland, Vermont in the County of Bennington are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland Elementary School at 98 Bear Ridge Road in said Town on Monday, **March 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.** to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017** at the Sunderland Town Office at 104 Mountain View Road in said Town at **7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.** to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

**To be acted upon on Monday, March 6, 2017:**

**Article 1.** Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the Selectboard to establish the salaries, wages and other compensation of the employees and other officers of the Town?

**Article 2.** Shall the voters of Sunderland authorize the payment of the personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>?

**Article 3.** Shall the voters of Sunderland provide notice of the availability of the annual town report by postcard, mailed to all registered voters at least 30 days before the annual meeting in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report to the voters of the town pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 1682?

**Article 4.** Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate, for a proposed VTrans Grant, the required 20% match in the sum not to exceed **\$31,000** to improve roadway safety with the construction of a paved shoulder on Sunderland Hill Rd, from the town garage property to property 2539 Sunderland Hill Rd, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

**Article 6.** Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

**Article 7.** Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?



**Article 8.** Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

**Article 9.** Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount?

**Article 10.** Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase in the General Fund Budget by this amount?

**Article 11.** Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Arlington Area Childcare, Inc.** (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the residents of the town?

**Article 12.** Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of **Burdett Commons, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

**Article 13.** Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of **Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

**Article 14.** Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of the **Recreation Park in Arlington** to provide services to the residents of the town?

**Article 15.** Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$7,500.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the town?

**Article 16.** Shall the voters of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$700.00** for the support of **Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging** to provide elder services to the residents of the town?

**Article 17.** To transact any other non-binding business that may come before this meeting.

**To be voted upon by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017:**

**Article 18.** Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of **\$ 12,300.00** for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

**Article 19.** Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$ 326,475.00 for the General Fund Budget?

**Article 20.** Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$352,500.00 for the Highway Fund Budget?

**Article 21.** To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

Auditor – 1 year term

Auditor – 3 year term

Cemetery Commissioner – 3 year

First Constable – 1 year term

Lister – 2 year term

Selectboard Member - 1 year term

Selectboard Member – 3 year term

Town Grand Juror – 1 year term

Auditor – 2 year term

Cemetery Commissioner – 2 year term

Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year term

Second Constable – 1 year term

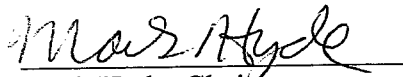
Lister – 3 year term

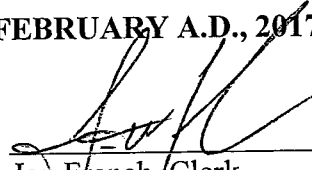
Selectboard Member – 1 year term

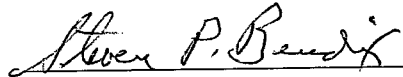
Town Agent – 1 year term

Town Moderator- 1 year term

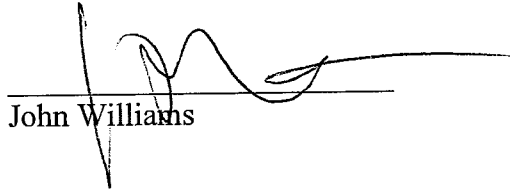
DATED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2017

  
Mark Hyde, Chair

  
Jon French, Clerk

  
Steven Bendix

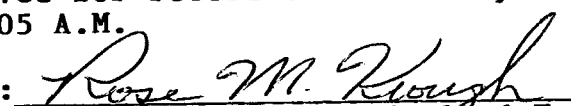
  
Richard Timmerman

  
John Williams

SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK' OFFICE

Received for record this 3rd day of February A.D., 2017  
at 8:05 A.M.

ATTEST:

  
Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

TAX DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/1/2015	\$	5,380.25
Delinquent Taxes	\$	765.32
Interest- Checking	\$	134.42
Late Payments	\$	745.58
Overpayments	\$	5,678.66
Real Estate & Personal		
Property Taxes 2015 - 2016	\$	2,226,530.45
Property Taxes 2016 - 2017	\$	129.26

Disbursements:

Delinquent Taxes	\$	765.32
Overpayments	\$	5,678.66
Returned Check	\$	957.34
Supplies	\$	16.35
Transfers- Cemetery Fund	\$	6,397.00
General Fund	\$	163,921.30
Highway Fund	\$	288,259.00
School District	\$	1,771,758.32

TOTAL RECEIPTS

AND DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 2,239,363.94** **\$ 2,237,753.29**

Cash in Bank 6/30/16 \$ 1,610.65

**TOTAL \$ 2,239,363.94 \$ 2,239,363.94**

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT, SAVING & TRUST ACCOUNTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Balance 7/1/2015	Interest	Transfer Out	Transfer In	Balance 6/30/2016
Cemetery Trust	\$ 71,172.10	\$ 390.48	\$ -	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 74,162.58
National Forest Account	\$147,453.12	\$ 2,642.00	\$ 14,078.12	\$ -	\$ 136,017.00
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 67,764.99	\$ 249.52	\$ 129,502.74	\$ 61,488.23	\$ -
Housing Re-Hab Fund	\$ 6,032.64	\$ 28.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,061.02
Landfill Litigation Fund	\$ 12,232.48	\$ 63.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,296.05
Paving Reserve	\$ 34,247.67	\$ 149.01	\$ 130,503.51	\$ 124,842.18	\$ 28,735.35
Pedestrian & Bicycle Study	\$ 544.39	\$ -	\$ 24,911.21	\$ 24,369.99	\$ 3.17
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 88,467.20	\$ 484.45	\$ 1,283.92	\$ 5,899.00	\$ 93,566.73
Tri-Centennial Fund	\$ 283.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 283.14
State Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve	\$ 88,401.42	\$ 425.96	\$ 243,550.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 25,277.38
Guard Rail Reserve	\$ 8,998.65	\$ 37.19	\$ 2,874.00	\$ -	\$ 6,161.84
Road Projects Reserve	\$ 8,615.01	\$ 66.92	\$ 6,580.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,101.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$534,212.81</b>	<b>\$ 4,537.48</b>	<b>\$ 553,283.50</b>	<b>\$ 414,199.40</b>	<b>\$ 399,666.19</b>

No. R-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
STATE OF VERMONT  
TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

\$351,000

The Town of Sunderland (hereinafter called the "Municipality"), a body corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Vermont, promises to pay to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, or registered assigns, the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$351,000) in installments on November 15 of each year as set forth below, with interest on each installment at the rate per annum set forth below opposite the year in which the installment becomes due:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2013	\$-0-		2029	\$17,550	4.444%
2014	\$17,550	0.804%	2030	\$17,550	4.504%
2015	\$17,550	1.174%	2031	\$17,550	4.574%
2016	\$17,550	1.564%	2032	\$17,550	4.624%
2017	\$17,550	1.934%	2033	\$17,550	4.644%
2018	\$17,550	2.324%	2034	\$-0-	
2019	\$17,550	2.654%	2035	\$-0-	
2020	\$17,550	2.924%	2036	\$-0-	
2021	\$17,550	3.214%	2037	\$-0-	
2022	\$17,550	3.464%	2038	\$-0-	
2023	\$17,550	3.634%	2039	\$-0-	
2024	\$17,550	3.804%	2040	\$-0-	
2025	\$17,550	3.984%	2041	\$-0-	
2026	\$17,550	4.104%	2042	\$-0-	
2027	\$17,550	4.214%	2043	\$-0-	
2028	\$17,550	4.334%			

The interest rate of each installment shall run from the date of the original delivery of this Bond to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank and payment therefor and until payment of each installment and such interest shall be payable semi-annually on November 15 and May 15 of each year. Both principal and interest on this Bond are payable in lawful money of the United States at U.S. Bank, N.A., in the City of Everett, State of Massachusetts, or at its successor as Trustee under the General Bond Resolution of the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. Final payment of the interest and principal of this Bond shall be made upon surrender of this Bond for cancellation at the bank or trust company at which this Bond is then payable.

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

**GENERAL FUND**

Receipts:		
Cash in Bank 7/01/2015	\$	28,093.39
Efficiency Vermont	\$	1,595.00
Fees - Beverage License	\$	230.00
Copier	\$	3.85
Dog Licenses/Penalties	\$	710.00
Zoning	\$	3,707.73
Fines - Traffic	\$	2,808.72
Interest - Checking	\$	282.66
Delinquent Taxes	\$	5,601.98
Investment Account	\$	2,589.89
Late Payment	\$	55.19
Miscellaneous	\$	60.00
Reimbursement- School Annual Meeting	\$	828.83
Sale of Property	\$	46,245.84
Sale of Property - Excess	\$	2,655.42
State of Vermont:		
Current Use Tax	\$	32,785.00
Fish & Wildlife Tax	\$	991.44
Grant for Generator	\$	4,500.00
Railway Tax	\$	17.29
Taxes - Current	\$	163,921.30
Current	\$	1,078.70
Delinquent	\$	125,404.16
Overpayment	\$	235.44
State of Vermont	\$	10,547.79
Trash Hauler Permits	\$	115.00
Disbursements:		
Orders Paid - General Fund		\$ 295,876.19
Payroll Expense		\$ 5,421.68
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 435,064.62</b>	<b>\$ 301,297.87</b>
* Cash in Bank 6/30/16		\$ 133,766.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 435,064.62</b>	<b>\$ 435,064.62</b>

\*Note      The following amounts are to be carried over to FY 2016-2017  
                     \$ 235.44    Overpayment  
                     \$ 2,655.42    Sale of Property Excess

**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

	<b>BUDGET</b>		<b>EXPENSED</b>		<b>BUDGET</b>		<b>PROPOSED</b>
	<b>7/15 to 6/16</b>		<b>7/15 to 6/16</b>		<b>7/16 to 6/17</b>		<b>BUDGET</b>
							<b>7/17 to 6/18</b>
Ambulance/Rescue Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Animal Control	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,848.82	\$	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Appropriations	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,300.00	\$	50.00	\$ 50.00
Assessments	\$	16,000.00	\$	14,794.65	\$	-	\$ -
Audit	\$	-	\$	-	\$	12,000.00	\$ 9,600.00
Bennington County Court	\$	-	\$	-	\$	11,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Benn. County Regional Com.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,450.00	\$ 2,500.00
Dues	\$	2,825.00	\$	2,002.00	\$	2,005.00	\$ 2,100.00
Fire Protection	\$	40,800.00	\$	40,766.00	\$	42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
Fire Warden	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
Health Insurance	\$	9,000.00	\$	8,503.56	\$	8,500.00	\$ 9,100.00
Insurance	\$	14,500.00	\$	14,388.50	\$	12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Landfill	\$	7,000.00	\$	6,328.89	\$	7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Law Enforcement	\$	16,000.00	\$	15,198.00	\$	24,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Legal	\$	3,500.00	\$	10,885.94	\$	7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Legal Warnings	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$	100.00	\$	39.10	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00
Office Building Alarm System	\$	600.00	\$	-	\$	900.00	\$ 1,000.00
Office Building Electric	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,015.36	\$	1,200.00	\$ 900.00
Office Building Heat	\$	4,000.00	\$	2,340.00	\$	2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Office Building Janitorial	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,545.00	\$	3,600.00	\$ 4,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	\$	4,000.00	\$	9,654.06	\$	1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Office Building Payment	\$	34,852.00	\$	29,050.25	\$	28,506.00	\$ 26,000.00
Office Equipment/Lease	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,460.14	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Office Supplies	\$	5,000.00	\$	6,025.44	\$	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Parking Lot Paving	\$	19,000.00	\$	17,316.00	\$	-	\$ -
Payroll	\$	61,250.00	\$	53,606.33	\$	77,025.00	\$ 86,025.00
Planning	\$	2,000.00	\$	837.50	\$	4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Public Communication	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,050.00	\$ 2,100.00
Retirement	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,277.54	\$	2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
Solid Waste Fees	\$	-	\$	-	\$	6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Tabulator Programing	\$	1,000.00	\$	607.00	\$	5,500.00	\$ 900.00
Technology Expenses	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone/Internet	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,676.44	\$	1,450.00	\$ 1,500.00
Town Meeting Ballots	\$	600.00	\$	250.17	\$	-	\$ -
Town Meeting Officials	\$	550.00	\$	491.25	\$	1,400.00	\$ 600.00
Town Reports	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,276.10	\$	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Town Sign	\$	2,000.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Training/Workshops	\$	2,000.00	\$	185.00	\$	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$	<b>267,577.00</b>	\$	<b>250,669.04</b>	\$	<b>310,736.00</b>	\$ <b>326,475.00</b>
Appropriations Voted	\$	45,300.00	\$	45,300.00	\$	15,500.00	\$ 16,400.00
Municipal Office Building	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$	<b>312,877.00</b>	\$	<b>295,969.04</b>	\$	<b>327,736.00</b>	\$ <b>344,375.00</b>
Public Safety Grant (Gen)	\$	-	\$	4,500.00	\$	-	
School District Ballots	\$	-	\$	828.83	\$	-	
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$	<b>312,877.00</b>	\$	<b>301,297.87</b>	\$	<b>327,736.00</b>	\$ <b>344,375.00</b>

**ANTICIPATED GENERAL FUND INCOME**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018**

Cash in Bank 7-01-17	\$	-
Fees - Beverage Licenses	\$	230.00
Dog Licenses	\$	700.00
Photocopies	\$	5.00
Zoning	\$	3,500.00
Fines- Traffic	\$	2,100.00
Interest - Checking	\$	300.00
Taxes - Current Use	\$	33,000.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$	850.00
Railway	\$	15.00
<b>Total General Fund Anticipated Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,700.00</b>
 General Fund Budget	 \$	 325,875.00

**ADDITIONAL ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON**

Arlington Area Childcare (Article 9)	\$	700.00
Burdett Commons, Inc. (Article 10)	\$	1,000.00
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Serv. (Article 11)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Recreation Park (Article 12)	\$	5,000.00
Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. (Article 13)	\$	7,500.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (Article 14)	\$	700.00

**ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

Arlington Fire Protection	\$	42,000.00
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$	25,000.00
GNAT	\$	2,000.00
Green Up Vermont	\$	50.00



TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

**HIGHWAY FUND**

**Receipts:**

Cash in Bank 7/01/15	\$ 13,411.29
Interest Earned - Checking	\$ 351.87
National Forest Revenue	\$ 55,583.00
Permits - Excess Weight	\$ 160.00
Road Cut	\$ 60.00
Reimbursements	
Hill Farm Inn	\$ 310.61
School District - Fuel	\$ 943.69
State Aid to Highways	\$ 83,756.42
Taxes	\$ 288,259.00

**Disbursements:**

Orders Paid - Selectmen		\$ 156,985.07
- Road Orders		\$ 90,631.63
- Equipment Reserve Fund		\$ 50,000.00
- Paving Reserve Fund		\$ 50,000.00
- Road Projects Reserve		\$ 15,000.00
-State/Town Bridge Co-Op		\$ 5,000.00
Payroll Expense		\$ 7,273.06
AND DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 442,835.88	\$ 374,889.76
* Cash in Bank 6/30/16		\$ 67,946.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 442,835.88</b>	<b>\$ 442,835.88</b>

\*Note     The following amounts are to be carried over to FY 2016-2017  
               \$ 3,000.00 Pavement Marking  
               \$64,946.12 Equipment Reserve Fund

**PROPOSED HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENSED</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET</b>
	<b>7/15 to 6/16</b>	<b>7/15 to 6/16</b>	<b>7/16 to 6/17</b>	<b>7/17 TO 6/18</b>
Building Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,415.95	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Chloride	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,952.74	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,500.00
Cold Patch	\$ 500.00	\$ 160.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Culverts	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,976.80	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Diesel	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 12,786.95	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Electric	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 885.03	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 25,095.40	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ -	\$ 469.34	\$ -	\$ -
Erosion Control	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,522.09	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Gravel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,579.30	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 12,402.75	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance Dental	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,139.52	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Insurance - Health	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 17,667.54	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,600.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 364.11	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Pavement Marking	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,766.24	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Payroll	\$ 110,190.00	\$ 97,904.69	\$ 114,300.00	\$ 125,000.00
Radio/Maintenance	\$ 400.00	\$ 577.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Retirement	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,439.50	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,800.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 732.76	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
Salt	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 21,714.31	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Sand	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,878.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Stone - Tailings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 994.53	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,400.00
Storm Water Runoff Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00
Storm Water State Permit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00
Sublet Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,757.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Telephone/Computer	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,101.79	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
Tools/Safety	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,657.26	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 400.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
Trash	\$ 250.00	\$ 392.63	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Uniforms	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,405.43	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 325,590.00</b>	<b>\$ 254,889.76</b>	<b>\$ 340,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 352,500.00</b>
Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 114,946.12	\$ 65,000.00
Guardrail Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 445,590.00</b>	<b>\$ 374,889.76</b>	<b>\$ 526,696.12</b>	<b>\$ 504,000.00</b>

**ANTICIPATED HIGHWAY FUND INCOME  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018**

Cash in Bank 7-01-17	\$	-
Excess Weight Permit	\$	160.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	300.00
National Forest Revenue	\$	55,583.00
Road Cut Permit	\$	60.00
Motor Fuel For School	\$	1,000.00
State Aid To Highways	\$	83,750.00
<b>Total Highway Fund Anticipated Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>140,853.00</b>
 Highway Fund Budget	 \$	 352,500.00

**ADDITIONAL ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON**

Equipment Reserve Fund (Article 5)	\$ 65,000.00
Paving Reserve Fund (Article 6)	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund (Article 7)	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund (Article 8)	\$ 5,000.00
Guard Rail Reserve Fund (Article 9)	\$ 1,500.00
Vtrans Grant (Article 4)	\$ 31,000.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

**Receipts:**

Cash in Bank 7/01/15	\$ 6,403.16
Corner Stones	\$ 700.00
Interest - Checking	\$ 28.73
Taxes	\$ 6,397.00

**Disbursements:**

Orders Paid -Cemetery Commissioners:			
Corner Stones		\$ 525.00	
Mowing		\$ 5,829.30	
Payroll		\$ 1,000.00	
Supplies		\$ 83.14	
Payroll Expenses		\$ 76.50	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 13,528.89</b>	<b>\$ 7,513.94</b>	
Cash in Bank 6/30/16		\$ 6,014.95	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,528.89</b>	<b>\$ 13,528.89</b>	

CEMETERY BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2018

Cleaning Stones	\$ 600.00
Mowing	\$ 10,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 200.00
Cemetery Commissioner Fee	\$ 1,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,300.00</b>

We raised our price of cemetery lots to  
\$500.00 per lot, \$175.00 corner stones, \$100.00 perpetual care.  
Total of \$775.00 per lot.

LUCILLE MORSE  
KATHLEEN JOHNSTON

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND

TOWN CLERK'S STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE SALES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

<b>2016</b>	
142 2016 Neutered Males & Females @ \$9.00	\$1,278.00
29 2016 Male & Females @ \$13.00	\$ 377.00
7 2016 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @21.00	\$ 147.00
<b>2015</b>	
5 with fees and penalties	\$ 189.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,991.00</b>
Less Town Clerk Fee 183 @ \$2.00	\$ 366.00
Less State of Vermont 183 @ \$5.00	\$ 915.00
<b>Amount Deposited in Town General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 710.00</b>

## Selectboard Report 2016

**The town is always in need of residents to get involved.** We still have open positions in town, Listers, Auditors, Zoning Board Members, Planning Board members and more. Come to a meeting, talk to a selectboard member or contact us at [selectboard@sunderlandvt.org](mailto:selectboard@sunderlandvt.org)

**Town Building:** A group of volunteer residents continue to maintain the gardens around the building and town sign. The gardens have been a great addition. Thank you!

**Sunderland Safe Roads Committee:** The committee has held multiple informational meetings in the last year to both get resident input and to communicate the intention to apply for a VTrans Grant. The committee is proposing to construct a paved shoulder on Sunderland Hill Rd, from the town garage to property 2539 Sunderland Hill Rd on the south bound (uphill) side of the road. This was determined as the most hazardous section of the road and the intention is to improve safety for pedestrians, bikers and automobiles along this section of road. There is an article on the warning which asks the town whether this Grant should be pursued.

**Town Highway Department:** The Highway crew continue to do an excellent job of maintaining and improving the town roads. 2016 was a very busy and productive year for the Sunderland Highway Department. Below are some of the highlights and accomplishments for the year.

- Josh Corey was hired as a full time assistant. Josh has been an excellent addition to the department with his previous experience and eagerness to learn new skills.
- With the help of a state grant, Hill Farm Road Bridge had a new deck installed ahead of schedule in the spring.
- Grant money allow us to pave approximately 1.4 miles of the north end of Sunderland Hill Road.
- South Road as well as the southern end of North Road were repaved.
- Purchased a new rear mounted flail mower that not only improved mowing results, but decreased mowing time.
- Numerous trees were removed along town roads that were either dead or too close to the road.
- Received a grant to update the culvert inventory.
- Received a grant for a water shed survey.
- Purchased new 2017 snow plow truck
- Purchased a used 2007 service truck

**PFOA Testing:** The closed Sunderland Landfill (at Casella's) was tested for PFOA in late fall by Vermont DEC. The results showed only a very low detection of PFOA at 2 parts per trillion, well below the 20 parts per trillion groundwater enforcement standard and drinking water standard. If you want to see the full test results they can be viewed at the towns website home page or upon request at the Town Clerks Office.

**Town Website:** The town places any relevant information on the site, warnings of upcoming meetings, meeting minutes, meeting videos, a calendar with meeting times and locations and all town regulations and permits.

**Front Porch Forum:** This website was setup for residents of Sunderland, Arlington and Sandgate. You typically receive no more than one email a day and it is free to all at [www.frontporchforum.com](http://www.frontporchforum.com).

**Animal Control:** As required by **Vermont State Law**, all dogs must be licensed by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** each year. Please register your dog at the Town Clerks office before this date, to avoid a fine. Kerry Olson is our Animal Control Officer.

Sunderland Selectboard meets at 6:30PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at the Sunderland Town Hall, 104 Mountain View Rd. Meetings are also videotaped by GNAT-TV and can be found at either the town website or GNAT-TV.ORG.

Sunderland Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2016

Parcel #	Property Owner	2016	2015	2014
835	Allen, Phyliss	47		
497	Blackmer, Fred	850	816	
160	Bouchereau, Jean	1,477	709	
567	Cole, Gene	448	853	425
397	Danforth, Tammy	91		
383	Ennis, Donna	497		
245	Hinrichs, Johnny	33		
472	Livingston, Donna	405		
632	Marzec, Richard	551		
591	Pollack, Lillian	1,744		
832	Porcaro, Barbara	2,002	3,844	
915	Praetorious, William	603		
681	Stacy, Fred	203		
544	Sweeney, Christopher	818	786	
709	Sweeney, Christopher	1,161	1,115	
		<u>10,930</u>	<u>8,123</u>	<u>425</u>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$19,478.00</b>		

Fewer property owners were delinquent in 2016, but delinquent taxpayers were taking longer to pay. I collected \$2,232 in interest and \$83,887 in taxes.

At my request, the Board of Civil Authority met to decide if the taxes, interest, and penalty would be abated. At the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board abated \$559.54 in taxes and \$110.69 in interest on the business inventory for Battenkill Canoe. The real estate used by the business was sold and all obligations to the Town were paid. The cost of going to probate, the lack of any saleable inventory, and the possibility of liability to clean up and dispose of the inventory were all factors in the decision for abatement.

I am hopeful that our tax sale will happen before the end of June.

I would be glad to help any property owner with setting up an installment plan.

If you have questions, please call.

Thank you all for the support.

Kathleen C. Morse

## Sunderland Planning Commission Annual Report to the Town

Under the Vermont Statutes, the Sunderland Planning Commission is responsible for comprehensive planning for the town, including preparing and updating the Town Plan, preparing, updating and administering the Zoning Bylaws, overseeing land development, historic and scenic preservation, energy conservation, the development of renewable energy resources and wetlands protection and participation in regional planning. We are also responsible for making recommendations to the Selectboard on applicants for the position of zoning administrator, building codes and enforcement, and public improvements, as well as other duties necessary to fulfill our obligations under the statutes and to the town. In carrying out our duties to the town, we hold monthly public meetings addressing these issues.

In meeting our responsibility to the town, we prepared an update to the Sunderland Town Plan in the fall of 2015 and plan to update the Town Plan during 2017 to incorporate provisions for the new Vermont Energy Siting Standards. Vermont towns that provide for energy planning in their town plans, and which receive approval of their plan from either their regional commission or the state Public Service Board (PSB), will receive "substantial deference" to their town plan under the PSB review process. Without an energy plan, Sunderland would have little or no say on energy projects proposed within the town.

In 2016 we began the process of updating the Sunderland Zoning Bylaws and Land Use Regulations (Zoning Bylaws) to bring them into conformance with new state laws, modernize them to better meet the needs of the town, and to make them more user-friendly and understandable. We will continue this update during 2017. We also continued regulatory review on permit applications for Hill Farm Inn and its associated properties, the former Battenkill Canoe and Battenkill Inn locations, and held public hearings on changes and alterations to these three properties. We also reviewed and held public hearings on some minor subdivision applications before the town.

In August 2016, we asked the District 8 Environmental Commission (Environmental Commission) to hold a public hearing on an Act 250 application then pending before it for a poultry-raising operation in town. Because the Vermont Statutes, at the time of this application, did not provide any means for local municipalities to regulate agricultural activities, our only option was to request this public hearing. The Environmental Commission agreed to our request and we hosted a site visit and public hearing of the Environmental Commission at the town offices on August 25, 2016. Our testimony at the hearing discussed the project's non-compliance with the Town Plan. We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to all the townspeople for their active interest and participation in the hearing process. Your participation helped the District Commission understand the issues before it and the impact this proposed project would have on the town. Subsequent to the hearing, the applicant withdrew its Act 250 application. On a related issue, we wish to note that in 2016 the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets adopted the Required Agricultural Practices Rule in response to Act 64 enacted by the Vermont legislature in 2015. This new rule will give municipalities some ability to regulate small agricultural activities and we plan to incorporate these provisions in our re-write of the town's Zoning Bylaws. However, the new rule will not give municipalities jurisdiction over the type of large-scale operation that was proposed last year and which was the subject of the Act 250 hearing.



We also interviewed candidates for the vacant Zoning Administrator position and recommended the appointed candidate to the Selectboard. During the period of vacancy in the Zoning Administrator position, members of the Planning Commission filled in as interim Zoning Administrators to insure continued functioning of the Zoning Administrator duties and the permitting process. We have also instituted standard procedures for the position of Zoning Administrator.

We look forward to serving the citizens of Sunderland in 2017 and invite you to attend our meetings held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Our meetings are open to the public and we appreciate and value your input in planning for the future of Sunderland.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Bove, Chair  
Lily Van Haverbeke  
Scott York

## **VITAL STATISTICS - 2016**

### **BIRTHS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
BOWEN, Sawyer Lyn	5/12/2015
APPELMAN, Ethan Leighton	1/15/2016
BACHIOCHI, Taylor Susan	1/29/2016
GREENLEAF, Liam Walter	5/24/2016
GROESBECK, Kholbie John	8/8/2016
PUGLIESE, Jr., Christopher Raymond	9/15/2016
JOHNSON, James Patrick	9/27/2016
THOMPSON, Sheldon Jay	9/29/2016
MASON, Zaylea Geraldine	11/6/2016
BARRIOS, Chandler Clyde Baker	12/9/2016

### **DEATHS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>
CHRISTIANSEN, Gunvor Irene	3/13/2016
HERRICK, William F.	3/13/2016
COLEY, Thelma Jean	3/19/2016
COYNE, Stephen P.	4/11/2016
SMITH, Thomas Franklin	4/25/2016
SECOY, Rodger Duane	4/27/2015
MUCKLE, Sr., Gordon Francis	7/3/2016
MORSE, Leroy N.	9/20/2016

### **MARRIAGES**

<b>Applicant A</b> <b>Applicant B</b>	<b>DATE</b>
PORTER, Emily Lydia OLESON, Evah Wood	5/29/2016
VAN BREEN, Leslie Endres TAYLOR, Jr., Hugh Gibbs	5/28/2016
HEWES, Nicole Amber COOLIDGE, Bryce, William	6/11/2016
BONNEY, John Elwood TRAMONTANO, Paul Michael	8/25/2016
ROBINSON, Mark Joseph THOMPSON, Jennifer Alice	9/17/2016

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
MINUTES  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
FEBRUARY 29 & MARCH 1, 2016**

Moderator Sally Ayrey called the Town of Sunderland meeting to order at 7:40 PM with approximately 55 people in attendance. Moderator Sally Ayrey introduced Selectboard members Richard Timmerman, Jon French, Mark Hyde, Steven Bendix and John Williams. Moderator Sally Ayrey also introduced Town Clerk/Treasurer Rose Keough. Moderator Ayrey read an invocation from the Town of Danville to remind everyone to think clearly and to be respectful of each other. Moderator Sally Ayrey reminded everyone that the conduct and procedures of the meeting would be under Roberts Rules of Order 11<sup>th</sup> edition and according to Vermont State law. Moderator Ayrey stated that the Annual Warning is on page 5 of the Town Report and articles 1 – 19 will be addressed tonight and the remaining articles will be voted on by ballot tomorrow.

Selectboard Chairman Mark Hyde had asked to make a few remarks and stated that there will be a town wide reappraisal as ordered by the State of Vermont. Chairman Mark Hyde stated that the Listers, Peter Van Vleck and John Stuermer would be doing the reappraisal and needed access to all properties.

Hearing no objections Moderator Sally Ayrey dispensed with the reading of the warning.

**Article 1.** Shall the voters authorize the payment of its personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>?

Moved by: James Ayrey

Seconded by: Peter VanVleck

With no discussion article one was approved by voice vote.

Moderator Ayrey stated that the following three articles had to do with the Highway Equipment Reserve and that Richard Timmerman wanted to make a few comments before we voted on the articles.

Richard Timmerman stated that the Selectboard would like to prepay the lease payments on the equipment and would like to purchase a new truck and to build up the reserve fund for future purchases. Richard Timmerman noted that articles 2, 3 and 4 would help accomplish this. Richard Timmerman stated that it would not help us this current year or the next. Carl Graves asked about the maintenance of the leased equipment and Richard Timmerman stated that the highway crew already takes care of that. Jeremy Crumb asked what we are leasing and for how many years. Road Foreman and resident Marc Johnston stated that we have paid for the grader but have four more payments on the excavator which are about \$24,000.00 per year.

**Article 2.** Shall the voters approve the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Equipment Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Richard Timmerman

Seconded by: Colleen York

With no discussion article two was approved by voice vote.

**Article 3.** Shall the voters approve the transfer of \$85,000.00 from the National Forest Account to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Moved by Richard Timmerman

Seconded by Philip Ehret

With no discussion article three was approved by voice vote.

**Article 4.** Shall the voters transfer any Highway Fund surplus on June 30, 2016 to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Moved by Richard Timmerman

Seconded by Sally Stone

With no discussion article four was approved by voice vote.

Moderator Sally Ayrey recessed the meeting at 7:52 PM to give Representative Steven Berry and Representative Cynthia Browning the opportunity to address the assembly. Moderator Sally Ayrey reconvened the meeting at 8:19 PM.

**Article 5.** Shall the voters approve the sum of **\$50,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Jeremy Crumb

Seconded by: Rose Stone

Robert Alexander asked about the future plans for paving. Road Foreman and resident Marc Johnston explained that a grant to do from The Manchester town line south is being submitted. If the grant is not received the overlay on South Road could be done. Jeremy asked about doing the North Road and Mark Hyde stated that only if the amount of money was at least doubled.

Article five was approved by voice vote.

**Article 6.** Shall the voters approve the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Marilyn Couture

Seconded by: Carl Graves

Jeremy Crumb asked for the current balance in the fund and Mark Hyde stated that it was a couple thousand dollars. Road Foreman Marc Johnston stated that this fund replaced the individual projects such as the Chiselsville Bridge Fund.

Article six was approved by voice vote.

**Article 7.** Shall the voters approve the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op? Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Lily Van Haverbeke

Seconded by: Gloria Alexander

With no discussion article seven was approved by voice vote.

**Article 8.** Shall the voters approve the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guard Rail Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Colleen York

Seconded by: Sally Stone

With no discussion article eight was approved by voice vote.

**Article 9.** Shall the voters establish the Selectboard annual salaries at \$1,500.00 for each of the four members and at \$2,000.00 for the Chairman, beginning with the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year budgets?

Moved by: James Ayrey

Seconded by: Marie Litowinsky

Mary Van Vleck asked why the increase was requested. John Williams stated that he did a review of neighboring towns and found that it warranted the increase. Colleen York stated that the town is very fortunate for having the members and we are getting off cheap.

Article nine was approved by voice vote.

**Article 10.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to exempt 4-H Camp Ondawa, Inc. from taxation for three years (to begin with the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year)?

Moved by: Marilyn Couture

Seconded by: Carl Graves

John Cullinan asked about what the board received in preparation of this request. Mark Hyde stated that a petition was presented to the town clerk to be included in the warning. Rose Keough explained that 4-H Camp Ondawa has tried to become state tax exempt as the Boy Scouts are but have not been successful. Dineen Squillante stated that they offer camps to our children at a lower cost than childcare. Jeremy Crumb asked is this was a normal request or not. Rose Keough stated that every three years they have put this before the voters. Harriet Welther noted that the town provides no services to the property and that 4-H Camp Ondawa provides services to the community so this is a reasonable request.

Article ten was approved by voice vote.

**Article 11.** Shall the voters authorize the establishment of a Building Maintenance Reserve Fund and to authorize \$1,500.00 to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Moved by: Gloria Alexander

Seconded by: Sally Stone

Mark Hyde stated that this reserve was needed for repairs and unanticipated expenses. Carl Graves asked if the building was insured. Mark Hyde stated that there is insurance in case any major damage occurs.

Article eleven was approved by voice vote.

Moderator Sally Ayrey explained that articles twelve through seventeen are all appropriation request from social service agencies. John Williams explained that the Selectboard decided to have anyone requesting funding to go through the petition process. John William stated that thirteen agencies requested funds and six did complete the petition process.

**Article 12.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$700.00 for the support of Arlington Area Childcare, Inc. (Happy Days Playschool) to provide services to the Town?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Daniel Reilly

Allison Gryzb noted that it was such a small amount it should be raised to \$1,000.00 and there should be a separate procedure for the Selectboard to handle the smaller request. Kevin Keough stated that the process needed to be explained better so the organizations know what is expected. Mark Hyde stated that typically the board would receive a request and anything less than \$1,000.00 would be decided whether or not to put it in the budget, anything \$1,000.00 or more would be added to the warning. Mark Hyde stated that the board changed this because they felt it was better to have the voters decide if they wanted to appropriate funds or not. John Williams stated that he sent a letter to each organization with a petition and an explanation of the new process. Marie Litowinsky asked where the petitions were located and how the voters knew they were out there. John Williams stated that an organization should go around and get the required signatures. Jon French noted that getting the signatures gives the organization the opportunity to explain what it does and how it serves our community. James Ayrey requested to have the debate stopped. With more than two thirds of the voters agreeing the debate did stop.

Article twelve was approved by a showing of hands.

**Article 13.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$7,000.00 for the support of Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. to provide services to the residents of the Town?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Colleen York

Joseph Zimmerman stated that the petition actually stated \$7,300.00. Alyson Gryzb agreed with the statement. Rose Keough stated that the \$7,000.00 was a typographical error on her part. Jeremy Crumb moved to amend the article to \$7,300.00 and Colleen York seconded his motion. The motion to amend was approved.

Article thirteen as amended was approved by voice vote.

**Article 14.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,000.00 for the support of Burdett Commons, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Marie Litowinsky

With no discussion article fourteen was approved by voice vote.

**Article 15.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$5,000.00 for the support of Recreation Park of Arlington to provide services to residents of the Town?

Moved by: John Williams

Seconded by: Scott York

With no discussion article fifteen was approved by voice vote.

**Article 16.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,500.00 for the support of Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc. to provide services to residents of the Town?

Moved by: John Williams  
Seconded by: Gloria Alexander  
With no discussion article sixteen was approved by voice vote.

**Article 17.** Shall the Town of Sunderland vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$1,200.00 for the support of Arlington Community House to provide services to the residents of the Town?

Moved by: John Williams  
Seconded by: Daniel Reilly

Moderator Sally Ayrey explained that this was on last year's warning for \$850.00 and it failed to be approved.

With no discussion article seventeen failed by a showing of hands.

Moderator Sally Ayrey recognized that Representative Alice Miller had arrived and recessed the meeting at 8:53 PM. in order to let Representative Miller address the assembly. Moderator Sally Ayrey reconvened the meeting at 9:00PM.

**Article 18.** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000.00 for the support of the Manchester Chamber Partnership?

Moved by: James Ayrey  
Seconded by: Melanie Virgilio

Moderator Sally Ayrey explained that this is a new request.

Robert Alexander noted that Manchester was asked for an appropriation of \$25,000.00 so the \$2,000.00 Sunderland has been asked for is small. Tammy Reilly stated that the Chamber did a study for eight months and from that study the Partnership was formed to become in effect July 1, 2016. Tammy Reilly explained that the funding was needed to help to keep the visitors center open seven days a week, to hire an economic development professional and an outreach person. Tammy Reilly stated that she is in favor of article eighteen and hoped that everyone else would be. Mark Hyde stated that most of the funding was coming from the businesses and that the economic development issue is a very important factor and he was also in favor of the article. Randy Schmidt stated that this request is for one year and more money would be requested year after year. Randy Schmidt stated that he was not sure there was any benefit to Sunderland. and felt that the biggest issue is that there is not enough affordable housing. Randy Schmidt also stated that three times more people work here but not live here. Peter Luca stated that eighteen towns were asked to join the Partnership and the required funding would just keep going up. Peter Luca also asked if appropriating this money would mean Sunderland is joining the Partnership. Mark Hyde stated that this article is about the money only and not a commitment to join anything. Peter Luca also noted that Shaftsbury has asked the board for \$1,000.00 for the same type of organization. John Williams noted that any funds would have to be requested each year. Jeremy Crumb stated that article eighteen is asking for money for marketing Manchester and Dorset and he is not in favor. John Cullinan shared that the Arlington Chamber joined with Manchester and Arlington had a surplus of \$14,000.00, the only service Arlington received was one ad showing August sales. John Cullinan stated that the Manchester Chamber did not have a good track record. Jeremy Crumb stated that the real issue is housing which has more to do with zoning laws. Jeremy Crumb stated that allowing apartment complexes in Manchester would help but Manchester does not allow it. Jeremy Crumb stated that Manchester is just looking to spend our money but not interested in the governmental problems in their own town. Carl Graves stated that more information is need on what the money would be spent on and not to get ourselves in turmoil. Article eighteen failed by hand vote of 17 yes and 20 no.

**Article 19.** To transact any other non-binding business.

John Williams explained a few of the changes in the General Fund budget.

1. Act 148 recycling laws caused a \$5,000.00 increase to the budget.
2. Social Services appropriations are down \$3,200.00 from last year.
3. Last year the rescue squad appropriation was not part of the budget and it is this year.
4. Communications such as GNAT and Front Porch Forum is also included in the budget in the amount of \$2,050.00
5. Payroll has increased by \$15,775.00 after reviewing other towns the Town Clerk/Treasurer salaries and the Selectboard salaries were increased.

6. Audit was added to the budget for \$12,000.00 because there has not been an outside audit done in many years and there are no local auditors.
7. Law Enforcement has been increased by \$8,000.00 to allow for more patrolling time.
8. Legal has been increased because of the tax sales and zoning violations that need to be pursued.
9. Tabulator programming increased because of the State and Federal upcoming elections.

Dineen Squillante asked how something can go from a floor vote to part of the budget. John Williams stated that after consulting with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns as long as it is clear to the voters what the money is being used for it can be in the budget or a separate article. Jeremy Crumb asked who audited for this past year. Mark Hyde stated that no one has audited for two or more years because no one comes forward to be an auditor. Eric Henzie offered to step up to be an auditor. Collen York of the Safe Roads Committee stated that a scoping study has been completed and the consulting engineer gave the final report. The options for the town are to do nothing which will cost nothing, to do a four foot bike lane which would cost about 1.5 million dollars or to do incremental improvements each year for about \$985,000.00.

Colleen York noted that things such as signs and line painting on the edge of the road could be fairly easily done with widening and graveling could be accomplished over several years. Collen York stated that the Safe Roads Committee needed a sense of whether the town wanted them to continue by seeking out grants or to stop everything. Mark Hyde stated that he felt the committee should look into funding for the project and noted that the Selectboard decided that the Highway Department would not be able to assist with the project because of their workload. Michael DiMonda stated that the town should paint the lines as a start and see how that works. James Ennis stated that he was not in favor of the "share the road" program which the State of Vermont is pushing. James Ennis also stated that he could not believe just a handful of people got this going and one million dollars is a lot of money. James Ennis also noted that the bicycle racers are not going to use a path; they will use the entire road. James Ennis also stated that in his lifetime just one person died from a bicycle accident and the cyclist pulled out in front of a vehicle so safety is not the issue. Marie Litowinsky stated that as the chairperson for the committee she was offended by the comments from James Ennis. Marie Litowinsky stated that the Selectboard asked for volunteers and the members of the committee are the ones that stepped forward. Marie Litowinsky also noted that this is not just a bicycle path, it is for the safety of anyone using the road such as walking or riding bicycles. Jeremy Crumb asked why the power lines could not be used as a bike path. Colleen York stated that certain connections had to be met for the grant. Lucille Morse stated that she could not believe no one has asked about the tax increase. Lucille Morse stated that people moved here because they liked the area and then they want to change everything. Melanie Virgilio stated that she felt the graveling was not a good option and the town should go all the way with the project. Daniel Reilly asked how much this project would increase the taxes and Mark Hyde stated that with a grant 90% would be covered. Mark Hyde also stated that it would take three to four years for the construction to begin and if the town gives approval we could budget money each year in advance. Dan Reilly asked what would happen if we were not awarded a grant. Mark Hyde stated that the project would not be done. Moderator Sally Ayrey reminded everyone that this is a non-binding portion of the meeting. Moderator Sally Ayrey stated that from the assembly's consensus the decision would be made by the Selectboard. Jon French stated that the Selectboard has not agreed to do anything. Mark Hyde asked for the voter's direction and stated that if any money is required it would be put on the warning as an article next year. Lily Van Haverbeke stated that with the actual project not starting for three or four years then the price will increase. Joseph Zimmerman stated that there would be no harm in allowing the committee to go forward and get a grant because they are not spending a dime and that would give the people time to research the project. Moderator Sally Ayrey stated that people needed to start attending meetings in order to be prepared for these types of items. Steven Bendix encouraged everyone to complete the survey that the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance has on line and in the Town Clerk's office.

The ballot boxes were declared open on March 1, 2016 at 10:00AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

**Article 20.** Shall the voters approve the total sum of \$12,500.00 for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

<b>YES</b>	233
<b>NO</b>	34
<b>BLANK</b>	18

**TOTAL 285**

**Article 21.** Shall the voters approve the total sum of \$310,736.00 for the General Fund Budget?

**YES 225**

**NO 42**

**BLANK 18**

**TOTAL 285**

**Article 22.** Shall the voters approve the total sum of \$340,250.00 for the Highway Fund Budget?

**YES 222**

**NO 46**

**BLANK 17**

**TOTAL 285**

**Article 23.** To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

**Auditor -3 year term**

WRITE-IN Eric Henzie 17 \*

WRITE-IN OTHERS 1

SPOILED 2

BLANK 265

**TOTAL 285**

**Auditor -1 year term**

WRITE-IN 5

BLANK 280

**TOTAL 285**

**Auditor -2 year term**

WRITE-IN 1

BLANK 284

**TOTAL 285**

**Cemetery Commissioner -3 year term**

WRITE-IN Lucille Morse 28\*

WRITE-IN James Ennis 24

WRITE-IN OTHERS 3

SPOILED 7

BLANK 223

**TOTAL 285**

**Cemetery Commissioner -2 year term**

WRITE-IN James Ennis 32\*

WRITE-IN Lucille Morse 10

WRITE-IN OTHERS 1

SPOILED 2

BLANK 240

**TOTAL 285**

**Cemetery Commissioner -1 year term**

WRITE-IN James Ennis 5

WRITE-IN Emily Robinson 4

WRITE-IN OTHERS 2

SPOILED 1

BLANK 273

**TOTAL 285**

**Delinquent Tax Collector -1 year term**

KATHLEEN C. MORSE 218\*

WRITE IN 1

BLANK 66

**TOTAL 285**

**First Constable -1 year term**

JESSE STONE 209\*

WRITE-IN 2

BLANK 74

**TOTAL 285**

**Second Constable -1 year term**

RENEE STONE 189\*

WRITE-IN 1

BLANK 95

**TOTAL 285**

**Lister -3 year term**

WRITE-IN 2

BLANK 283

**TOTAL 285**

**Selectboard Member -3 year term**

MARK HYDE 184\*

WRITE-IN 1

BLANK 100

**TOTAL 285**

**Selectboard Member -1 year term (vote for 2)**

RICHARD TIMMERMAN 175\*

JOHN WILLIAMS 182\*

WRITE-IN 1

BLANK 212

**TOTAL 570**

**Town Agent -1 year term**

WRITE-IN 1

**Town Grand Juror -1 year term**

WRITE-IN 2



BLANK	284
TOTAL	285

**Town Moderator-** 1 year term

SALLY AYREY	206*
WRITE-IN	1
BLANK	78
TOTAL	285

**Town Treasurer-** 3 year term

ROSE M. KEOUGH	245*
WRITE-IN	2
BLANK	38
TOTAL	285

SPOILED	1
BLANK	282
TOTAL	285

**Town Clerk-** 3 year term

ROSE M. KEOUGH	257*
WRITE-IN	2
BLANK	26
TOTAL	285

The meeting was adjourned after announcing the results at 7:30 PM. \*(denotes elected)

Respectfully submitted,

Rose M. Keough  
Sunderland Town Clerk

**PRIMARY ELECTION  
AUGUST 9, 2016**

**BALLOT ACCOUNTABILITY:**

Registered Voters	673
Ballots Voted Democratic	70
Ballots Voted Republican	51
Ballots Voted Absentee	12
Total Voters Casting Ballots	121
Percentage of Votes Cast	17.89%

**GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**BALLOT ACCOUNTABILITY:**

Registered Voters	716
Ballots Voted Absentee	113
Total Voters Casting Ballots	527
Percentage of Votes Cast	73.60%

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**GENERAL FUND**

**Receipts:**

Cash in Bank 7/01/15	Checking	\$ 134,292.69
	Impact Aid	\$ 1,532,796.61
After School Program		\$ 26,617.00
Donations		
	Dean Magarian Fund	\$ 6,007.80
	Eleanor Pfeil Phys Ed Fund	\$ 175.00
	Target Program	\$ 58.29
Enrichment		\$ 1,112.13
Fundraiser	Playground	\$ 2,690.37
Grants	BRSU	
	CFP Subgrant	\$ 807.38
	Federal Breakfast Reimb.	\$ 2,235.65
	Federal Lunch Reimb.	\$ 16,850.11
	Federal Snacks	\$ 662.18
	FFV Grant	\$ 2,538.86
	State Breakfast Adj.	\$ 62.70
	State Breakfast Match	\$ 71.14
	State Lunch Adj.	\$ 594.80
	State Lunch Match	\$ 793.43
	Medicaid	\$ 4,895.57
Interest		\$ 9,889.70
Lunch Revenue		\$ 17,650.79
PL 874 H.E.W.		\$ 216,874.61
Reimbursements	Arlington School Dist	\$ 579.55
	BRSU	\$ 619.38
	Burr & Burton Academy	\$ 7,700.00
	Currier Memorial	\$ 39.57
	Library Book	\$ 49.45
	NAESP	\$ 235.00
	Theatre	\$ 77.15
Sale of Discared Items		\$ 60.00
State of Vermont		\$ 626,823.95
Taxes		\$ 1,771,758.32
Tuition	Sandgate	\$ 3,573.34
	Private	\$ 6,180.43

**Disbursements:**

Regular Orders	\$ 1,969,854.01
Playground	\$ 65,347.50
Payroll Orders	\$ 560,044.91
Payroll Expenses	\$ 42,883.30
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS &amp; DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,395,372.95</b>
	<b>\$ 2,638,129.72</b>
Cash in Bank 6/30/16 (Checking)	\$ 7,572.01
(Impact Aid)	\$ 1,749,671.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,395,372.95</b>
	<b>\$ 4,395,372.95</b>

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**

	<b>Balance 7/1/2015</b>	<b>Incoming Transfers</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Transfers Out</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/2016</b>
Bockwith Fund (Donated)	\$ 166.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166.68
Buildings & Grounds Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bus Fund	\$ 22,828.12	\$ -	\$ 203.99	\$ -	\$ 23,032.11
Impact Aid (Bank of Benn.)	\$ 73,532.16	\$ -	\$ 918.74	\$ -	\$ 74,450.90
<b>SAVINGS</b>					
Student Activity Account	\$ 9,343.61		\$ 4.68	\$ -	\$ 9,348.29
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$105,870.57</b>		<b>\$ 1,127.41</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 106,997.98</b>

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 29 and MARCH 1, 2016**

With approximately 55 people in attendance at 7:00 PM School Board Chairman Gordon Woodrow welcomed everyone and stated that the first order of business was to nominate a moderator from the floor for tonight's meeting.

**Article 1:** To elect a temporary Moderator to serve for this meeting.

Moved by Philip Ehert to elect Peter Van Haverbeke, seconded by Mark Hyde. Peter Van Haverbeke declined due to his hearing. School Director Gordon Woodrow asked if there were any other nominations and hearing none asked all in favor of having Peter Van Vleck as temporary moderator to say aye. Gordon Woodrow announced that Peter Van Vleck was declared the moderator.

Peter Van Vleck thanked everyone and stated a few base rules. The meeting will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Law 11<sup>th</sup> edition, anyone speaking shall address questions and remarks to the moderator and not to other individuals, stand and state your name when speaking and be civil and courteous.

Moderator Van Vleck asked if there were any non-voters or non-residents and there were two, Melody Troy and Samuel Galeotta. Moderator Van Vleck asked for a motion to allow the two non-voters the right to speak. Sally Ayrey asked for a point of order and suggested that at the time either one wished to speak the voters should then decide if they could or not. With positive approval Moderator Van Vleck stated that at the time a non-voter wished to speak that person would stand and ask the voters permission to do so. Moderator Van Vleck then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Van Vleck stated that both the Town and School meetings were warned at the same time so the Town meeting will now be recessed and will reconvene after the School meeting.

**Article 2:** Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017?

Moved by Gloria Alexander and seconded by Lilly Van Haverbeke. With no discussion article 2 was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

**Article 3:** Shall the voters appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Bus Reserve Fund?

Moved by Rakaia Kenney and seconded by Marilyn Couture. Rakaia Kenney asked if the money was for Sunderland buses only or did this include Arlington buses. Gordon Woodrow stated that the money was set aside each year so that when a new bus is needed it could be purchased. Principal Melody Troy asked to be allowed to speak and hearing no objections Moderator Van Vleck stated she could. Principal Troy stated that the money was for the Sunderland bus only. Dineen Squillante asked about what would happen to the fund when Act 46 was enacted. Gordon Woodrow stated that Act 46 is where schools are required to look into a consolidation which would include all debt and assets so this would be part of the new district. Dineen Squillante asked if the money would stay in the individual fund and Gordon Woodrow stated that it would not, it would be part of a larger fund. Dineen Squillante asked if it would remain as a bus fund and Gordon Woodrow stated that it would become part of the transportation budget/fund of the new district. Robert Alexander asked how much a bus would cost and how much money is in the current fund. Principal Melody Troy stated that the last bus was \$84,000.00 and we had a grant of \$40,000.00 to help pay for it. Gordon Woodrow stated that there is currently \$42,652.00 in the Bus Reserve Fund. Sally Ayrey stated that she would be inclined to vote no on this because why set money aside for a new bus for another school. Gordon Woodrow stated that a bus may be needed before Act 46 takes effect which is slated for 2017. Rakaia Kenney stated that there are no buses for the local high schools her brother is home schooled because they do not have available transportation. Rakaia Kenney stated that putting the money together with other schools made more sense so that we are not looking at just Sunderland but the entire area as a whole. Principal Melody Troy stated that Arlington does have a bus that picks up Sunderland students and anyone could contact Arlington about the service. Dineen Squillante asked if money from the Bus Reserve Fund could be used to rent a bus for two years rather than buying a \$90,000.00 bus that would become part of the new district. Gordon Woodrow stated that he was unsure but it could be looked into.

Article 3 was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

**Article 4:** Shall the voters appropriate \$5,000.00 for the Technology Reserve Fund?

Moved by Philip Ehert and seconded by Jeremy Crumb. Gordon Woodrow explained that the money is used to keep all technology items updated. Article 4 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Article 5:** To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 8).

Moderator Van Vleck stated that the assembly would discuss Article 7 and then Article 8.

Moderator Van Vleck read article 7 and asked for a motion. Sally Ayrey stated that the Moderator had already opened the floor for discussion. Sally Ayrey stated that she was concerned about the Impact Aid account because according to federal law it has to go to the new district along with any other assets such as the school building. Gordon Woodrow stated that the Superintendent is looking into the Impact Aid and how it can be kept for Sunderland. Sally Ayrey asked that with only one budget for the new district how can it be used for only Sunderland. Sally Ayrey stated that a petition has been talked about to force the Board to use the money for the budget. Gordon Woodrow stated that it should have been discussed at a Board meeting. Sally stated that the Board has known for over six months that the Impact Aid funds were a big concern of the voters. Gordon Woodrow stated that in order to apply more Impact Aid money the budget would need to be voted down. Sally Ayrey stated that if special meeting were to be called then an adjustment could be made. Gordon was unsure of how that would work and stated that the budget would have to be voted down to make changes but it could be looked at. Sally Ayrey stated that her main interest was for the Town not to lose over \$1,000,000.00. Melanie Virgilio stated that she felt it would not be a good idea to use all of the Impact Aid money because a study committee is going to look at all options and if Sunderland decides not to go with a larger district we would need the money from Impact Aid for the higher taxes we will have. Kevin Keough stated that the Impact Aid issue was brought up last year and the need to use it to cut costs. Gordon Woodrow explained that \$343,500.00 is being used this year which is more than in past years.

Nancy Wolf asked why the medical insurance in one area is budgeted at a 116% increase and another at a 45% increase. Gordon Woodrow noted that there has been extra staff added and the plans differ. Nancy Wolf stated that there is a 12% increase in salaries and the insurance increases seem very large. Daniel Reilly stated that a pay raise would not increase insurance expenses but hiring more people would. Gordon Woodrow agreed and also stated that the type of plan chosen by new employees make a difference.

**Article 6:** To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Rose Stone stated that she has the sign in sheet for this meeting and asked everyone to make sure their names are on it. Gordon Woodrow announced that this is his last meeting as Chairman and a representative for the School District. He thanked everyone for the last ten years he has served on the board. The assembly responded with applause for his service.

With no other business Moderator Van Vleck adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

The ballot boxes were declared open, on March 1, 2016, at 10:00 AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and declared closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

**Article 7.** Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr & Burton Academy in the amount of \$16,250 for the 2016-2017 school year for those pupils in Grades 9 through 12 who are residents of the Town of Sunderland and who attend Burr Burton Academy or Long Trail School?

<b>YES</b>	213
<b>NO</b>	55
<b>BLANK</b>	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>282</b>

**Article 8.** Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$2,763,253, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,793 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.35% higher than spending for the current year.

<b>YES</b>	195
<b>NO</b>	70
<b>BLANK</b>	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>282</b>

**Article 9.** To elect School District officers and directors as follows:

**School District Moderator**, for 1 year

SALLY AYREY	7*
PETER VAN VLECK	6
OTHER WRITE-INS	4
BLANK	265
TOTAL	282

**School District Treasurer**, for 1 year

ROSE KEOUGH	4
DINEEN SQUILLANTE	2
LAURIE TROUMBLY	2
OTHER WRITE-INS	4
BLANK	269
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	282

**School Director**, for 2 years of 3 year term

DINEEN SQUILLANTE	4
OTHER WRITE-INS	2
BLANK	276
TOTAL	282

**School Director**, 2 years

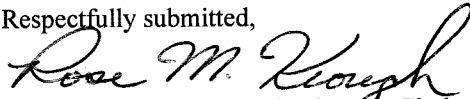
LESLIE PERRA	200 *
WRITE-INS	1
BLANK	81
TOTAL	282

**School Director**, for 3 years

MARY VAN VLECK	209*
WRITE-IN	1
BLANK	71
SPOILED	1
TOTAL	282

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM after announcing the results. (\*denotes elected)

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk

# SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL RESULTS

3/1/2016

## Article A: For SVRTSD Board

(Vote for not more than four)

UNDERVOTES	569
Art Haytko	93
Leon Johnson	120
Francis Kinney	133
James Salerno	108
Kenneth Swierad	104
Write In	1
TOTAL	1128

## Article B: For Moderator

(vote for not more than one)

UNDERVOTES	95
Joseph Hall	187
TOTAL	282

## Article C: For Treasurer

(vote for not more than one)

UNDERVOTES	99
Ellen Strohmaier	183
TOTAL	282

## Article D: For Clerk

(vote for not more than one)

UNDERVOTES	107
Cassandra Barbeau	175
TOTAL	282

## ARTICLE E:

UNDERVOTES	39
YES	185
No	58
TOTAL	282

## ARTICLE F:

UNDERVOTES	41
Yes	170
No	71
TOTAL	282



**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009  
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 6'TH AND MARCH 7'TH, 2017**

The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford) are hereby warned to meet at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont, at 6:30 in the evening, on Monday, March 6, 2017 to transact the following business from the floor.

ARTICLE 1: To establish the annual salaries of the District Directors at \$1,000 each.

ARTICLE 2: To establish the annual salary of the District Treasurer at \$13,000.

ARTICLE 3: To establish the annual salary of the District Clerk at \$1,200.

ARTICLE 4: To establish the annual salary of the Assistant District Clerk at \$600.

ARTICLE 5: To establish the annual salary of the District Moderator at \$10.

ARTICLE 6: To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.

ARTICLE 7: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2017.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District #V009 are hereby WARNED FURTHER to meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian Ballot as follows:

ARTICLE A: To elect 3 (Three) School Directors, who are legal residents of the Service Region as listed above in accordance with the bylaws of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District for 3 (three) year terms.

ARTICLE B: Shall the voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District approve the school board to expend \$3,457,114, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

ARTICLE C: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District increase the existing Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements and existing Reserve Fund for Equipment by the sums of \$60,000 and \$20,000 respectively?

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town, as follows:

Residents of Arlington vote at the Arlington High School Gym, 529 East Arlington Road, Arlington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Dorset vote at The Dorset School, Morse Hill Road, Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Glastenbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Manchester vote at the Manchester Town Hall, Manchester Center, Vermont.  
Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of North Bennington vote at the Village Offices, Main Street, North Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Pownal vote at the Pownal Center Fire House, Route 7, Pownal Center, Vermont.  
Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Readsboro vote at the Readsboro Central School Gym, Readsboro, Vermont.  
Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM

Residents of Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, Sandgate Road, Sandgate, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM

Residents of Searsburg vote at the Searsburg Town Offices, Searsburg, Vermont.  
Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM

Residents of Shaftsbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Stamford vote at the Stamford Elementary School, 986 Main Road, Stamford, Vermont.  
Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sunderland vote at the Sunderland Town Office, 104 Mountain View Road, Sunderland, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office Building, Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

**Register to Vote!** Residents of Member Towns may register to vote at their Town Clerk's Office or online at [www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us](http://www.olvr.sec.state.vt.us). Eligible residents registering on Election Day must do so at the polling place where they will cast their Town Meeting ballot.

Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please notify SVRTSD at 447-0220, at least three (3) days before the meeting.

#### Signatures

James Boutin, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Rickey Harrington, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Edward Letourneau, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Jon Gauthier \_\_\_\_\_

Art Haytko \_\_\_\_\_

Leon Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

Jackie Kelly \_\_\_\_\_

Francis Kinney \_\_\_\_\_

John MacDonald \_\_\_\_\_

Heidi Pickering \_\_\_\_\_

Kenneth Swierad \_\_\_\_\_

Received for recording this 26 day of January 2017

Cassandra Barbeau, Clerk or

Kayla Thompson, Assistant Clerk SVRTSD, \_\_\_\_\_

**Vermont Department of Taxes**

**NOTICE of  
EDUCATION TAX RATES for FISCAL YEAR 2017**

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND**

Prepared: **July 1, 2016**

**NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE**

**Non-Residential Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.3356**

**HOMESTEAD TAX RATE**

**Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$ 1.2371**

The Homestead Education Tax Rate is based in part on the education spending per equalized pupil of all the pupils residing in your town. Many town districts are also members of union school districts. Each town and union school district will have a tax rate based on its spending per pupil. For towns with multiple school districts, the tax rate is a combination of those rates.

Town-specific information on education tax rate calculations will be available on the Department of Taxes website at:

*<http://www.tax.vermont.gov>*

By law, the legislative body in each municipality shall bill each property taxpayer at the homestead or non-residential rate as determined by the Commissioner for their municipality.

32 V.S.A. Sec. 5402(b)(1)

If you have questions about your education tax rates, please call the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-5860.

**ORIGINAL:** Chair Selectboard / City Council

**COPY:** Town / City Treasurer

## **SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING**

The legal voters of the Sunderland Town School District, Sunderland, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland Elementary School on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM to transact any business not involving voting by Australian ballot, and on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Sunderland Town Office at 104 Mountain View Road to transact any business involving voting by Australian ballot.

### **To be acted upon on Monday, March 6, 2017:**

- Article 1: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018?
- Article 2: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to transfer the balance of the Impact Aid Reserved for Tax Relief Fund as of March 6, 2017, an amount anticipated to be \$1,467,978, to the General Fund and close the Impact Aid Reserved for Tax Relief Fund?
- Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to transfer from the General Fund Surplus on June 30, 2017 any amount in excess of \$854,377, an amount estimated to be \$404,134, to the Building and Grounds Improvement Reserve Fund?
- Article 4: To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 7).
- Article 5: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

### **To be voted upon by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017:**

- Article 6: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr & Burton Academy in the amount of \$16,700 for the 2017-2018 school year for those pupils in Grades 9 through 12 who are residents of the Town of Sunderland and who attend Burr & Burton Academy or Long Trail School?
- Article 7: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$2,724,513, 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 \$10,076 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 26.9% lower than spending for the current year.
- Article 8: To elect School District officers and directors as follows:
1. Moderator for one (1) year
  2. School Director for two (2) years remaining of a three (3) year seat
  3. School Director for one (1) year remaining of a three (3) year seat
  4. School Director for two (2) years
  5. School Director for three (3) years
- Article 9: Shall the voters of the Sunderland Town School District vote to form the Taconic and Green Regional School District ("Union School District") on the following terms:
1. The districts listed below shall all be identified as "necessary" for the formation of the Union School District:

The Dorset Town School District  
The Manchester Town School District  
The Mountain Towns Regional Education District

The districts listed below shall be identified as "advisable" for the formation of the Union School District.

The Danby Town School District  
The Mt. Tabor Town School District  
The Sunderland Town School District  
Union School District #23 (Currier Memorial School)

2. The Union School District will operate schools in Grades Kindergarten through Eight (K-8) and tuition students in Grades Nine through Twelve (9-12) to provide education for all students in the Union School District.
3. The Union School District Board of Directors shall be composed of thirteen (13) directors if all advisable districts vote in favor of the merger. Directors shall be nominated from the legal voters of each forming town and shall be elected on an at-large basis by Australian Ballot vote by the voters of the Union School District. Directors shall have equal votes and shall be allocated as based on the following merger scenarios:

a. All advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

b. All advisable districts except Danby and Mt. Tabor vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>

c. All advisable districts except Sunderland vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

- d. None of the advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

4. Real Estate and Personal Property

- A. No later than June 30, 2018, the forming districts will convey to the Union School District, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, all school-related real estate and personal property owned by them, including all school-related land, buildings, and contents.
- B. Disposal of Real Estate. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the forming districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the town in which it is located, except as provided below for any properties conveyed to the Union School District by either the Mountain Towns Regional School District or Union School District #23.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mountain Town Regional School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall sell such real property, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors, and return the proceeds of any such sale to the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston in amounts equal to the relative proportion of the population of these towns.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by Union School District #23 is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall first offer to sell such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the Town of Danby. If the Town of Danby does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District shall then offer to sell the property to the Town of Mt. Tabor under the same terms and conditions. If the Town of Mt. Tabor does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District may sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

The conveyance of any school properties to a town shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the Union School District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Union School District and prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Union School District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

## 5. Transfer of Funds

- a. **Capital Debt.** The Union School District shall assume all capital debt of forming districts, including both principal and interest, as may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018.
  - b. **Operating Fund Surpluses and Deficits.** The Union School District shall assume any and all general operating surpluses and deficits of the forming districts that may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the Union School District and will be applied for said purpose unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.
  - c. **Specified Funds.** The forming districts will transfer to the Union School District any preexisting school district specific endowments or other restricted accounts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship funds or like accounts held by school districts prior to June 30, 2018, that have specified conditions of use will be used in accordance with said provisions.
6. **Australian Ballot.** The Union School District voters shall vote on the budget and other public questions by Australian ballot with polling places provided in each member town. Ballots will be delivered to the Union District Clerk and commingled for counting.
  7. The provisions of the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file at the offices of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, shall govern the Union School District.

Article 10: To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the Taconic and Green Regional School District:

Danby	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
Dorset	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Landgrove	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Londonderry	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
Manchester	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021
Mt. Tabor	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Peru	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Sunderland	1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March of 2020
Weston	1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March of 2021

Danby	
Dorset	
Londonderry	4 Directors for one (1) year term expiring in March of 2019
Manchester	

Absentee voting will be permitted on all matters to be voted upon by Australian ballot. For purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

Dated this 12th day of January 2017.

SUNDERLAND BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

M. Virgilio  
Melanie Virgilio, Chair

Jen Rosenthal  
Jen Rosenthal, Clerk

Heidi French  
Heidi French

Tom Towslee  
Mary Van Vleck  
Mary Van Vleck

SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Received for record this 26th day of January A.D., 2017 at 8:00 A.M.

ATTEST: Rose M. Keough  
Rose M. Keough  
Sunderland Town Clerk



### **Changes in Special Education**

The Supervisory Union special education budget consolidates special education expenditures for all member districts, grades PK through 12, as required by Act 153.

Current statute requires special education payments be made to school districts. The Supervisory Union allocates all costs (offset by grants) to member districts through an assessment, and special education reimbursement associated with those costs are received at the local level.

There has been a change in statute allowing special education payments to be sent directly to the supervisory union beginning on July 1, 2017 (FY18). Due to this change the supervisory union costs are offset by both grants *and* expected special education reimbursement before being assessed to member districts. This results in significantly lower district assessments than in prior years. Each district will see both special education expenditures **and** revenues decrease as a result of this change.

Since special education is a large part of our school budgets it may be misleading to compare the total FY18 expenditures to be voted to the current year expenditures without taking the above change into consideration. Additional information is included on the budget summary page showing total expenditures less special education expenditures in order to make a uniform comparison from year to year for the remaining expenditures in the budget.

# Sunderland School District

## FY18 Budget

	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>	<u>% Change Budgets 18 vs 17</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>						
Early Education	\$21,000	\$42,791	\$40,196	\$43,288	\$44,590	
Elementary Program	610,728	612,333	702,491	706,758	748,696	
Secondary Program	827,963	919,839	849,573	931,910	1,070,176	
Health Services	9,851	9,333	30,148	28,948	29,864	
Library/Media	17,587	42,026	40,829	42,980	43,367	
Board	14,081	11,398	13,936	13,138	12,911	
Treasurer	300	956	323	323	323	
Superintendent's Office	48,078	48,078	54,787	54,787	55,833	
School Administration	176,071	184,398	181,648	160,995	162,592	
Fiscal Services	12,894	12,842	11,424	11,424	14,181	
Plant and Grounds Operations	116,363	160,675	112,805	172,386	110,769	
Vehicle Operation Services	21,719	22,610	23,020	88,250	64,614	
Special Education	477,625	465,852	638,768	652,958	305,254	
Extracurricular	27,536	19,314	33,055	30,231	30,109	
Foodservice Program	<u>32,750</u>	<u>31,781</u>	<u>30,250</u>	<u>33,460</u>	<u>31,234</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED</b>	<b>\$2,414,546</b>	<b>\$2,584,226</b>	<b>\$2,763,253</b>	<b>\$2,971,836</b>	<b>\$2,724,513</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>
Warned Articles	<u>27,000</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>0</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$2,441,546</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,606,726</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,778,253</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,986,836</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,724,513</u></b>	

### **For Presentation Purposes Only (See Explanation of Changes in Special Education)**

<b><i>TOTAL BUDGET (excluding warned articles and special education)</i></b>	<b><u>\$2,124,485</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,318,878</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,419,259</u></b>	<b>13.9%</b>
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# Sunderland School District

## FY18 Budget

	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>					
<b><u>Local</u></b>					
1322 Tuition	\$25,300	\$8,055	\$13,200	\$0	\$0
1500 Interest	6,000	10,841	6,000	10,800	10,800
1990 Misc/Prior Year Exp. Reimb.	<u>0</u>	<u>41,721</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>773</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$31,300</u>	<u>\$60,617</u>	<u>\$19,200</u>	<u>\$11,573</u>	<u>\$10,800</u>
<b><u>State/Federal</u></b>					
3145 Small Schools Grant	\$82,737	\$91,877	\$83,348	\$83,348	\$80,917
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	12,374	12,375	13,808	13,497	14,997
3460 State Placed - Regular Education	14,600	6,196	0	0	0
Impact Aid	0	0	0	0	183,000
4810 Forest Revenue	<u>16,300</u>	<u>14,911</u>	<u>15,900</u>	<u>14,900</u>	<u>14,900</u>
	<u>\$126,011</u>	<u>\$125,359</u>	<u>\$113,056</u>	<u>\$111,745</u>	<u>\$293,814</u>
<b><u>Special Education</u></b>					
3201 Special Education Block Grant	\$49,906	\$49,906	\$52,597	\$52,597	\$0
3202 Special Education Reimbursement	221,544	217,502	319,717	344,321	26,530
3204 Early Education Block Grant	<u>11,342</u>	<u>11,342</u>	<u>11,564</u>	<u>11,564</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$282,792</u>	<u>\$278,750</u>	<u>\$383,878</u>	<u>\$408,482</u>	<u>\$26,530</u>
<b><u>After School Program</u></b>					
1900 Fees	\$6,500	\$15,104	\$6,500	\$14,000	\$14,000
3900 Grants/Subgrants	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,953</u>	<u>14,555</u>	<u>4,231</u>	<u>4,109</u>
	<u>\$8,500</u>	<u>\$19,057</u>	<u>\$21,055</u>	<u>\$18,231</u>	<u>\$18,109</u>
<b><u>Foodservice Program</u></b>					
1600 School Meal Sales	\$12,000	\$16,155	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
3450 State Bkfst/Lunch	450	431	450	400	400
4400 Federal Bkfst/Lunch Reimbursement	<u>9,000</u>	<u>13,487</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>
	<u>\$21,450</u>	<u>\$30,073</u>	<u>\$21,450</u>	<u>\$31,400</u>	<u>\$31,400</u>
Revenue Subtotal	\$470,053	\$513,856	\$558,639	\$581,431	\$380,653
3100 Education Spending	<u>1,899,493</u>	<u>1,899,529</u>	<u>1,973,779</u>	<u>1,973,779</u>	<u>1,489,483</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,369,546</b>	<b><u>\$2,413,385</u></b>	<b>\$2,532,418</b>	<b><u>\$2,555,210</u></b>	<b>\$1,870,136</b>
Transfer from Impact Aid Reserve Fund	72,000		343,500		0
Prior Year Surplus Used/(Deficit) Raised	<u>0</u>		<u>(97,665)</u>		<u>854,377</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$2,441,546</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,778,253</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,724,513</u></b>

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	General Fund	Impact Aid Reserved for Tax Relief	Bus Reserve	Building & Grounds Improvement Reserve	Technology Reserve	BFG Reserve	Enrichment	Grants	Other Designated
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>									
<b>Actual Balance June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,440,142</b>	<b>\$42,652</b>	<b>\$88,376</b>	<b>\$8,277</b>	<b>\$10,863</b>	<b>\$4,065</b>	<b>\$21,529</b>	<b>\$1,428</b>
Actual Revenue FY16	\$2,413,385	\$216,875				\$25	\$9,374	\$27,987	\$4
Actual Expenditures FY16	(2,584,226)			(22,744)		(1,408)	(2,092)	(4,571)	(25)
Transfers from Reserves	72,000	(72,000)							
Transfer - Voted 3/15	(10,000)		10,000						
Warned Article	(12,500)								
<b>Actual Balance June 30, 2016</b>	<b>(\$121,341)</b>	<b>\$1,585,017</b>	<b>\$52,652</b>	<b>\$65,632</b>	<b>\$8,277</b>	<b>\$9,480</b>	<b>\$11,347</b>	<b>\$44,945</b>	<b>\$1,407</b>
Anticipated Revenue FY17	\$2,555,210	\$226,461							
Anticipated Expenditures FY17	(2,971,836)		(\$62,652)		(\$1,948)				
Transfers from Reserves (FY17 Budget)	343,500	(343,500)							
Warned Article - Voted 3/16	(15,000)		10,000		5,000				
Warned Articles - To Be Voted 3/17	1,467,978	(1,467,978)							
Warned Articles - To Be Voted 3/17	(404,134)			\$404,134					
<b>Anticipated Balance June 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$854,377</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$469,766</b>	<b>\$11,329</b>	<b>\$9,480</b>			
Budgeted Revenue FY18	\$1,870,136								
Budgeted Expenditures FY18	(2,724,513)			(\$469,766)	(\$11,329)				
<b>Budgeted Balance June 30, 2018</b>	<b>\$0</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,480</b>			

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			<b><u>FY16 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>FY16 Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY17 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>FY17 Anticipated</u></b>	<b><u>FY18 Budget</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>EARLY EDUCATION</b>							
<b>1000</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>Contracted Services</b>	<b><u>\$21,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,791</u></b>	<b><u>\$40,196</u></b>	<b><u>\$43,288</u></b>	<b><u>\$44,590</u></b>
<b>ELEMENTARY PROGRAM</b>							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1100	110	Salaries - Teachers	\$354,288	\$360,817	\$401,975	\$431,257	\$441,740
1100	110	Stipends - Teachers	\$0	\$0	1,500	92	6,600
1100	115	Salaries - Paraeducators	15,750	10,667	6,843	4,040	14,515
1100	120	Substitutes	7,000	6,219	7,200	7,200	7,200
1100	210	Group Medical	91,629	97,159	137,916	99,747	110,007
1100	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	36,809	37,111	43,989	44,334	45,439
1100	331	ESL Assessment	5,925	5,925	6,738	6,738	7,200
1100	332	Instr Svc (Guidance/Music/PE)	55,527	52,691	55,908	68,928	70,826
1100	332	Shared Services	0	926	0	1,000	1,000
1100	610	Instructional Materials	20,000	22,425	15,000	18,000	15,000
1100	730	Equipment	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
			<b><u>\$588,928</u></b>	<b><u>\$593,940</u></b>	<b><u>\$679,069</u></b>	<b><u>\$683,336</u></b>	<b><u>\$721,527</u></b>
<u>Instructional Support</u>							
1100	110	Salaries - Teachers	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
1100	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	0	0	122	122	122
2100	331	Curriculum/Support Assmnt	0	0	0	0	3,747
2200	270	Tuition/Prof Development	19,800	16,547	19,800	19,800	19,800
2200	325	District Prof Development	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,846</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
			<b><u>\$21,800</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,393</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,422</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,422</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,169</u></b>
<b>Total Elementary</b>			<b><u>\$610,728</u></b>	<b><u>\$612,333</u></b>	<b><u>\$702,491</u></b>	<b><u>\$706,758</u></b>	<b><u>\$748,696</u></b>
<b>SECONDARY PROGRAM</b>							
1130	320	Instructional Services	\$13,450	\$34,439	\$33,000	\$25,982	\$27,000
1130	561	Tuition - Public In State	285,400	303,518	270,000	317,876	527,600
1130	564	Tuition - Out of State	0	0	0	0	0
1130	566	Tuition - Private In State	509,288	558,894	530,150	536,030	496,500
1130	569	Vocational Tuition	19,825	20,583	16,423	15,916	19,076
1130	890	Tuition Prior Year	<u>0</u>	<u>2,405</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,106</u>	<u>0</u>
			<b><u>\$827,963</u></b>	<b><u>\$919,839</u></b>	<b><u>\$849,573</u></b>	<b><u>\$931,910</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,070,176</u></b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>							
2130	110	Salary	\$8,237	\$8,197	\$0	\$0	\$0
2130	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	864	752	0	0	0
2130	320	Purchased Services	250	0	250	250	250
2130	332	Shared Nurse Services	0	0	29,398	28,198	29,114
2130	610	Supplies	<u>500</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
			<b><u>\$9,851</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,333</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,148</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,948</u></b>	<b><u>\$29,864</u></b>

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			<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b>LIBRARY/MEDIA</b>							
2220	115	Library/Media Support	\$2,812	\$6,522	\$10,202	\$10,701	\$10,968
1100	210	Group Medical	0	709	1,721	3,365	3,533
2220	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	275	733	990	998	959
2220	330	Contracted Srvc - Technology	3,600	3,092	3,600	3,600	3,600
2220	331	Technology Assessment	0	0	13,416	13,416	13,407
2220	620	Library Books & Supplies	3,900	3,468	3,900	3,900	3,900
2220	670	Technology Supplies	1,500	446	1,500	1,500	1,500
2220	730	Technology Equipment	<u>5,500</u>	<u>27,056</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
			<b><u>\$17,587</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,026</u></b>	<b><u>\$40,829</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,980</u></b>	<b><u>\$43,367</u></b>
<b>BOARD</b>							
2310	116	Salaries	\$1,700	\$1,400	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700
2310	116	Recording Secretary	400	400	400	400	400
2310	220	Social Security	161	138	161	161	161
2310	330	Grant Writing Services	500	0	500	500	500
2310	333	Services/Wkshps	400	568	400	400	400
2310	360	Legal Services	1,000	925	1,000	1,000	1,000
2310	520	Comprehensive Insurance	5,120	4,757	4,950	5,175	5,400
2310	610	Postage/Travel/Supplies, etc.	600	1,170	600	600	600
2310	540	Advertising	3,000	838	3,000	2,000	2,000
2310	810	VSBA Dues	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,202</u>	<u>1,225</u>	<u>1,202</u>	<u>750</u>
			<b><u>\$14,081</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,398</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,936</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,138</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,911</u></b>
<b>TREASURER</b>							
2313	116	Salary	\$0	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300
2313	220	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	0	956	23	23	23
2313	610	Supplies	<u>300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<b><u>\$300</u></b>	<b><u>\$956</u></b>	<b><u>\$323</u></b>	<b><u>\$323</u></b>	<b><u>\$323</u></b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT</b>							
2321	331	Assessment	<b><u>\$48,078</u></b>	<b><u>\$48,078</u></b>	<b><u>\$54,787</u></b>	<b><u>\$54,787</u></b>	<b><u>\$55,833</u></b>
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>							
2410	110	Principal Salary	\$86,148	\$93,646	\$87,449	\$80,000	\$81,938
2410	115	Staff Salaries	29,848	30,265	30,306	30,714	31,987
2410	210	Group Medical Insurance	34,659	35,481	37,397	21,175	22,233
2410	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	13,266	13,841	13,546	13,351	13,384
2410	320	Professional Development	3,150	2,914	3,150	3,150	3,150
2410	325	Mentoring	0	0	0	2,705	0
2410	332	Copier Lease	4,200	4,612	4,700	4,700	4,700
2410	332	Shared Services	300	258	300	400	400
2410	530	Telephone	2,000	2,270	2,300	2,300	2,300
2410	580	Travel	500	51	500	500	500
2410	610	Office Supplies	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
			<b><u>\$176,071</u></b>	<b><u>\$184,398</u></b>	<b><u>\$181,648</u></b>	<b><u>\$160,995</u></b>	<b><u>\$162,592</u></b>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>							
2520	331	Accounting Assessment	\$9,094	\$9,094	\$6,924	\$6,924	\$7,681
2520	332	Travel/Postage/Flex Admin	800	748	1,500	1,500	1,500
2317	370	Audit Services	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
			<b><u>\$12,894</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,842</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,424</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,424</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,181</u></b>

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			<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b>PLANT AND GROUNDS OPERATIONS</b>							
<u>Plant Operations</u>							
2600	115	Salaries	\$31,433	\$29,488	\$30,866	\$30,936	\$31,700
2600	210	Group Medical Insurance	15,880	15,880	17,135	17,618	18,498
2600	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	5,749	5,598	5,973	5,943	5,929
2600	332	Water Testing Oversight	901	899	931	920	942
2600	411	Water Testing	5,000	293	300	300	300
2600	421	Rubbish Removal	2,300	2,328	2,300	2,300	2,300
2600	430	Repairs & Maint	25,000	21,762	27,500	27,500	25,000
2600	500	PD/Travel	300	207	300	300	300
2600	610	Custodial Supplies	5,500	3,592	5,500	5,500	5,500
2600	622	Electricity	9,600	7,258	8,000	7,500	8,000
2600	624	Heating Oil	<u>10,500</u>	<u>5,482</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>6,600</u>	<u>7,300</u>
			<u>\$112,163</u>	<u>\$92,787</u>	<u>\$107,805</u>	<u>\$105,417</u>	<u>\$105,769</u>
<u>Grounds</u>							
2630	424	Lawn Care	\$2,700	\$2,540	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
2630	610	Supplies/Equipment	<u>1,500</u>	<u>65,348</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>63,469</u>	<u>1,500</u>
			<u>\$4,200</u>	<u>\$67,888</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$66,969</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
<b>Total Plant and Grounds Operations</b>			<u><b>\$116,363</b></u>	<u><b>\$160,675</b></u>	<u><b>\$112,805</b></u>	<u><b>\$172,386</b></u>	<u><b>\$110,769</b></u>
<b>VEHICLE OPERATION SERVICES</b>							
2711	115	Salaries	\$8,185	\$6,812	\$8,273	\$8,790	\$8,955
2711	210	Group Medical	3,970	3,970	4,284	3,557	3,735
2711	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	1,554	1,412	1,538	1,535	1,499
2711	330	Testing/Licensing	200	75	200	200	200
2711	524	Bus Insurance	360	256	275	310	275
2711	591	Workshops/Travel	200	79	200	200	200
2711	430	Maintenance	3,500	7,961	5,000	8,000	8,000
2711	500	Services	0	0	0	38,500	38,500
2711	626	Gasoline	3,500	2,045	3,000	3,000	3,000
2711	690	Other Expenses & Supplies	250	0	250	250	250
2711	730	Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,908</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u><b>\$21,719</b></u>	<u><b>\$22,610</b></u>	<u><b>\$23,020</b></u>	<u><b>\$88,250</b></u>	<u><b>\$64,614</b></u>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION PK-6</b>							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1100	115	Salaries - Paraeducators	\$13,436	\$6,053	\$6,843	\$13,245	\$31,114
1100	120	Substitutes	750	13	750	750	750
1100	210	Group Medical	6,780	2,429	4,064	11,050	16,876
1100	290	P/R/Insurance/Fringe	<u>1,868</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>745</u>	<u>1,547</u>	<u>3,985</u>
<b>Total Special Education PK-6</b>			<u><b>\$22,834</b></u>	<u><b>\$9,145</b></u>	<u><b>\$12,402</b></u>	<u><b>\$26,592</b></u>	<u><b>\$52,725</b></u>
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION 7-12</b>							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1200	594	Excess Costs - Public	<u>\$6,993</u>	<u>\$8,909</u>	<u>\$10,500</u>	<u>\$10,500</u>	0
<b>Total Special Education 7-12</b>			<u><b>\$6,993</b></u>	<u><b>\$8,909</b></u>	<u><b>\$10,500</b></u>	<u><b>\$10,500</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

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	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<u>BRSU Assessments</u>					
Early Education	\$16,443	\$16,443	\$24,185	\$24,185	\$11,722
Student Services K-8	162,952	162,952	267,476	267,476	119,144
Student Services 9-12	216,431	216,431	241,321	241,321	88,583
Support Services/Administration	<u>51,972</u>	<u>51,972</u>	<u>82,884</u>	<u>82,884</u>	<u>33,080</u>
Total BRSU Services	<u>\$447,798</u>	<u>\$447,798</u>	<u>\$615,866</u>	<u>\$615,866</u>	<u>\$252,529</u>
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b><u>\$477,625</u></b>	<b><u>\$465,852</u></b>	<b><u>\$638,768</u></b>	<b><u>\$652,958</u></b>	<b><u>\$305,254</u></b>
<b>EXTRACURRICULAR</b>					
1000 320 Student Activities	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$257</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>
<u>After School Program</u>					
1000 115 After School Staffing	\$19,775	\$17,373	\$25,288	\$22,750	\$22,750
1000 290 P/R/Insurance/Fringe	2,261	1,246	2,267	1,981	1,859
1000 610 Supplies	<u>1,000</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>\$23,036</u>	<u>\$19,057</u>	<u>\$28,555</u>	<u>\$25,731</u>	<u>\$25,609</u>
<b>Total Extracurricular</b>	<b><u>\$27,536</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,314</u></b>	<b><u>\$33,055</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,231</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,109</u></b>
<b>FOODSERVICE PROGRAM</b>					
1000 115 Foodservice Transportation	\$0	\$730	\$0	\$888	\$910
1000 290 P/R/Insurance/Fringe	0	66	0	72	74
3100 500 Contracted Service	30,000	28,577	30,000	30,000	30,000
3100 610 Supplies/Travel	750	2,408	250	2,500	250
3100 739 Equipment	<u>2,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Foodservice Program</b>	<b><u>\$32,750</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,781</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,250</u></b>	<b><u>\$33,460</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,234</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED</b>	<b><u>\$2,414,546</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,584,226</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,763,253</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,971,836</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,724,513</u></b>
Warned Article - Treasurer	17,000	12,500	0	0	0
Warned Article - Transfers To Reserves	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$2,441,546</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,606,726</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,778,253</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,986,836</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,724,513</u></b>



District: <b>Sunderland</b> County: <b>Bennington</b>		<b>T202</b> <b>Bennington - Rutland</b>		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil
				<b>10,076</b>	<b>1.00</b>
				<b>11,875</b>	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,397,126	\$2,414,546	\$2,763,253	\$2,724,513
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	\$10,000	\$27,000	\$15,000	
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	
4.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$2,407,126</b>	<b>\$2,441,546</b>	<b>\$2,778,253</b>	<b>\$2,724,513</b>
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	\$97,665	
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$2,407,126</b>	<b>\$2,441,546</b>	<b>\$2,875,918</b>	<b>\$2,724,513</b>
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$46,436	\$48,078	\$54,787	\$55,833
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	\$97,665	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$542,324	\$537,517	\$902,139	\$1,235,030
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$542,324</b>	<b>\$537,517</b>	<b>\$902,139</b>	<b>\$1,235,030</b>
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$1,864,802</b>	<b>\$1,899,529</b>	<b>\$1,973,779</b>	<b>\$1,489,483</b>
15.	<b>Equalized Pupils</b>	<b>134.11</b>	<b>140.95</b>	<b>143.10</b>	<b>147.82</b>
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$13,905.02</b>	<b>\$13,476.62</b>	<b>\$13,793.00</b>	<b>\$10,076.33</b>
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp)	\$28.59	\$45.04	\$41.98	\$33.13
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp)	-	-	-	
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)	-	-	-	
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)	-	-	-	
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)	-	-	-	
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)	-	-	-	
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp)	NA	-	-	
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$16,166 \$16,166.00	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth \$13,793.61	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$13,905	\$13,477	\$13,793	\$10,076.33
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	149.758% based on \$9,285	142.474% based on \$9,285	142.181% based on yield \$9,701	100.003% based on yield \$10,076
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$10,076.33 + (\$10,076.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1.4676 based on \$0.98	\$1.4105 based on \$0.99	\$1.4218 based on \$1.00	\$1.0000 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Sunderland equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.00)	\$1.4676	\$1.4105	\$1.4218	\$1.0000
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	118.33%	114.93%	114.93%	111.22%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.0000 / 111.22%)	\$1.2403 based on \$0.98	\$1.2273 based on \$0.99	\$1.2371 based on \$1.00	\$0.8991 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [((\$10,076.33 + \$11,875) x 2.00%)]	2.70% based on 1.80%	2.56% based on 1.80%	2.54% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.00%)	2.70% based on 1.80%	2.56% based on 1.80%	2.54% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 0.00%
36.		-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

## Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union FY18 General Budget

	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
District Shared Positions	\$138,066	\$135,257	\$216,085	\$232,259	\$238,912
Student/Staff Support Positions	87,158	82,742	90,094	89,654	140,295
Technology Staff	0	0	224,206	193,328	214,801
Administration	783,801	773,685	799,891	711,433	836,232
Accounting	152,652	135,195	142,996	150,847	160,571
Transportation	<u>545,000</u>	<u>547,469</u>	<u>560,880</u>	<u>651,648</u>	<u>668,074</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$1,706,677</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,674,348</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,034,152</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,029,169</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,258,885</u></b>

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>					
Interest	\$1,000	\$3,956	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	500	3,695	500	500	500
District Shared Teachers	138,066	135,257	216,085	232,259	238,912
Transportation Service Fees	545,000	547,469	560,880	651,648	668,074
Grant Administration	<u>12,000</u>	<u>21,201</u>	<u>24,000</u>	<u>28,812</u>	<u>28,000</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$696,566</u></b>	<b><u>\$711,578</u></b>	<b><u>\$802,465</u></b>	<b><u>\$914,219</u></b>	<b><u>\$936,486</u></b>

Assessments	<u>980,111</u>	<u>980,111</u>	<u>1,201,687</u>	<u>1,201,687</u>	<u>1,252,399</u>
<b>Fee/Assessments</b>	<b><u>\$980,111</u></b>	<b><u>\$980,111</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,201,687</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,201,687</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,252,399</u></b>

<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$1,676,677</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,691,689</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,004,152</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,115,906</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,188,885</u></b>
Surplus Used/(Deficit Raised)	<u>30,000</u>		<u>30,000</u>		<u>70,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$1,706,677</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,034,152</u></b>		<b><u>\$2,258,885</u></b>

<b><u>Summary of Budget Variances</u></b>		<b><u>% Change to Assmnt</u></b>
Curriculum Director (0.2 FTE)	\$30,985	2.6%
New Support Services	17,000	1.4%
Office Expansion	26,185	2.2%
Surplus Used	(40,000)	-3.3%
Balance of Staff/Benefits, Misc.	<u>16,542</u>	<u>1.4%</u>
<b>Total Increase to Assessment</b>	<b><u>\$50,712</u></b>	<b><u>4.2%</u></b>

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## FY18 General Budget

	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
<b>District Positions/Shared Teachers</b>					
1100 110 Salaries	\$112,830	\$113,852	\$167,212	\$159,640	\$163,630
1100 210 Medical Insurance	7,708	8,907	24,362	43,742	45,929
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	11,028	11,624	15,511	19,877	20,353
1100 320 Professional Development	6,500	874	9,000	9,000	9,000
<b>District Shared Positions Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$138,066</u></b>	<b><u>\$135,257</u></b>	<b><u>\$216,085</u></b>	<b><u>\$232,259</u></b>	<b><u>\$238,912</u></b>
<b>Student/Staff Support Positions</b>					
<u>ESL Position</u>					
2100 110 Salaries	\$57,755	\$57,230	\$58,954	\$58,661	\$60,128
2100 210 Medical Insurance	19,787	19,776	21,456	21,104	22,160
2100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	6,116	5,736	6,184	6,389	6,522
2100 320 Professional Development	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
2100 580 Travel	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
2100 610 Supplies	500	0	500	500	500
	<u>\$87,158</u>	<u>\$82,742</u>	<u>\$90,094</u>	<u>\$89,654</u>	<u>\$92,310</u>
<u>Curriculum Director</u>					
2212 110 Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,000
2212 210 Medical Insurance	0	0	0	0	3,317
2212 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	0	1,668
2212 320 Professional Development	0	0	0	0	5,000
2212 580 Travel	0	0	0	0	2,000
2212 610 Supplies	0	0	0	0	2,000
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$30,985</u>
<u>Services</u>					
2200 330 School Based Management Systems					<u>\$17,000</u>
<b>Student/Staff Support Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$87,158</u></b>	<b><u>\$82,742</u></b>	<b><u>\$90,094</u></b>	<b><u>\$89,654</u></b>	<b><u>\$140,295</u></b>
<b>Technology Staff</b>					
2230 110 Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$145,003	\$135,011	\$146,850
2230 210 Medical Insurance	0	0	53,375	31,599	38,690
2230 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	18,328	21,218	23,261
2230 320 Professional Development	0	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
2230 580 Travel	0	0	5,000	3,000	3,500
<b>Technology Staff Subtotal</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$224,206</u></b>	<b><u>\$193,328</u></b>	<b><u>\$214,801</u></b>
<b>Administration</b>					
2320 110 Superintendent	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$128,000	\$135,000
2320 110 Assistant Superintendent	67,161	66,512	68,175	0	69,000
2320 110 Curriculum Leaders	0	0	0	27,000	0
2320 115 Salaries - Staff	225,733	216,032	219,597	213,948	226,692
2320 210 Medical Insurance	109,778	107,920	118,467	87,107	108,855
2320 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	54,466	55,130	53,514	49,056	56,412
2320 320 Professional Development	19,500	19,354	19,500	14,500	19,500
2320 321 Board Development	3,000	97	3,000	3,000	3,000
2320 330 Contracted Services	1,500	8,440	1,500	1,500	1,500
2320 330 Superintendent Search	0	1,500	0	0	0
2320 330 Minutes	538	1,076	538	538	538
2320 330 Flex Plan Administration	1,000	1,059	1,000	1,200	1,200

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FY18 General Budget**

		<b><u>FY16 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>FY16 Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY17 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>FY17 Anticipated</u></b>	<b><u>FY18 Budget</u></b>
2320 330	Alarm System Monitoring	300	329	300	400	700
2320 360	Legal	5,000	741	5,000	2,500	2,500
2320 370	Audit	8,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	10,000
2320 423	Custodial/Trash	3,200	3,506	3,200	3,500	6,100
2320 440	Equip Rent/Copier	2,500	3,241	2,500	2,500	3,500
2320 441	Rent	63,925	63,925	65,850	59,829	85,235
2320 520	Comprehensive Insurance	5,900	5,305	5,500	5,643	5,900
2320 530	Telephone	2,000	2,082	2,000	2,000	2,500
2320 530	Internet	8,300	7,952	8,200	8,200	8,200
2320 531	Postage	4,700	3,009	4,000	4,000	4,000
2320 540	Advertising	1,500	1,374	1,500	1,500	1,500
2320 580	Local Travel	7,000	4,510	6,000	5,000	6,000
2320 610	Supplies	10,000	10,067	10,000	10,000	10,000
2320 670	Tech Supplies/Services	1,600	2,085	2,000	3,000	3,000
2320 670	Accounting System	16,000	18,438	16,500	17,961	18,000
2320 670	Website Portal	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
2320 670	School Messaging System	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,436	2,500
2320 670	Student Management System	14,000	14,471	14,750	12,334	12,700
2320 670	Learning Management System	0	0	12,500	12,305	12,500
2320 670	Meeting Management System	4,500	5,180	4,500	4,440	4,500
2320 730	Equip Purchase	500	401	500	10,236	4,000
2320 810	Dues	6,000	6,749	6,600	6,600	7,000
<b>Administration Subtotal</b>		<b><u>\$783,801</u></b>	<b><u>\$773,685</u></b>	<b><u>\$799,891</u></b>	<b><u>\$711,433</u></b>	<b><u>\$836,232</u></b>
<b>District Accounting</b>						
2510 115	Salaries - Staff	\$101,403	\$99,054	\$102,532	\$102,542	\$105,106
2510 210	Medical Insurance	35,448	20,900	24,765	31,905	37,817
2510 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	15,801	15,241	15,699	16,400	17,648
<b>Accounting Subtotal</b>		<b><u>\$152,652</u></b>	<b><u>\$135,195</u></b>	<b><u>\$142,996</u></b>	<b><u>\$150,847</u></b>	<b><u>\$160,571</u></b>
<b>Transportation</b>						
2711 115	Salaries - Staff	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$66,395	\$67,922
2711 210	Medical Insurance	0	0	0	8,009	8,409
2711 290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	10,956	11,298
2711 519	Transportation Contracts	545,000	547,469	560,880	566,288	580,445
<b>Transportation Subtotal</b>		<b><u>\$545,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$547,469</u></b>	<b><u>\$560,880</u></b>	<b><u>\$651,648</u></b>	<b><u>\$668,074</u></b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b><u>\$1,706,677</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,674,348</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,034,152</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,029,169</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,258,885</u></b>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION  
GENERAL ASSESSMENT FY18**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Danby</u>	<u>Dorset</u>	<u>Manchester</u>	<u>Mt.Tabor</u>	<u>Mtn RED</u>	<u>Pawlet</u>	<u>Rupert</u>	<u>Sunderland</u>	<u>UD23</u>	<u>UD47</u>	<u>Winhall</u>
<i>ADM K-6/8 (Final Dec 2016)</i>	1,105.92		169.20	318.56		282.00			86.28	84.58	165.30	
District Share			15.3%	28.8%		25.5%			7.8%	7.6%	14.9%	
<b>Student/Staff Support Positions</b>	<b><u>\$140,295</u></b>		<b><u>\$21,464</u></b>	<b><u>\$40,412</u></b>		<b><u>\$35,774</u></b>			<b><u>\$10,947</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,730</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,970</u></b>	
<i>ADM K-6/8 (Final Dec 2016)</i>	1,105.92		169.20	318.56		282.00			86.28	84.58	165.30	
District Share			15.3%	28.8%		25.5%			7.8%	7.6%	14.9%	
<b>Technology/District Services (80%)</b>	<b><u>\$171,841</u></b>		<b><u>\$26,292</u></b>	<b><u>\$49,499</u></b>		<b><u>\$43,818</u></b>			<b><u>\$13,407</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,142</u></b>	<b><u>\$25,685</u></b>	
<i>ADM (Final Dec 2016)</i>	2,300.48	105.05	301.57	627.60	11.00	473.65	116.65	37.00	160.38	100.58	203.30	163.70
District Share		4.57%	13.11%	27.28%	0.48%	20.59%	5.07%	1.61%	6.97%	4.37%	8.84%	7.12%
<b>Technology/SU (20%)</b>	<b><u>\$42,960</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,962</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,632</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,719</u></b>	<b><u>\$205</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,845</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,178</u></b>	<b><u>\$691</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,995</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,878</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,796</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,057</u></b>
<i>ADM (Final Dec 2016)</i>	2,300.48	105.05	301.57	627.60	11.00	473.65	116.65	37.00	160.38	100.58	203.30	163.70
Percentage		4.57%	13.11%	27.28%	0.48%	20.59%	5.07%	1.61%	6.97%	4.37%	8.84%	7.12%
<b>Administration</b>	<b><u>\$806,732</u></b>	<b><u>\$36,839</u></b>	<b><u>\$105,754</u></b>	<b><u>\$220,087</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,857</u></b>	<b><u>\$166,099</u></b>	<b><u>\$40,907</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,975</u></b>	<b><u>\$56,242</u></b>	<b><u>\$35,271</u></b>	<b><u>\$71,293</u></b>	<b><u>\$57,406</u></b>
<b>District Accounting</b>	<b><u>\$160,571</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,834</u></b>	<b><u>\$17,159</u></b>	<b><u>\$45,652</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,888</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,514</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,834</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,888</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,815</u></b>	<b><u>\$17,631</u></b>	<b><u>\$17,631</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,725</u></b>
(Assessment to districts is based on accounting staff FTE)												
<b>Assessed Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$1,322,399</u></b>	<b><u>\$41,635</u></b>	<b><u>\$176,301</u></b>	<b><u>\$367,369</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,950</u></b>	<b><u>\$294,050</u></b>	<b><u>\$45,919</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,554</u></b>	<b><u>\$92,406</u></b>	<b><u>\$78,652</u></b>	<b><u>\$139,375</u></b>	<b><u>\$65,188</u></b>
<u>Less Surplus Used (based on prior years assessment %s)</u>												
Surplus Applied	<u>(\$70,000)</u>	<u>(\$3,418)</u>	<u>(\$9,409)</u>	<u>(\$19,560)</u>	<u>(\$469)</u>	<u>(\$14,707)</u>	<u>(\$3,700)</u>	<u>(\$1,147)</u>	<u>(\$4,538)</u>	<u>(\$3,220)</u>	<u>(\$5,604)</u>	<u>(\$4,228)</u>
<b>Total FY18 Assessment</b>	<b><u>\$1,252,399</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,217</u></b>	<b><u>\$166,892</u></b>	<b><u>\$347,809</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,481</u></b>	<b><u>\$279,343</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,219</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,407</u></b>	<b><u>\$87,868</u></b>	<b><u>\$75,432</u></b>	<b><u>\$133,771</u></b>	<b><u>\$60,960</u></b>

# Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

## FY18 Special Education Budget

	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY17 Anticipated	FY18 Budget
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
PK Sites	\$214,859	\$213,132	\$223,155	\$219,244	\$225,303
Early Education Instruction/Support	260,037	240,699	259,542	256,379	256,002
Direct Services	34,154	67,815	70,679	103,699	68,923
Anchor Program	136,582	130,736	148,173	262,381	271,174
Services Operating Grades - K-6/8	2,951,281	3,049,052	3,062,273	3,198,196	3,095,917
Services Non-operating Grades	4,251,296	4,306,457	4,250,479	4,344,467	4,236,596
Behavior Analyst	112,117	78,277	90,672	92,341	94,436
Psychological Services PK-12	234,692	249,537	258,978	259,320	266,556
Occupational/Physical Therapy PK-12	311,991	300,664	318,870	312,350	321,209
Administration PK-12	619,653	650,882	665,300	740,659	812,922
Transportation PK-12	<u>248,103</u>	<u>246,117</u>	<u>274,667</u>	<u>282,839</u>	<u>318,419</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,533,368</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,622,788</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,071,875</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,967,457</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>					
Service Fees	\$0	\$3,913	\$0	\$0	\$0
Direct Services	34,154	67,991	70,679	103,699	68,923
IDEA Grants	615,000	646,422	601,876	649,697	645,803
Medicaid Grant	81,203	50,595	51,584	57,384	37,666
Early Education Block Grants	0	0	0	0	149,764
Special Education Block Grants	0	0	0	0	822,228
State Reimbursement	<u>0</u>	<u>31,449</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>237,761</u>	<u>4,566,239</u>
<b>REVENUE SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$730,357</b>	<b>\$800,370</b>	<b>\$724,139</b>	<b>\$1,048,541</b>	<b>\$6,290,623</b>
Assessments	<u>8,644,408</u>	<u>8,644,408</u>	<u>9,133,915</u>	<u>9,133,915</u>	<u>3,676,834</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,444,778</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,858,054</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,182,456</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,967,457</u></b>
Surplus(Deficit) offset to Assessments	<u>0</u>		<u>(235,266)</u>		<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>		<b><u>\$9,622,788</u></b>		<b><u>\$9,967,457</u></b>

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			<u>FY16</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY16</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY17</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY17</u> <u>Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b><u>EARLY EDUCATION</u></b>							
<b>PK Sites</b>							
1100	110	Salaries	\$117,295	\$120,764	\$123,759	\$117,491	\$120,329
1100	115	Paraeducators/Subs	16,504	13,049	15,599	17,680	18,072
1100	210	Group Medical	22,293	22,285	24,133	21,104	22,160
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	13,199	12,578	13,464	14,269	15,081
1100	610	Services/Supplies	2,000	1,583	2,000	3,000	3,000
2152	110	Salaries	37,654	37,865	38,372	38,197	39,077
2152	210	Group Medical	0	0	0	0	0
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	3,414	3,627	3,328	3,503	3,584
2200	325	Prof Development/Tuition	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,381</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
<b>Total PK Sites</b>			<b><u>\$214,859</u></b>	<b><u>\$213,132</u></b>	<b><u>\$223,155</u></b>	<b><u>\$219,244</u></b>	<b><u>\$225,303</u></b>
<b>Early Education Instruction</b>							
<u>Instruction</u>							
1100	110	Salary	\$86,684	\$84,757	\$85,144	\$82,283	\$84,340
1100	112	ESY	3,000	2,073	2,000	2,652	3,000
1100	210	Medical	25,445	22,973	26,293	20,907	21,952
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	9,276	8,636	8,759	8,578	8,814
1100	320	Instructional Services	10,000	1,815	7,145	9,095	1,000
1100	320	Instructional Services/IDEA	0	10,056	9,807	10,987	10,987
1100	610	Supplies	1,000	1,726	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200	325	Prof Development/Tuition	3,000	2,045	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200	580	Travel	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,573</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
			<b><u>\$141,405</u></b>	<b><u>\$136,654</u></b>	<b><u>\$146,148</u></b>	<b><u>\$139,502</u></b>	<b><u>\$135,093</u></b>
<u>Speech/Support</u>							
2100	320	Support Services	\$9,000	\$5,475	\$1,000	\$646	\$500
2152	110	Salary - Speech	71,349	63,995	70,014	74,603	76,415
2152	112	ESY	2,000	920	1,000	503	500
2152	210	Medical	19,431	22,939	24,889	24,058	25,262
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Ins.	7,852	5,793	7,491	8,067	8,232
2152	610	Supplies	1,000	510	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200	325	Prof Development/Tuition	3,000	683	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200	580	Travel	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,730</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
			<b><u>\$118,632</u></b>	<b><u>\$104,045</u></b>	<b><u>\$113,394</u></b>	<b><u>\$116,877</u></b>	<b><u>\$120,909</u></b>
<b>Total Early Ed Instruction</b>			<b><u>\$260,037</u></b>	<b><u>\$240,699</u></b>	<b><u>\$259,542</u></b>	<b><u>\$256,379</u></b>	<b><u>\$256,002</u></b>
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>							
2160	110	Salary	\$16,819	\$5,395	\$6,035	\$9,918	\$10,166
2160	210	Medical	5,337	1,900	2,172	3,269	3,432
2160	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>2,658</u>	<u>878</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>1,588</u>	<u>1,624</u>
			<b><u>\$24,814</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,173</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,160</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,775</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,222</u></b>
<b>Physical Therapy</b>							
2190	110	Salary	\$16,564	\$0	\$0	\$5,254	\$5,386
2190	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>1,374</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>457</u>
			<b><u>\$17,938</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,700</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,843</u></b>
<b>Total Occupational/Physical Therapy</b>			<b><u>\$42,752</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,173</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,160</u></b>	<b><u>\$20,475</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,065</u></b>

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	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Actual</u>	<u>FY17 Budget</u>	<u>FY17 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY18 Budget</u>
<u>Early Education Administration</u>					
2420 610 Testing Supplies/Adv/Postage	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$3,890</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
<b>Total Early Education Services</b>	<b><u>\$308,789</u></b>	<b><u>\$252,762</u></b>	<b><u>\$274,702</u></b>	<b><u>\$282,854</u></b>	<b><u>\$283,067</u></b>
<b>Direct Services PK-8</b>					
1100 110 Salary/Teacher	\$23,315	\$20,314	\$23,205	\$19,721	\$20,214
1100 110 Salary/Paraeducators	0	30,494	32,280	31,864	6,642
1100 210 Medical	7,380	10,103	8,003	14,670	6,966
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	2,459	6,393	6,191	5,029	2,686
1100 320 Behavior Interventionist	0	0	0	31,415	31,415
2200 325 Prof Development/Tuition	<u>1,000</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>Total Special Ed Direct Services</b>	<b><u>\$34,154</u></b>	<b><u>\$67,815</u></b>	<b><u>\$70,679</u></b>	<b><u>\$103,699</u></b>	<b><u>\$68,923</u></b>
<b>Anchor Program (Formerly Cornerstone)</b>					
1100 110 Salary/Teachers & Behaviorist	\$66,684	\$69,537	\$71,306	\$123,872	\$126,969
1100 115 Salary/Paraeducators	14,791	12,007	16,834	34,685	35,554
1100 120 Substitutes	2,000	599	2,000	2,000	2,000
1100 210 Medical	34,853	28,564	29,584	50,244	52,758
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	10,754	10,420	10,949	19,799	20,893
1100 610 Program Supplies/Services	5,000	1,832	5,000	5,000	5,000
2100 320 Counseling Services	0	2,940	10,000	21,781	22,000
2200 325 Professional Development	<u>2,500</u>	<u>4,837</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>Total Anchor Program</b>	<b><u>\$136,582</u></b>	<b><u>\$130,736</u></b>	<b><u>\$148,173</u></b>	<b><u>\$262,381</u></b>	<b><u>\$271,174</u></b>
<b>Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated Within Schools in the Supervisory Union</b>					
<u>Instruction</u>					
1100 110 Salary/Teacher	\$1,033,520	\$1,014,945	\$1,034,845	\$1,009,144	\$979,499
1100 112 ESY Services	34,000	28,611	30,000	24,001	26,000
1100 120 Substitutes	14,000	12,424	14,000	12,000	12,000
1100 210 Medical	244,389	237,554	290,167	270,551	284,082
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	109,445	114,760	107,000	108,710	106,035
1100 320 Tutoring/Instructional Services	14,435	10,431	14,735	10,304	19,399
1100 320 Instructional Services/IDEA	0	4,595	4,649	21,583	21,583
1100 500 Tuition	502,747	571,617	621,098	832,160	756,147
1100 590 Special Education Services	59,000	170,085	41,500	27,449	0
1100 592 District Services/Extraordinary	210,035	187,358	182,000	148,142	152,370
1100 610 Supplies & Equipment	<u>37,500</u>	<u>25,610</u>	<u>37,500</u>	<u>37,500</u>	<u>37,500</u>
	<b><u>\$2,259,071</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,377,990</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,377,494</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,501,544</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,394,615</u></b>



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			<b><u>FY16</u></b>	<b><u>FY16</u></b>	<b><u>FY17</u></b>	<b><u>FY17</u></b>	<b><u>FY18</u></b>
			<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
<b><u>Student Support</u></b>							
2100	320	Contracted Services	\$16,900	\$16,363	\$9,308	\$10,342	\$10,988
2100	112	ESY Support Services	0	3,455	5,000	3,900	5,000
2100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	392	404	316	406
2140	110	Salary/Counseling	2,100	5,278	6,300	4,200	4,200
2140	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	169	398	508	358	341
2140	320	Evaluations	15,000	4,501	15,000	7,500	7,500
2140	320	Counseling Services	20,200	13,325	17,550	20,375	13,375
2152	110	Salary/Speech Teacher	396,275	402,471	406,311	412,139	422,196
2152	112	ESY Services	6,000	8,656	8,000	10,825	12,000
2152	120	Substitutes	5,000	0	5,000	2,000	2,000
2152	210	Medical	99,291	100,753	103,847	102,565	107,697
2152	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	42,325	42,977	42,341	44,373	45,385
2152	320	Speech/Auditory Services	450	15,956	1,210	2,470	1,470
2152	610	Speech Supplies	7,000	5,113	7,000	7,000	7,000
2711	519	Transportation Services	<u>2,500</u>	<u>3,024</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
			<b><u>\$613,210</u></b>	<b><u>\$622,662</u></b>	<b><u>\$627,779</u></b>	<b><u>\$630,363</u></b>	<b><u>\$641,558</u></b>
<b><u>Staff Support</u></b>							
2200	112	PD Support Stipends	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,055	\$3,000
2200	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	0	0	0	734	244
2213	325	Prof Development/Tuition	45,000	44,258	45,000	45,000	45,000
2214	325	District Prof Development	32,000	2,650	10,000	10,000	10,000
2214	580	Travel	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,492</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
			<b><u>\$79,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$48,400</u></b>	<b><u>\$57,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$66,289</u></b>	<b><u>\$59,744</u></b>
<b>Total Services/Grades in the SU</b>			<b><u>\$2,951,281</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,049,052</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,062,273</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,198,196</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,095,917</u></b>
<b>Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated Outside of the Supervisory Union</b>							
<b><u>Instruction</u></b>							
1100	110	Salary/Teacher	\$0	\$48,557	\$71,711	\$0	\$0
1100	115	Paraeducators	0	28,388	35,369	0	0
1100	112	ESY Services	6,000	17,575	15,500	15,859	4,000
2160	210	Medical	0	5,022	8,128	0	0
1100	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	484	9,389	12,237	1,286	325
1100	320	Tutoring/Instructional Services	145,810	138,573	108,790	61,060	27,880
1100	3/500	Summer Services/Tuition	95,127	125,602	120,300	124,273	122,990
1100	500	Tuition	1,458,641	1,739,976	1,621,414	1,802,874	1,617,227
1100	590	Special Education Services	2,210,449	1,863,321	1,930,923	1,999,193	2,096,801
1100	610	Supplies	<u>0</u>	<u>4,240</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>500</u>
			<b><u>\$3,916,511</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,980,643</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,930,372</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,006,045</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,869,723</u></b>

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	<b><u>FY16 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>FY16 Actual</u></b>	<b><u>FY17 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>FY17 Anticipated</u></b>	<b><u>FY18 Budget</u></b>
<b>Student Support</b>					
2100 3/500 Services	\$1,500	\$2,079	\$6,507	\$2,805	\$2,805
2140 320 Evaluations	15,000	2,785	15,000	7,500	7,500
2140 3/500 Counseling Services	86,100	106,630	79,250	114,423	113,398
2152 3/500 Speech Services	190,335	142,878	159,850	175,133	210,789
2160 3/500 Occupational Therapy Services	17,400	9,212	12,900	16,261	16,281
2190 3/500 Physical Therapy	1,000	6,466	1,000	500	500
2711 519 Transportation Services	<u>23,450</u>	<u>55,764</u>	<u>45,600</u>	<u>21,800</u>	<u>15,600</u>
	<b><u>\$334,785</u></b>	<b><u>\$325,814</u></b>	<b><u>\$320,107</u></b>	<b><u>\$338,422</u></b>	<b><u>\$366,873</u></b>
<b>Total Services/Grades Outside the SU</b>	<b><u>\$4,251,296</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,306,457</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,250,479</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,344,467</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,236,596</u></b>
<b>Behavior Analyst</b>					
1100 110 Salary	\$80,000	\$55,000	\$56,375	\$56,375	\$57,784
1100 210 Medical	14,808	16,358	21,419	21,175	22,233
1100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	7,309	6,718	5,878	7,291	7,419
1100 610 Supplies	2,000	0	500	1,000	500
2200 320 Professional Development	5,000	201	3,500	3,500	3,500
2200 580 Travel	<u>3,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<b><u>\$112,117</u></b>	<b><u>\$78,277</u></b>	<b><u>\$90,672</u></b>	<b><u>\$92,341</u></b>	<b><u>\$94,436</u></b>
<b>Psychological</b>					
2100 110 Salary/Psychologists	\$177,482	\$175,767	\$182,211	\$180,161	\$184,666
2100 210 Medical	27,384	27,405	29,548	29,211	30,670
2100 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	17,126	37,682	34,519	37,248	38,020
2100 611 Materials & Supplies	3,000	2,805	3,000	3,000	3,000
2200 325 Professional Development	6,000	1,756	6,000	6,000	6,000
2200 580 Travel	<u>3,700</u>	<u>4,122</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>4,200</u>
<b>Total Psychological</b>	<b><u>\$234,692</u></b>	<b><u>\$249,537</u></b>	<b><u>\$258,978</u></b>	<b><u>\$259,320</u></b>	<b><u>\$266,556</u></b>
<b>Occupational Therapy K-12</b>					
2160 110 Salary	\$132,029	\$141,476	\$145,061	\$140,360	\$143,870
2160 210 Medical	41,898	45,335	48,794	47,118	49,472
2160 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	20,870	22,580	22,416	22,620	23,128
2160 610 Supplies	2,000	1,127	2,000	2,000	2,000
2200 320 Professional Development	1,500	987	1,500	1,500	1,500
2200 580 Travel	<u>7,500</u>	<u>1,404</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<b><u>\$205,797</u></b>	<b><u>\$212,909</u></b>	<b><u>\$227,271</u></b>	<b><u>\$215,598</u></b>	<b><u>\$221,970</u></b>
<b>Physical Therapy K-12</b>					
2190 110 Salary	\$57,381	\$73,230	\$75,061	\$69,807	\$71,552
2190 290 PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	4,761	6,352	6,078	5,920	6,072
2190 610 Supplies	300	0	300	300	300
2200 580 Travel	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
	<b><u>\$63,442</u></b>	<b><u>\$79,582</u></b>	<b><u>\$82,439</u></b>	<b><u>\$76,277</u></b>	<b><u>\$78,174</u></b>
<b>Total Occupational/Physical Therapy K-12</b>	<b><u>\$269,239</u></b>	<b><u>\$292,491</u></b>	<b><u>\$309,710</u></b>	<b><u>\$291,875</u></b>	<b><u>\$300,144</u></b>

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			<b><u>FY16</u></b>	<b><u>FY16</u></b>	<b><u>FY17</u></b>	<b><u>FY17</u></b>	<b><u>FY18</u></b>
			<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>
<b>Administration</b>							
2400	110	Director of Student Services	\$104,473	\$100,000	\$102,500	\$86,000	\$46,000
2400	110	Program Directors	257,443	251,292	257,574	327,574	410,764
2400	115	Salaries - Clerical	38,444	38,655	39,024	39,024	40,000
2400	210	Medical	89,168	94,217	101,652	111,986	125,276
2400	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	41,890	76,751	75,556	78,761	84,636
2400	325	Professional Development	15,000	17,521	15,000	18,000	20,000
2400	330	Contracted Service	4,500	8,261	6,000	7,402	8,000
2400	360	Legal	5,000	8,999	5,000	5,000	5,000
2400	531	Postage	1,600	921	1,600	1,600	1,600
2400	540	Advertising	5,000	1,082	3,000	3,000	3,000
2400	580	Travel	10,000	9,258	10,000	11,000	13,000
2400	610	Supplies/Software/Copier	7,500	8,211	7,500	8,500	8,500
2400	739	Equipment	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
			<b><u>\$583,018</u></b>	<b><u>\$616,864</u></b>	<b><u>\$627,406</u></b>	<b><u>\$702,847</u></b>	<b><u>\$768,776</u></b>
<b>Transportation Administration</b>							
2711	110	Coordinator	\$20,109	\$20,021	\$20,522	\$20,393	\$25,393
2711	210	Medical	6,749	6,749	7,282	7,199	7,559
2711	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	<u>3,777</u>	<u>3,358</u>	<u>4,090</u>	<u>4,220</u>	<u>5,194</u>
			<b><u>\$30,635</u></b>	<b><u>\$30,128</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,894</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,812</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,146</u></b>
<b>Total Administration</b>			<b><u>\$613,653</u></b>	<b><u>\$646,992</u></b>	<b><u>\$659,300</u></b>	<b><u>\$734,659</u></b>	<b><u>\$806,922</u></b>
<b>Transportation</b>							
2712	115	Salary/Drivers & Assistants	\$131,410	\$149,337	\$167,775	\$173,571	\$180,922
2712	210	Medical	22,599	12,556	8,128	22,746	25,285
2712	290	PR Taxes/Fringe/Insurance	22,894	30,015	26,706	27,774	32,512
2712	430	Repairs & Maintenance	12,000	13,875	16,000	16,000	16,000
2712	500	Services/Insurance	2,000	2,875	2,000	2,000	2,000
2712	540	Advertising	1,500	0	1,000	300	1,000
2712	580	Prof Dev/Travel	0	0	500	500	500
2712	592	Services/Districts	0	3,039	10,000	3,000	3,000
2712	610	Supplies	1,200	1,860	1,200	2,000	1,200
2712	620	Fuel	36,000	22,694	32,000	25,000	25,000
2712	910	Bus Lease Payments	<u>18,500</u>	<u>9,866</u>	<u>9,358</u>	<u>9,948</u>	<u>31,000</u>
<b>Total Transportation</b>			<b><u>\$248,103</u></b>	<b><u>\$246,117</u></b>	<b><u>\$274,667</u></b>	<b><u>\$282,839</u></b>	<b><u>\$318,419</u></b>
<b>Total Special Education/Early Education</b>			<b><u>\$9,374,765</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,533,368</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,622,788</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,071,875</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,967,457</u></b>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS - FY18**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Mtn Towns	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD23	UD47	Winhall
<b>PK Sites - Less Medicaid covered costs</b>												
Students at Site										12.00	29.00	
Site Based Early Education	<b>\$225,303</b>									<b>\$107,332</b>	<b>\$117,971</b>	
<b>Early Education - Instruction - Less IDEA covered costs if applicable</b>												
ADM (less site)	166.51		21.17	63.89		44.35			14.10	4.00	9.00	10.00
Percentage Allocation			12.7%	38.4%		26.6%			8.5%	2.4%	5.4%	6.0%
Early Education Instruction	<b>\$124,106</b>		<b>\$15,779</b>	<b>\$47,619</b>		<b>\$33,056</b>			<b>\$10,509</b>	<b>\$2,981</b>	<b>\$6,708</b>	<b>\$7,454</b>
<b>Early Education - Speech - Less IDEA covered costs if applicable</b>												
ADM (less site for ud47)	178.51		21.17	63.89		44.35			14.10	16.00	9.00	10.00
Percentage Allocation			11.9%	35.8%		24.8%			7.9%	9.0%	5.0%	5.6%
Early Education Speech	<b>\$120,909</b>		<b>\$14,339</b>	<b>\$43,274</b>		<b>\$30,040</b>			<b>\$9,550</b>	<b>\$10,837</b>	<b>\$6,096</b>	<b>\$6,773</b>
<b>Early Ed Instructional/Support Services &amp; Admin- Less IDEA covered costs if applicable</b>												
ADM	207.51		21.17	63.89		44.35			14.10	16.00	38.00	10.00
Percentage Allocation			10.2%	30.8%		21.4%			6.8%	7.7%	18.3%	4.8%
Early Ed Instr. Support Services/Admin	<b>\$27,065</b>		<b>\$2,761</b>	<b>\$8,334</b>		<b>\$5,784</b>			<b>\$1,839</b>	<b>\$2,087</b>	<b>\$4,956</b>	<b>\$1,304</b>
<b>Early Ed Block Grant Allocation</b>												
ADM	207.51		21.17	63.89		44.35			14.10	16.00	38.00	10.00
Percentage Allocation			10.2%	30.8%		21.4%			6.8%	7.7%	18.3%	4.8%
Early Ed Block Grant Allocation	<b>(\$149,764)</b>		<b>(\$15,280)</b>	<b>(\$46,111)</b>		<b>(\$32,008)</b>			<b>(\$10,176)</b>	<b>(\$11,547)</b>	<b>(\$27,425)</b>	<b>(\$7,217)</b>
<b>Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated Within Schools in the Supervisory Union- Includes Anchor Program - Less applicable reimbursement and IDEA covered costs</b>												
Projected FY18 Enrollment	1,128.78	14.06	158.20	306.06	1.00	286.00	0.00	0.00	101.28	81.58	162.70	17.90
Percentage Allocation		1.2%	14.0%	27.1%	0.1%	25.3%	0.0%	0.0%	9.0%	7.2%	14.4%	1.6%
Services to be Assessed	<b>\$1,327,872</b>	<b>\$16,540</b>	<b>\$186,103</b>	<b>\$360,042</b>	<b>\$1,176</b>	<b>\$336,444</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$119,144</b>	<b>\$95,969</b>	<b>\$191,397</b>	<b>\$21,057</b>
<b>Services Provided to Students in Grades Educated Outside of the Supervisory Union- Less applicable reimbursement</b>												
Projected FY18 Enrollment	881.54	82.99	109.20	217.65	11.00	134.65	111.65	35.60	50.00			128.80
Percentage Allocation		9.4%	12.4%	24.7%	1.2%	15.3%	12.7%	4.0%	5.7%			14.6%
Services to be Assessed	<b>\$1,561,744</b>	<b>\$147,026</b>	<b>\$193,459</b>	<b>\$385,590</b>	<b>\$19,487</b>	<b>\$238,547</b>	<b>\$197,800</b>	<b>\$63,069</b>	<b>\$88,583</b>			<b>\$228,183</b>
<b>Behavior Analyst/Psychological/OT/PT/Administration/Transportation Less applicable reimbursement and IDEA and Medicaid covered costs</b>												
Projected FY18 Enrollment	2,010.32	97.05	267.40	523.71	12.00	420.65	111.65	35.60	151.28	81.58	162.70	146.70
Percentage Allocation		4.8%	13.3%	26.1%	0.6%	20.9%	5.6%	1.8%	7.5%	4.1%	8.1%	7.3%
Psych/OT/PT/Adm/Transp to be Assessed	<b>\$439,599</b>	<b>\$21,224</b>	<b>\$58,471</b>	<b>\$114,520</b>	<b>\$2,624</b>	<b>\$91,986</b>	<b>\$24,415</b>	<b>\$7,785</b>	<b>\$33,080</b>	<b>\$17,839</b>	<b>\$35,577</b>	<b>\$32,078</b>
<b>TOTAL FY18 ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$3,676,834</b>	<b>\$184,790</b>	<b>\$455,632</b>	<b>\$913,268</b>	<b>\$23,287</b>	<b>\$703,849</b>	<b>\$222,215</b>	<b>\$70,854</b>	<b>\$252,529</b>	<b>\$225,498</b>	<b>\$335,280</b>	<b>\$289,632</b>

## **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union engaged RHR Smith & Company, C.P.A.'s of Buxton, Maine to conduct an audit of its FY16 financial statements. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection by calling the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, 362-2452.

### **Summary of Fund Balances**

	<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Equipment / Software Reserves</u></b>	<b><u>Special Education</u></b>
<b>Balance June 30, 2015</b>	<b>\$71,432</b>	<b>\$6,352</b>	<b>\$27,681</b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Actual Revenues FY16	1,691,689	0	\$9,444,778
Actual Expenditures FY16	<u>(1,674,348)</u>	<u>(979)</u>	<u>(9,533,368)</u>
<b>Actual Fund Balance June 30, 2016</b>	<b><u>\$85,773</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,373</u></b>	<b><u>(\$60,909)</u></b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$3,000)	\$3,000	
Anticipated Revenues FY17	2,115,906	0	\$10,182,456
Anticipated Expenditures FY17	<u>(2,029,169)</u>	<u>(11,373)</u>	<u>(10,071,875)</u>
<b>Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2017</b>	<b><u>\$169,510</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$49,672</u></b>
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(\$15,000)	\$15,000	
Budgeted Revenues FY18	2,188,885	0	\$9,967,457
Budgeted Expenditures FY18	<u>(2,258,885)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(9,967,457)</u>
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance June 30, 2018</b>	<b><u>\$84,510</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$49,672</u></b>

Report of the Superintendent of Schools  
Jacquelyne Wilson  
January 2017

On July 1, 2016, the Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union said farewell to Superintendent Dan French. Dan served as BRSU Superintendent for nine years and during those nine years he led many change initiatives that will have a lasting impact. During Dan's tenure, special education and business services were centralized, a single teacher Master Agreement was negotiated, technology became an integral teaching and learning tool, and most importantly he moved the BRSU towards embracing and implementing a personalized approach to learning for all students. Under Dan's leadership the BRSU became a cohesive and focused organization; we will reap the benefits from his leadership for years to come. We thank him for all that he gave to the BRSU, he was an exemplary leader.

Two of our schools, Sunderland Elementary and Manchester Elementary Middle School, have new school leadership. Skyler LaBombard, a first year principal, is the Principal of SES. Skyler was a very successful sixth grade teacher at the Pownal Elementary School and we are fortunate to have such a strong instructional leader at the helm. Irene and Marty Nadler were hired as a team to fill the principal vacancy at MEMS. Both Irene and Marty have extensive principal experience and they came out of retirement to accept this interim position. They have done an outstanding job and will be staying on in this role for at least one more year.

This year, Act 46 has been the major area of focus for the Superintendent's Office. This landmark legislation requires that districts of like enrollment to merge. In response to this law, nine of our towns voted to form the Northshire Merger Study Committee and investigate the formation of a Regional Education District. This means that these nine separate school districts would become a single district. The Northshire Merger Committee began meeting in May of 2016 and on December 20, 2016 they submitted their study to the State Board of Education for approval. The Committee came to the conclusion that merging was advisable and their report was readily accepted by the State Board. On March 7, voters from all of the nine towns (Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland and Weston) will vote on the merger and also elect new school board directors.

The towns of Rupert and Pawlet will be launching a merger study in March of 2017 and that merger would merge three school districts: Pawlet, Rupert, and UD#47. Winhall, our sole non-operating district is currently engaged in preliminary conversations with a couple of other regional non-operating districts and we hope to start their merger work this spring. We are also in conversation with Arlington, who has expressed an interest in being reassigned to the BRSU.

The next year will certainly be a year of governance change. I commend our school boards and our communities for viewing Act 46 as an opportunity that could benefit our children. We will continue to struggle with the changes that will occur as a result of the potential mergers, but I'm confident that we will find a path forward that honors the commitment and involvement of all our communities and remains inclusive.

I'm honored to serve the BRSU educational communities and I thank you sincerely for all of the support you have given to our children. We have an excellent educational system and that is largely due to you.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT  
SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 1, 2016**

**Sunderland Elementary School**

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Enrollment	-	14	11	11	16	9	12	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
Total	0	14	11	11	16	9	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	87

**Sunderland Enrollment**

School	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Arlington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	3	4	2	16
Burr & Burton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	7	6	25
Long Trail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	2	1	7
Sunderland	-	14	11	11	16	9	12	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
Other	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	-	-	-	-	24
TOTAL	14	14	11	11	16	9	12	14	9	7	10	10	13	9	159

**SUNDERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT**

The Sunderland Board of School Directors engaged RHR Smith and Company, C.P.A.'s of Buxton, Maine to conduct an audit of its FY16 accounts. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools (362-2452).

## **Sunderland School Board Report January 2017**

### **Sunderland Elementary School (SES) Year in Review**

There have been a number of changes at Sunderland Elementary School over the past year, but the culture and pursuit of educational excellence has not wavered. At the start of the school year, our students and teachers welcomed our newest principal, Skylar LaBombard, after the retirement of the previous principle of 8 years, Melody Troy. Mr. LaBombard has worked hard to build relationships with the students and teachers to support the excellent work that is being done and empower teachers and students to take ownership over their educational goals. We have also welcomed two new teachers to our school, Cindy Granger and Kristen Benamati as a result of our increase in elementary student enrollment over the past few years.

At the Supervisory Union level, we have been working under the new leadership of Jackie Wilson, previously the Assistant Superintendent at the BRSU. Her working knowledge of the educational systems across the BRSU has helped guide us and our neighboring districts through the current challenges facing our school communities and help us strive towards achieving quality educational offerings for all our students.

### **Tax Rate and Impact Aid Fund**

Sunderland is a current recipient of Federal Impact Aid funds, designated to assist towns which have a reduced ability to raise education funds from property tax revenues due to the federal lands which lay within their school district's boundaries. A significant portion of the land in Sunderland is part of the Green Mountain National Forest and is therefore exempt from property tax revenue. In order to appropriately manage these funds, they have been placed in an Impact Aid Reserve Fund. Each year the town of Sunderland votes to move a portion of these funds into the General Fund in order to maintain a stabilized tax rate. The funds which were not used remained in the reserve fund to be used at an appropriate time. As of June 2016, the balance of this fund was \$1,585,017. This year the board is proposing to close this fund in anticipation of an eventual district merger resulting from Act 46. At the time of a district merger, all funds will become the property of a newly merged district. By closing this fund we are helping to ensure that the previous monies received by Sunderland are used to reduce Sunderland taxpayer's property taxes and be used to improve the building and grounds here at Sunderland Elementary School. Article 3 of the Sunderland School District Warning asks the voters to authorize the transfer \$854,377 from the Impact Aid Reserve Fund into the General Fund. This appropriation would create a tax rate of \$1.00 before the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). Applying the CLA of 111.22% the actual tax rate will be \$.88. This is a reduction of more than \$.35 from 2016's actual tax rate of \$1.237. The remaining funds, estimated at \$404,134, would then be moved to the Building and Grounds Improvement Reserve Fund. Currently, the Board is working with the Principal to utilize this fund during the upcoming fiscal year in order to improve the school and it's property in a responsible and impactful manner. The request to close the fund is its own stand alone article being put forth before the voters at Town Meeting Night to be voted on the floor. The following day, Sunderland voters will be presented with a merger proposal in Article 9, to be voted on by Australian Ballot. While each of these articles are a reflection of the present Act 46 legislation, the articles themselves are independent of each other, meaning, either one can pass without the other and their motions will carry.



## **Act 46**

The Vermont State Legislature passed Act 46 in 2015 which requires school districts to pursue district mergers across the state in favor of creating regional school districts. Act 46 required that this merger process be completed across the state before 2019. Those districts who have not merged in accordance with the law will be subject to potential redistricting by the State without voter approval. Before a proposed school district merger comes before any community for vote, the law states that merger study committees form between partners in order to explore the potential implications and benefits of merging the districts. The Sunderland School Board voted to enter into a study with the neighboring districts of Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mtn. Towns Regional Educational District (RED) and Mt. Tabor. These districts and the towns associated with them came together as the Northshire Merger Study Committee (NMSC). This committee worked to create a proposal for a new regional school district referred to as the Taconic and Green Regional School District (T&G). In December 2016 this proposal was approved by the State Board of Education. The final stage of approval rests with the voters of each of the 9 towns (Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, and Weston) which will potentially be part of the new T&G district. Each of these towns will be voting on the proposed merger. In addition to voting on the merger, all towns will be voting for representatives to serve on the new T&G board of directors as well as for members to serve on their current school boards for one final year as the transition is made.

It is important that residents of each town understand fully what changes Act 46 will bring to their communities. This merger does not propose to close any schools or change any of the grade configurations within the school buildings within the first four years of the merger. What the merger does do is change the governance structure which supports our individual schools. The new T&G board will be a 13 member board made up of at least one representative of each town and 4 additional members from four of the largest towns. Each town has the ability to vote for all of the 13 members of this new board. This new board will be responsible for all schools within the new district including Sunderland(K-6), Currier(K-6), MEMS(K-8), Dorset(K-8), and Flood Brook(K-8). The goal of this board is to work together for all our students to ensure equity, quality education, accountability, and efficiencies at a cost which is affordable to the taxpayers. These goals will be achieved by increasing the ability to share resources and programming across the district, operating with one budget which can help equalize tax rates over the coming years, and ensuring all students have access to the same educational opportunities district wide. Across the state, any district that does not comply with Act 46 and approve a merger prior to July 2019 will be subject to a state-wide redistricting plan. The only current limitation to this redistricting plan is that the State does not have the ability to merge any district with another district with different enrollment options. Otherwise, the state maintains the ability to merge districts across the state into new regional districts.

Currently Act 46 offers a number of incentives to voters for approving a merger by July 2017. While the state is looking to discontinue the Small School Grant across the state, with the approval of a merger, districts who are recipients of this grant will continue to receive those funds in the form of a Merger Grant. Annually Sunderland receives approximately \$80,000 through the Small School Grant. It is important to note, that with the formation of a new district, all grants and revenues received by the schools will become part of the general fund of the entire new district and will be managed by the newly forming board. This means that the new Merger Grant Funds will be used across the entire district to support the students and tax rates of all the towns who vote to be part of the T&G merger, not just Sunderland. The new district will operate under one budget and set a single tax rate across all towns in the future. Because our towns currently operate with very different tax rates, a merger could result in

either an increase or decrease in tax rates for individual towns. The state has placed a tax rate increase cap of 5% for the first four years of the merger. This provision will allow the Sunderland tax rate to grow at a slower rate during the initial phases of the merger. After four years, the announced tax rates will be the same for each town in the district.

The passage of this merger would bring a number of changes to some of the structures which currently exist within the Sunderland School District. Most notable is the change in the current choice structure available to Sunderland students. The T&G district will be considered a K-8 operating district. This means all students throughout the new district will maintain school choice in grades 9-12. For Sunderland, this would be a change from our current 7-12 choice structure. Students entering grades 7 and 8 will no longer have full school choice when choosing schools. It will be the responsibility of the new T&G school board to determine the enrollment options available to 7th and 8th graders within the new district. MEMS, The Dorset School, and Flood Brook currently offer grades 7 and 8 within the proposed T&G district. Students attending a school outside of the district at the time of merger will be able to finish out their 7th and 8th grades at the school they are currently attending.

Through the work of the NMSC, many of the benefits and losses facing our community as a result of the merger have been realized and accounted for in the report submitted to the State. Each town associated with this merger is being asked to make a tough decision. Each community will be facing a different set of challenges and changes associated with the merger. While our board, and our neighboring boards are working hard to educate the public through community forums and online updates, we recognize it is difficult to reach everyone. So please, talk to your neighbors, ask questions, and reach out to your school board so that we can help everyone gain access to the information they need to make an informed decision. The T&G proposal will be available for Sunderland residents at the Town Office.

The Sunderland School Board has watched our school nearly double in size over the past ten years which has helped to build a culture focused on educational excellence. We have also worked hard to ensure that our students at the middle and secondary levels have access to quality and equitable education at a rate that is affordable to our taxpayers. Regardless of the outcome of the merger vote, the Sunderland School Board is committed to serving the residents of Sunderland and ensuring that our tax dollars are being used to provide our students with the education that they deserve.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie Virgilio, Board Chair

**Sunderland Elementary School  
Principal's Report  
January 2017**

At Sunderland Elementary, faculty and staff continue to create an environment which offers all students high levels of expectation and opportunities for personalized learning. Over the last decade, the school has seen a sharp rise in student enrollment going from 53 students in 2006 to 85 students currently enrolled in grades K-6. This population growth has brought with it an increase in staff and more opportunities for our students. There are undoubtedly a number of factors that have contributed to this growth, some of them include collaboration with parents, the support of the school board, and the sense of community that accompanies a school of our size.

The commitment and skill of our educators combined with the support and involvement of parents and the community is what shapes Sunderland Elementary into a great place for all students to learn. Teachers at Sunderland work diligently to stay at the top of the profession and vigorously pursue opportunities to improve their practice. Every teacher at Sunderland consistently engages in ongoing professional development opportunities that are related to their professional goals and the goals of our students. Teachers play a variety of roles on many curriculum-based Supervisory Union teams in an effort to become experts and bring their learning back to our community for the benefit of all students. Additionally, Sunderland staff has access to Supervisory Union individualized coaching in the areas of both Math and Literacy. It is a combination of all of these things that ensures that the teaching staff at Sunderland is constantly improving and seeking to provide the best educational opportunities for our students.

All students at Sunderland Elementary continue to develop Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs). This task is achieved through working with their teachers to identify specific goals in academics, dispositions toward learning, and civic ethics. Teachers are able to utilize data garnered from Measured Academic Progress (MAP) testing and teacher generated assessments, to identify strengths and areas in need of improvement for each student. This information is then used to assist individual students in setting personalized goals. These goals are revisited regularly to ensure student progress, maintain focus, and increase student engagement with the curriculum. PLPs allow for a rich dialogue during our student led conferences. Recently, we have enhanced these individualized learning opportunities for students and expanded student access to technology by providing a personal chromebook for each student in grades 1-6.

As a school community, we hold the dispositions of independence, persistence, and collaboration very highly. It is with these dispositions in mind that teachers provide high quality instruction in the areas reading, writing, math, science, social sciences, and unified arts. It is the goal of all stakeholders in the Sunderland Elementary community to create well-rounded productive citizens and garner a love of learning that will inspire students to be lifelong learners. This vision is not possible without the continued support of the parents, community members, school board, Supervisory Union leadership, school employees, and wonderful students.

It is an honor to be an educational leader in this community. I look forward to celebrating the continued success of Sunderland Elementary School students.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Skyler LaBombard, Principal

**Annual AHERA Notification  
Sunderland Town Report  
March 2017**

TO: Parents, Teachers, Employees, other personnel or their guardians.  
FROM: Jacquelyne Wilson, Superintendent of Schools

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (40 CFR 763.93 [g][4]) requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management Plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public in our office and at the administrative office of each facility listed below.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE
Dorset School	130 School Drive Dorset, VT 05251	802-362-2606
Flood Brook School	91 VT Route 11 Londonderry, VT 05148	802-824-6811
Manchester Elementary Middle School	80 Memorial Ave. Manchester Ctr., VT 05255	802-362-1597
Sunderland Elementary School	98 Bear Ridge Rd. Sunderland, VT 05250	802-375-6100
Currier Memorial School (UD#23)	234 North Main St. Danby, VT 05739	802-293-5191
Mettawee Community School (UD#47)	5788 VT Route 153 West Pawlet, VT 05775	802-645-9009
Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union	6378 VT Route 7A Sunderland, VT 05250	802-362-2452

# Act 46 School District Merger Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Related Financial Information

Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Mountain Towns RED, and Sunderland

## **1. What is Act 46 of 2015?**

Act 46 of 2015 was passed to encourage school districts to consider merging into larger school districts. The law does not require districts to merge, but it does require them to have the conversation about merging. Act 46 includes financial incentives for merging school districts, and financial disincentives for not merging. Under the law, not merging leaves open the potential for the state to determine the future governance configuration of districts.

## **2. What is the rationale for Act 46?**

Lawmakers determined Vermont's education spending rate for K-12 education to be unsustainable. Vermont has the highest per pupil K-12 costs in the country, and over the last 10 years or so the number of students has declined significantly while the number of school employees has effectively remained the same. The rationale behind Act 46 was to incentivize the creation of larger school districts so that locally-elected school officials can have better control over larger, regional education spending patterns involving multiple schools instead of control over smaller, single districts which in many cases include only one school. Larger governance structures will enable the sharing of organizational resources such as personnel, and ensure greater equity in terms of student access to high quality learning opportunities.

## **3. Why is Act 46 essentially involuntary?**

Act 46 is the latest in a series of initiatives around school district governance reform. Earlier initiatives such as Act 153 (2010) and Act 156 (2012) were more voluntary but largely ineffective since few districts decided to engage in voluntary mergers.

## **4. How did our districts move forward under Act 46?**

The districts of Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Mountain Towns RED, and Sunderland formed a formal merger study committee and determined it was advisable to merge. The Merger Committee presented its merger plan to the State Board of Education in December 2016. The State Board of Education subsequently approved the Committee's merger plan which means it now goes before the voters in each of these districts for consideration. The merger plan, if approved by the voters, would eliminate the current districts and create a new school district called the Taconic and Green Regional School District.

## **5. How does the merger vote work?**

Districts under the merger plan fall into two categories: necessary and advisable. The Merger Committee determined how to group the districts into these two categories. Necessary districts (Dorset, Manchester, and the Mountain Towns RED) must all vote in favor of the merger to form the merger. The merger vote fails if one any one of these districts votes against the merger. These districts were determined to be "necessary" to qualify for financial incentives under the law. The remaining districts (Danby, Mt. Tabor, and Sunderland) were categorized as

advisable districts to the merger. It is not necessary for all or any of these districts to approve the merger. These districts were determined to be “advisable” to the merger since they would be giving up school choice in grades 7 and 8, potentially a challenging political conversation for these communities.

**6. What happens if the merger vote fails?**

If the merger vote fails, none of these districts would be eligible for the merger tax incentives under Act 46 since these incentives expire on July 1, 2017. These districts would also lose access to other financial incentives provided under Act 46 such as continued use of the per pupil “hold harmless” provision which has protected several of our districts from tax increases. Each district that does not merge will be required to submit a plan to the Secretary of Education by November 2017 outlining its plans to meet the policy objectives of Act 46. The Secretary will review these plans and then create a statewide master plan for school district governance that will ultimately be finalized by the State Board of Education in 2019. Basically, districts that fail to merge on their own will likely be reorganized by the State Board of Education in 2019 and not receive any financial incentives as part of the process.

**7. What would be the size of the new school board?**

If all districts (necessary and advisable) vote in favor of the merger, the new school board would be comprised of 13 school board members. There would be one school board member from each of the nine towns in the merger, and four additional school board members elected from the four largest towns in the merger: Danby, Dorset, Londonderry, and Manchester. All school board members would be elected through “at-large” voting which means all school board members would be elected by a vote of all voters in the district regardless of town of residence.

**8. How does the merger affect the supervisory union?**

The merger would not dissolve the current supervisory union, the BRSU. The new district would be a part of the BRSU but it is likely the configuration of the BRSU would change because of the merger. Since the new district would comprise over 50% of the pupils in the BRSU, the Merger Committee obtained preliminary approval from the State Board of Education to support a reconfiguration of the supervisory union board so its composition would be representative of the size of the member districts. This merger would probably precipitate the dissolution of the Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union which currently includes the Arlington and Sandgate school districts. These districts would likely be assigned to the BRSU along with the Pawlet and Rupert school districts.

**9. How would the merger affect school choice?**

School choice in grades 9-12 would be preserved for all districts through the merger. Danby, Mt. Tabor, and Sunderland students would lose school choice in grades 7 and 8 and be required to attend one of the schools operated by the new school district (Dorset, Flood Brook or MEMS) for grades 7 and 8. The merger includes a grandfather provision to allow students from Danby, Mt. Tabor and Sunderland to continue to attend schools outside of the new district during a transition period. The new school board would determine which of the district-operated schools students would attend in the future, and potentially would create a system where

students may choose their school of attendance from among the schools operated by the new district.

**10. How would this merger affect the closing of schools?**

Act 46 includes protections for small schools: no school can be closed within four years of the merger without the direct support of the community in which the school is located. The Merger Committee inserted additional protections for small schools into its merger plan. These protections include a requirement of a supermajority vote of the new school board to close a school, and the requirement to hold a non-binding referendum and hearing in the community where the school would be closed.

**11. What are the financial implications of the merger?**

This merger is unlikely to produce significant savings in the near term since many operational functions of these districts have already been consolidated through the BRSU. The merger will maximize the use of financial incentives available under Act 46 including a four-year reduction in the tax rate and the preservation of important revenues such as the Small Schools Grant which would otherwise be eliminated and have a significant negative impact on the tax rates in Danby, Mt. Tabor and Sunderland of about 4 to 5 cents. The merger ensures the continued utilization of the “hold-harmless” provision for counting students which has protected several of our districts from significant increases to their tax rates due to a decline in the number of students. The merger will also immediately remove some districts from the penalty aspect of Act 68. Long-term financial implications of the merger are likely to be positive since the new school board will have control over a larger number of schools and be better able to adjust staffing patterns as student needs and program requirements change. More information on the tax implications of the merger can be found in the next section of this document.

**12. How does the merger affect the assets and liabilities of the current districts?**

The merger, if approved by the voters, will become effective on July 1, 2017 but the new school board will not assume operational control of the schools until July 1, 2018. This creates a year of transition for the current districts to transfer assets and liabilities to the new district. It is likely all liabilities (debt) will be assumed by the new district on July 1, 2018. The transfer of assets, however, including reserve fund balances and real property, will be the subject of discussion among local school boards and their districts. Local districts might choose to divert assets such as non-school property to other entities such as to their towns, or seek to support the creation of reserve funds for the new district that support the same purposes of the existing reserve funds (e.g. a Building Improvement Reserve Fund for the new district that was restricted for improvements to the Flood Brook School). All assets that are not diverted prior to June 30, 2018 will be transferred to the new district on July 1, 2018. All school-related property will be transferred to the new district as described by the merger plan.

**Projected Tax Rate and Comparison Information**

The newly merged district will have one budget producing one tax rate that is passed on to each town that is a member of the merged district. Assuming a flat 2.8% increase (the current New England

Economic Compact consumer price index) over FY18 budgets, local revenues, and the current proposed property yield, the projected equalized tax rate would be \$1.6231 for the first year of operation of the merged district (FY19). While this is not a true tax rate estimate as there are too many unknowns to make a prediction this far in advance, it is used to show how the incentives and stabilization may work.

Tax rate incentives are available to the towns in the merged district for a four-year period in the form of a tax rate reduction and tax rate stabilization. The reductions applied are 8 cents in the first year of merger, 6 cents in the second, 4 cents in the third, and 2 cents in the fourth.

Projected FY19 Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.6231
Year 1 Merger Incentive	<u>\$0.0800</u>
Projected Equalized Tax Rate - Adjusted	<u>\$1.5431</u>

In addition to the tax rate reduction, each town is limited to no more than a 5% increase or decrease in their tax rate from one year to the next for the four-year period or until such time that the district falls within a 5% variance.

The chart below shows the current FY18 estimated tax rates for each town voting on the merger, compares that to the projected FY19 equalized tax rate noted above, and presents the final FY19 Projected tax rate for each town.

MERGED DISTRICTS				
Town	FY18 Tax Rate	FY19 Tax Rate	Tax Rate Variance	FY19 Tax Rate w/5% Limitation (if applicable)
Danby	\$1.5060	\$1.5431	+2.5%	\$1.5431
Dorset	\$1.7050	\$1.5431	-9.5%	\$1.6198
Landgrove	\$1.4190	\$1.5431	+8.7%	\$1.4900
Londonderry	\$1.4190	\$1.5431	+8.7%	\$1.4900
Manchester	\$1.6780	\$1.5431	-8.0%	\$1.5941
Mt. Tabor	\$1.3400	\$1.5431	+15.2%	\$1.4070
Peru	\$1.4190	\$1.5431	+8.7%	\$1.4900
Sunderland	\$1.0000	\$1.5431	+54.3%	\$1.0500
Weston	\$1.4190	\$1.5431	+8.7%	\$1.4900

The two district components that go into the tax rate calculation are the amount needed from the education fund to balance the budget (education spending) and equalized pupils. These components



are used to calculate education spending per equalized pupil. Additionally, if education spending per pupil exceeds the state average (with certain factors applied), a penalty is applied prior to the final tax rate calculation.

- Many factors impact education spending other than the voted budget, such as available local revenues, prior year deficits, prior year surpluses, and the use of available reserves.
- Equalized pupils is a two-year average figure based on district enrollment and other factors per statute.

It should be noted that the FY18 equalized tax rates shown below are low relative to prior year tax rates in most towns because all districts with funds available have chosen to apply reserves and/or surpluses. The use of these funds serves to both benefit the taxpayers of that town prior to merging with other districts as well as reducing the tax rate, allowing the town(s) to take advantage of future incentives should the merger pass.

Many districts are experiencing declining enrollment. As enrollment declines, equalized pupils will decline. Without a proportional decline in education spending, education spending per equalized pupil will rise increasing the tax rate. The larger the district, the less of an impact declining enrollment has on education spending per pupil, keeping the district out of penalty, and slowing the growth of the tax rate.

Equalized Town Tax Rates FY13 - FY18						
District	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18**
Danby	\$1.391	\$1.440	\$1.565	\$1.667	\$1.704	\$1.506
Dorset	\$1.416	\$1.494	\$1.569	\$1.617	\$1.549	\$1.705
Landgrove*	\$1.411	\$1.604	\$1.607	\$1.676	\$1.600	\$1.419
Londonderry*	\$1.381	\$1.604	\$1.607	\$1.676	\$1.600	\$1.419
Manchester	\$1.420	\$1.489	\$1.528	\$1.523	\$1.632	\$1.678
Mt. Tabor	\$1.132	\$1.166	\$1.253	\$1.179	\$1.379	\$1.340
Peru*	\$1.508	\$1.604	\$1.607	\$1.676	\$1.600	\$1.419
Sunderland	\$1.326	\$1.315	\$1.468	\$1.411	\$1.422	\$1.000
Weston*	\$1.323	\$1.604	\$1.607	\$1.676	\$1.600	\$1.419

\* MTR town tax rates from FY14 - FY17 exclude incentives from their merger for comparison purposes

\*\* Estimated rates based on current state figures pending final legislative approval

Note: The tax rate presentations exclude the application of the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).

## NORTHSHIRE MERGER STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Voters,

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, you will be presented with a ballot question asking whether or not your school district should merge into the *Taconic and Green Regional School District* with five other neighboring districts. At first glance this question may seem like a simple and one-dimensional one, but there are many merger-related issues I encourage you to become informed with before you head to the polls. The Northshire Merger Study Committee, which I am honored to chair, has worked diligently since last May to create a thoughtful merger report and now it is working to inform the public of what the proposal entails. While I do not have the space in this letter to give you a detailed summary of the proposed merger, I do want to take this opportunity to answer some basic questions and to explain how you can become more informed before Town Meeting time.

### ***Why are we looking at merging school districts to begin with?***

The primary reason we are exploring a merger is Act 46. This is not to say that a merger would be unwise without the existence of this school governance reform legislation. Before Act 46, in 2012, the Landgrove, Peru, Weston, and Londonderry school districts voluntarily merged into the Mountain Towns RED (Regional Education District).

### ***What is Act 46?***

Act 46 is an education law passed by the state legislature in 2015 that uses tax incentives to encourage "school districts to merge into larger units...in an effort to better serve students and better manage costs" (Tiffany Danitz Pache from VT Digger). As Act 46 is currently written, it is very likely that a school district will be forced to merge if it does not do so on its own volition.

### ***What is a merger study committee and why do we have one?***

Under Vermont law, districts are required to form a study committee with representatives from the member districts. The committee is required to study the benefits and implications of merging. After studying the possible merger, the committee writes a report that recommends if merger is advisable or not. Our committee unanimously agreed merger is advisable.

### ***Which school districts are involved in the proposed merger?***

The districts of Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mountain Towns RED (Londonderry, Landgrove, Peru, and Weston comprise this unified district), Mt. Tabor and Sunderland.

### ***What will be the status of school choice in the proposed district?***

If the merger is approved, all 9-12 grade students will have school choice.

### ***What would happen to our existing school boards if the merger was approved?***

If this merger is approved in all the voting electorates, then your current school board would be dissolved, effective July 1, 2018 and replaced by the new 13-member school board representing the Taconic and Green Regional School District.

***How do I learn more about the implications and benefits of merging?***

To get the detailed run-down of the proposed merger, I recommend reading our merger report which was approved by the State Board of Education. You can read this document, along with many more, at our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/northshiremergerstudy/> . I also recommend you follow us Facebook (@northshiremergerstudy) and that you attend one of the following forums:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Intended Audience Forum is Designed For</b>
January 31	Currier School in Danby	6:30pm	Danby and Mt. Tabor residents
February 4	Currier School in Danby	3:00pm	Danby and Mt. Tabor residents
February 9 (snow date March 3)	Flood Brook School	6:30pm	Intended for all districts
February 28 (snow date March 1)	Sunderland Elementary	6:30pm	Sunderland Residents
March 2 (snow date March 3)	Manchester Community Library	6:30pm	Intended for all districts

The following document is a sample ballot that voters in the towns of Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Peru, Sunderland, and Weston will vote on by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Polls are open in all towns from 7am to 7pm. We are required by law to include all the language that you see on the ballot.

Following the ballot is a Notice to Voters information sheet as well as information on the New Board Nomination and Election Process for the board members for the proposed Taconic and Green Regional Education District.

Please feel free to contact me if you have more questions.

Sincerely,  
Jon Wilson  
Chair of the Northshire Merger Study Committee  
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802-379-8472

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
TOWN OF \_\_\_\_\_  
MARCH 7, 2017

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**

To vote, fill in the oval to the left of your choice(s), like this: ● Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval. If you wrongly mark, tear or deface the ballot, return it and obtain another. You can vote for candidates from all towns in Article \_\_\_\_.

Article\_\_: Shall the voters of the \_\_\_\_\_ Town School District vote to form the Taconic and Green Regional School District ("Union School District") on the following terms:

1. The districts listed below shall all be identified as "necessary" for the formation of the Union School District:

The Dorset Town School District  
The Manchester Town School District  
The Mountain Towns Regional Education District

The districts listed below shall be identified as "advisable" for the formation of the Union School District.

The Danby Town School District  
The Mt. Tabor Town School District  
The Sunderland Town School District  
Union School District #23 (Currier Memorial School)

2. The Union School District will operate schools in Grades Kindergarten through Eight (K-8) and tuition students in Grades Nine through Twelve (9-12) to provide education for all students in the Union School District.
3. The Union School District Board of Directors shall be composed of thirteen (13) directors if all advisable districts vote in favor of the merger. Directors shall be nominated from the legal voters of each forming town and shall be elected on an at-large basis by Australian Ballot vote by the voters of the Union School District. Directors shall have equal votes and shall be allocated as based on the following merger scenarios:

- a. All advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

TOWN	NUMBER OF DIRECTORS
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

- b. All advisable districts except Danby and Mt. Tabor vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
SUNDERLAND	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>

- c. All advisable districts except Sunderland vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DANBY	1
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
MT. TABOR	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DANBY, DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

- d. None of the advisable districts vote in favor of the merger

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DIRECTORS</b>
DORSET	1
LANDGROVE	1
LONDONDERRY	1
MANCHESTER	1
PERU	1
WESTON	1
DORSET, LONDONDERRY OR MANCHESTER	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

4. Real Estate and Personal Property

A. No later than June 30, 2018, the forming districts will convey to the Union School District, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, all school-related real estate and personal property owned by them, including all school-related land, buildings, and contents.

B. Disposal of Real Estate. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the forming districts is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall convey such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the town in which it is located, except as provided below for any properties conveyed to the Union School District by either the Mountain Towns Regional School District or Union School District #23.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by the Mountain Town Regional School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall sell such real property, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors, and return the proceeds of any such sale to the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, and Weston in amounts equal to the relative proportion of the population of these towns.

In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Union School District Board of School Directors determines, in its discretion, that any of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by Union School District #23 is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Union School District and its educational programs, the Union School District shall first offer to sell such real property, for the sum of One Dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the Town of Danby. If the Town of Danby does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District shall then offer to sell the property to the Town of Mt. Tabor under the same terms and conditions. If the Town of Mt. Tabor does not desire to purchase said property, the Union School District may sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

The conveyance of any school properties to a town shall be conditioned upon the town owning and utilizing the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event a town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the Union School District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the Union School District and prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the Union School District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the Union School District Board of School Directors.

#### 5. Transfer of Funds

- a. Capital Debt. The Union School District shall assume all capital debt of forming districts, including both principal and interest, as may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018.
- b. Operating Fund Surpluses and Deficits. The Union School District shall assume any and all general operating surpluses and deficits of the forming districts that may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the Union School District and will be applied for said purpose unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.
- c. Specified Funds. The forming districts will transfer to the Union School District any preexisting school district specific endowments or other restricted accounts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship funds or like accounts held by school districts prior to June 30, 2018, that have specified conditions of use will be used in accordance with said provisions.

6. Australian Ballot. The Union School District voters shall vote on the budget and other public questions by Australian ballot with polling places provided in each member town. Ballots will be delivered to the Union District Clerk and commingled for counting.
7. The provisions of the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file at the offices of the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, shall govern the Union School District.

☐ YES

☐ NO

Article \_\_: To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the Taconic and Green Regional School District:

**A. Danby – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021**

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

**B. Dorset – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020**

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

**C. Landgrove – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020**

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

**D. Londonderry – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021**

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

**E. Manchester – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021**

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

**F. Mt. Tabor – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020**

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

**G. Peru – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020**

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

**H. Sunderland – 1 Director for a two (2) year term expiring in March 2020**

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

**I. Weston – 1 Director for a three (3) year term expiring in March 2021**

(vote for not more than ONE)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

**J. AT-LARGE DIRECTORS – 4 Directors for a one (1) year term**

(vote for not more than FOUR)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ (WRITE-IN)

## Notice to Voters

### Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor and Sunderland School Districts and Towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru and Weston

In accordance with the Report and Articles of Agreement prepared by the Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mt. Tabor, Mountain Towns Red and Sunderland Act 46 Study Committee, an election will be held on March 7, 2017 to elect an initial board of school directors for the Taconic and Green Regional School District, if its formation is approved by the voters.

The following 13 directors will be elected from the identified school districts/towns:

Danby	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Dorset	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Landgrove	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Londonderry	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Manchester	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Mt. Tabor	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Peru	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Sunderland	1 Director	Two year term expiring in March of 2020 **
Weston	1 Director	Three year term expiring in March of 2021
Danby, Dorset Londonderry, Manchester	4 Directors *	One year term expiring in March 2019

*\* At-Large Directors - Four (4) directors are to be elected from the four (4) largest districts/towns (Danby, Dorset, Londonderry, Manchester). All nominees from the four districts/towns will be listed on the ballot that is submitted to voters in all districts/towns. The four (4) nominees receiving the most votes will be elected. The seats will be 3 year terms in March 2019.*

**\*\* All seats expiring in 2020 will become 3 year terms in 2020.**

If you are interested in running for one of the non-“at large” director positions, you must file a nomination petition signed by at least 30 voters in that district or one percent of the legal voters in the town, whichever is less, with the respective town clerk on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017.

If you are registered voter in Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester, and are interested in running for one of the “at large” director positions, you must file a nomination petition signed by at least 60 voters in the districts of Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester with a town clerk of one of these four districts on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017. Petitions may be obtained from your town clerk. If you have any questions, please contact the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union at 802-362-2452.



## **Taconic and Green School District**

### **New Board Nomination and Election Process**

- The electorate will vote on the proposed merger on March 7, 2017. Also with that vote, they will be electing the board members for the proposed district should the merger be approved.
- The board election is an at large Australian Ballot format, where the electorate of the entire proposed district will vote for each board member. This means that the ballot in every town in the proposed new district will have thirteen seats for each legal voter to vote on. Terms will be staggered after this initial election.
- Each of the nine towns in the district - Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Mt. Tabor, Manchester, Peru, Sunderland and Weston - will have one "Town Seat" on the new board.
- The four largest towns in the proposed district - Danby, Dorset, Londonderry and Manchester - will have the opportunity to nominate residents from their towns to four "At Large Seats" to complete the board total of 13 seats.
- In the towns nominating candidates for both Town Seats and At Large Seats, the candidates must designate which seat they are running for.
- The terms of office for the School Directors shall be one, two or three years respectively plus the additional months between the date of the Organizational Meeting of the Union School District, when the initial school directors will begin their terms of office, and the date of the Union School District's annual meeting in the spring of 2018. The seats designated for one, two or three year terms are explained under Article 8 of the Articles of Agreement being proposed by the Northshire Merger Study Committee.
- Should towns that are designated "Advisable", under the Articles of Agreement being proposed by the Northshire Merger Study Committee, vote not to approve the merger those/those towns' votes will not count towards the at large voting for candidates of the new board. Also, should advisable towns vote not to approve the merger, the board structure will vary (all towns in the new district will have one Town Seat no matter the outcome of the advisable towns' vote on the merger). These variations are described under Article 8 of the proposed Articles of Agreement.
- Nominations for a Town seat are to be made by filing with the clerk of that town, a statement of nomination signed by 30 voters in that town or one percent of the voters in that town, whichever is less and accepted in writing by the nominee. A statement shall be filed not less than 30 nor more than 40 days prior to the date of the vote. For the purposes of this vote, a statement must be filed between January 26, 2017 and February 6, 2017.
- Nominations for any of the At Large Seats may come from a resident of the four largest towns in the proposed new district, Danby, Dorset, Londonderry and Manchester. Candidates must file a statement of nomination signed by at least 60 voters in the districts of Danby, Dorset, Londonderry or Manchester with a town clerk of one of such districts on or before 5:00 PM on February 6, 2017. For the purposes of this vote, a statement must be filed between January 26, 2017 and February 6, 2017.
- The vote shall be warned in each proposed member school district by the school board of that district, and the vote shall be by Australian ballot.
- The vote shall be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

# Sunderland Annual Report

## July, 2015-June 2016

### **32 Years and 5 STAR Accreditation**

In our 32nd year of providing quality early care and education, Arlington Area Childcare continues to focus on the family centered approach to providing an early care and education program for the community. A Strengthening Families grant continues to support us in developing relationships with families through information, education and support. Through this funding our administrative staff can help needy families with transportation, applying for subsidy, and many other support services. **Happy Days has again successfully achieved 5 STAR Accreditation with the State of Vermont. In 2015-2016, Happy Days provided services to 22 Sunderland children.**

### **Strategic Plan for Three Years**

This year the Happy Days Board, through a strategic planning process over several months, developed five broad goals for our next Strategic Plan. These goals are tied back to our Mission and guide the work we will do in the next 3-5 years. The five goals include:

- \* Researching an increase in the amount of classroom space available for additional groupings if needed
- \* Improving staff benefits and salaries
- \* Recruiting/encouraging qualified head teaching staff with degrees and assistant teachers with CDAs or degree
- \* Diversifying the Board
- \* Preparing for leadership transition and organizational sustainability

### **Keeping Our Families Involved**

By providing a safe and comfortable environment and activities for getting to know other parents, Happy Days works to strengthen families by planning family events throughout the year. Each classroom in our center works to design a family night specific to the interests and needs in their classroom at the time. In 2015-2016 our themes ranged from the importance of bedtime routines to promoting one on one time with a toddler. The Vermont Arts Exchange came to the preschool night and offered parent and child art activities. As a center we strive to plan at least 3 additional family events each year. Our center wide family events are designed to include all parents, staff members of Happy Days and their families. Our three family events in 2015-16 included a luau themed annual family potluck, a parent planned Fall Festival and a Dads Night for Valentine's Day. Dads and/or special caregivers were invited to enjoy time together while making special presents for a loved one. A professional photographer was available to take pictures of families to add to their picture frame craft.

### **Staff Changes**

In July, 2015 the Board hired Kelly Roemmelt as administrative assistant for Happy Days Playschool. Kelly has a BS degree in Human Development, experience in supervision and retail and experience in school age programs. Kelly is committed to going through the Director Credential process and has taken coursework since she started at Happy Days. She has worked in all the classrooms to get to know early education better. Kelly's job involves school age scheduling and supervision during the school year and Camp supervision in the summer. Kelly has worked closely with Carol in grant writing as well as developing our community and annual newsletters.

### **2015-2016 Financials**

With the increase in annual fund donations and a continued Strengthening Families Grant from the State of Vermont, Happy Days completed a stable financial year. The Annual Fund drive brought in more than \$7500! This community financial support is critical to extra materials, enrichment events, and playground equipment, which can be expensive. Act 62 partnerships with Bennington, Shaftsbury, Sunderland and Manchester School Districts brought down student tuitions for parents and allowed Happy Days a stable budget. Town of Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland funding also supported stable funding for the program. Over \$100,000 in grants and services were written and funded. Vermont Energy rebates also helped fund replacement of lighting in the parking lot and large central room.

Thank you to the Sunderland community for your continued support for our program and families!!

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE  
P.O. BOX 62  
ARLINGTON, VERMONT 05250

December 27, 2016

Town of Sunderland Select Board  
P.O. Box 295  
East Arlington, Vermont 05252

Dear Select Board,

This is a letter of appreciation and a request for funding.

The Board of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service (ACPHNS), composed of volunteers including Sunderland residents; does appreciate your past important financial support which has helped provide Home Health services to those residents of Sunderland in need of home health care and other services they cannot afford.

ACPHNS is respectfully requesting that your board consider providing financial funding for the year of 2017, in the amount of \$1500. This would enable ACPHNS to continue reimbursing Manchester Health Services for the home care they have provided to Sunderland residents; medical supplies assistance to those in need, and our college scholarships.

In representing the Board of ACPHNS, I thank you for your service to our area and I would like to thank you for your kind and generous support of the ACPHNS's missions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marguerite Jill Roosma". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marguerite" being more prominent and the last name "Roosma" following in a similar style.

Marguerite Jill Roosma, President  
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service

# Arlington Fire Department Annual Report 2016

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 133 calls for assistance in 2016.

The calls by town were as follows;

Arlington	79	Shaftsbury	6
Sandgate	7	Shushan NY	2
Sunderland	37	Manchester FD	2

The breakdown of calls by incident were as follows:

FIRES	structure – chimney	9
	Wildland brush / debris fires	4
	motor vehicle / tractor / equipment	2
RESCUES	Rescue Squad Assist	9
	car accidents w/extrication	2
	car accidents w/spills & traffic control	36
SERVICE CALLS	storm damage – power lines down	15
	Alarm activations – no emergency	33
	HAZARDOUS COND CO detected - spills/leaks – furnace malfunctions	5
MUTUAL AID	to neighboring agencies	10
GOOD INTENT	unfounded or cancelled en route	8

The Volunteers of the Arlington Fire Department had another full year in 2016. The 34 responding Volunteer members spent nearly 1,995 hrs responding to calls for service in 2016. This is on top of training time in excess of another 928 hrs throughout the year. This averages 86 hrs per member per year of volunteer service.

This year we have continued to expand our dispatching of emergency calls through a system called “Who’s Responding”. This allows our firefighters to receive their calls through their Smart Phones and tablets. We are also installing an I PAD to each fire truck with programming to direct firefighters to an emergency, a water source, and staging area or landing zone. With the E-911 & GPS technology this will surely help our response times to assist someone in need.

In closing, we would like to remind everyone to **PLEASE TEST and CHANGE SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES TWICE A YEAR**. Also practice Fire Prevention at home, and at work, and have a Family Meeting Spot at the end of your driveway. Also **PLEASE POST YOUR 911 NUMBERS CLEARLY** at the end of your driveway if you cannot see your home from the road. Please help us help you. **Dial 911 for all emergencies** or (802)-375-2323 for non-emergencies.

Hope to see you at the Annual Fireman’s Carnival on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Rec. Park.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Fire Chief 2016 - 2017  
James Paustian

## Arlington Rescue Squad

The Arlington Rescue Squad would like to once again thank the residents of Sunderland for their continued financial support through the generous Town appropriations. Town appropriations help the rescue squad remain financially solvent and provide us the means to respond to emergencies calls 24 hours a day with a team of highly dedicated and trained emergency medical professionals.

Arlington Rescue responded to a total of 518 calls in 2015-16 ARSI fiscal year, 86 of those responding to a variety of medical emergencies in the town of Sunderland. Not only does Arlington Rescue respond to medical emergencies and auto accidents in the town of Arlington, but we are there to assist the Arlington Fire Department with stand-by assistance for structure and/or brush fires in the Sunderland area.

Moving toward the future, the Arlington Rescue Squad is not only looking to provide emergency medical services to the communities that we serve, but are looking to becoming more pro-active in our community with some new community training and assistance programs including a “Falls” program and a “Safe Heart Community” program. Programs like these are designed to help prevent medical emergencies and help reduce the risks of injuries, especially for our aging community members. We are also looking at providing more training opportunities for the general public including CPR/AED and Basic First Aid.

Arlington Rescue has a dedicated mix of paid and volunteer staff that provide emergency medical coverage 24 hour per day, 7 days a week. We have a staff of 3 full time employees working Monday thru Friday from 6am – 6pm, and our volunteers provide coverage overnights and on weekends. All staff continually train and update their skills to provide the highest quality care available and they are dedicated to maintaining a high level of proficiency in the field of emergency medicine. Unfortunately, it is getting harder and harder to build and even maintain our volunteer ranks. The decline in volunteers is tied to changing work patterns, and perhaps a lower level of civic engagement — but it’s also a reflection of the fact that EMS training is a lot more difficult now than it was years ago. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity to contact us. There is nothing more rewarding then helping your neighbour in a time of need.

Finally, please remember that in order for emergency agencies to find you and your residence, house numbers must be clearly posted. If you have a long driveway, please have your numbers by the road. Number signs are still available at the rescue squad building.

The Arlington Rescue Squad non-emergency telephone number is 802-375-6589 between the hours of 6am – 6pm Monday thru Friday. In the event of an emergency dial 911.

Respectfully submitted

Marty Irion, Executive Director

## Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

**Universal Recycling Law:** In December of 2015, the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance adopted a solid waste implementation plan or “SWIP” to comply with Act 148, now known as the Universal Recycling Law. The SWIP describes how the member towns will increase recycling and reduce the types and amounts of materials being sent to landfills. The Alliance members include Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford.

**Solid Waste Implementation Plan:** The SWIP outlines an extensive outreach program for residents, schools, businesses and institutions to assist them in recycling. This includes information on the Alliance website ([www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org)) and Facebook page as well as materials in local newspapers. Since January of 2016, the Alliance contacted all 25 schools as well as 300 businesses within the area and completed on-site outreach to three schools and 80 businesses to provide information on ways to increase recycling, manage food scraps, and properly dispose of hazardous materials.

**Funding and Grants:** The member towns provide most of the funding for programs. This year the Alliance applied for and received over \$28,000 in grants from the Agency of Natural Resources for business outreach and for household hazardous waste events. The Agency of Agriculture and Markets provided an additional \$4,400.00 for pesticide collection at HHW events. We also teamed up with the Windham County Solid Waste Management District and the Londonderry Group to share an Eco AmeriCorps member to help with outreach.

**Programs and Events:** The Alliance sponsors and supports many programs to assist residents, businesses, schools and institutions to properly dispose of materials. The following are some of our major programs. You can find out more by visiting the Alliance website at [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) and searching under Programs and Projects.

- **Household Hazardous Waste Events:** The Alliance held two household hazardous waste (HHW) events in the spring and fall of 2016. The spring event was sponsored by the Town of Bennington and held at the Bennington Transfer Station. The fall event was managed by the Bennington County Regional Commission and held at the Dorset School. In 2017, the Alliance will again hold two events for the 13 Alliance towns. One will be held in Bennington and a second, in the northern part of the county. Dates will be posted well in advance at [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) and in local newspapers and media.
- **Electronics Collections:** The Vermont E-Cycles program provides for free disposal of electronic devices including computers, monitors, printers, computer peripherals, and televisions, regardless of brand, age, or condition, for consumers, charities, school districts, and small businesses. Free collection locations in Bennington County include the Bennington, Northshire (Dorset), Pownal, and Sunderland Transfer Stations and

other sites listed at <http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/product-stewardship/electronics>.

- **Fluorescent Bulbs:** Vermont ANR has also implemented a plan to accept used fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's) at various retail. These bulbs contain mercury, which is a hazardous substance. Residents can dispose of bulbs at several hardware stores and other retail establishments and at several of the transfer stations. Information on this program is available at <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/fluorescent-bulbs/>.
- **Paint Collections:** PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit organization established to assist paint manufacturers to plan and operate paint stewardship programs in the United States, including Vermont. Both latex and oil-based paint have been collected at HHW events and at special PaintCare events, and several local hardware stores accept paint. To find a location, residents may visit <http://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-locations/>.
- **Battery Recycling:** Primary (alkaline) batteries and rechargeable batteries are now accepted at many retailers and at the Bennington, Northshire, Sunderland and Pownal Transfer Stations. These can be recycled rather than disposed in the trash. For more information, visit Call2Recycle at <http://www.call2recycle.org/what-can-i-recycle/>.
- **Textiles:** The Bennington, Northshire, Sunderland, Shaftsbury and Pownal transfer stations have textile boxes where residents can donate clothing and shoes. Boxes are also located throughout the Alliance area. Visit [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) for locations. Goodwill in Bennington also accepts clothing donations as well as other household items, books and used electronic devices. Visit them at <http://www.goodwill-berkshires.com/>.
- **Leaf and Yard Waste, Food Scraps and Other Organics:** All transfer stations accept both leaf and yard waste and clean wood. On July 1, 2017, all transfer stations will begin accepting food scraps. Visit <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/transfer-stations/> for information on your transfer station.
- **Construction and Demolition Debris:** All transfer stations accept construction and demolition debris from builders and do-it-yourself homeowners. The TAM Pownal facility also accepts construction and demolition debris from residents and businesses.
- **Prescription Drugs:** Prescription drugs should be properly disposed when they are no longer needed as they can make their way into water sources and can pose a hazard in the home. The Bennington Police Department, the Manchester Police Department and the Bennington County Sheriff accept prescription drugs. Go to <http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/disposing-of-prescription-drug/> for more information.

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Burdett Commons of Arlington (Facebook)

Burdett Commons has been serving the communities of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate for the past 18 years. We started in 1999 as a community gathering place and we continue to offer programs that benefit the public. We offer various programs for the youth and adults of our community.

Children in grades 2-8 benefit from our school vacation camps. We offer day camps during the summer and when school is not in session during the regular school year. The children participate in a wide array of activities such as science experiments, lego building, arts & crafts, and outdoor play. We keep the camps low cost and affordable but have started a scholarship fund to offset the cost for families in need. If you would like to sponsor a child(ren)'s week at camp, please let us know.

Our monthly adult craft nights continue, with the help of various volunteer instructors. We have made wreaths, holiday decorations, chalkboards, bags, and more. Our instructors volunteer their time and the participants can leave a tip for the instructor. If you would like to share your craft talents with others, please let us know. We are always welcome to new instructors and projects.

The annual haunted house has continued to grow. Not only is it a big fundraising event for us, but it is a chance for our community to have fun. We have several adults and children participate in our two night event and several community members support us by attending our event the weekend before Halloween. It is amazing how many people support this event through acting, making something for the bake sale, making dinner for the actors, selling tickets, and coming through the Haunted House. We have people ages 10 - 68 acting and selling tickets, which makes this a truly amazing multi-generational event.

We would like to thank the various volunteers that help throughout the year. To the donors of our annual fund drive we appreciate your support. Thank you to Sunderland Elementary School and Fisher Elementary School for allowing us to use your building for various fundraising events throughout the year. A special thank you to the Arlington Community House for offering us a home year after year.

If you are interested in volunteering with our organization we would love to have you. We are recruiting new members for our Board of Directors. We meet once a month for about an hour and would love your input. Please contact us for more information.

Thank you for the continued support of our organization.

Sincerely,

Amy Caples, Director

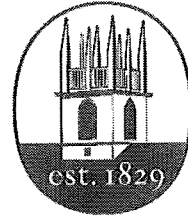
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Sheila Hoyt, Marilyn King, Stephen Niles, Sara Pelletier, Amanda Stevens, Katie Murphy, and Jen King



# BURR AND BURTON ACADEMY

OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER



February 2017

Dear Sending Town Communities:

We are pleased to submit our tuition for the 2017-2018 school year. We have set our tuition at \$16,700, an increase of 2.8%. This increase is in line with contracted faculty salary increases and our general rate of inflation in other expenses.

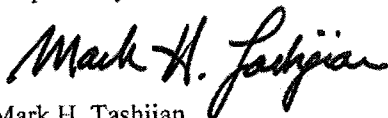
This has been an unusually busy time politically, with consolidation proposals under Act 46 coupled with proposed rules by the State Board of Education. We are deeply appreciative of the tremendous support Burr and Burton has received so that our sending communities will continue to have BBA available to all.

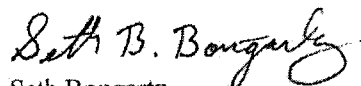
Your support increases our sense of responsibility to serve students, families and communities. We continue to strive to provide the highest quality educational experiences, a place where students are known and cared for, and a place where each student is able to build a meaningful future in a complex and rapidly changing world. To that end:

- We are most proud of the quality of our faculty and their dedication to students. Meaningful teacher-student relationships are one of the hallmarks of this school, and we are able to attract and retain unusually skilled teachers in no small part thanks to the support of our sending communities.
- We remain fully committed to superb programming in academics, athletics and the creative arts, ensuring that BBA students benefit from tremendous learning experiences and opportunities inside and outside the classroom.
- We continue to raise significant capital dollars to support infrastructure growth. In the past five years, thanks to private donations, we have installed a world-class turf field, launched the Mountain Campus program in environmental studies, launched the Student Success Program to support the aspirations of first-generation college bound students, and put iPads in the hands of every student and teacher. We upgraded our investment in the Target program, created a STEAM lab maker space, and, in partnership with Hildene, have launched a program in food systems and agricultural studies housed in a state-of-the-art greenhouse.
- We augment our tuition with \$700,000 in endowment draw, over \$2 million in international student revenue, and \$1 million in annual fundraising. These added sources of revenue ensure that we are able to provide programs and services that far exceed what would be possible on tuition dollars alone.

BBA cherishes its relationship with our sending communities. We seek to be an important resource, a reason that people want to live in our communities, and a source of strength and pride for all. Thank you very much for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mark H. Tashjian  
Headmaster

  
Seth Bongartz  
Chair, Board of Trustees



# front porch forum®

HELPING NEIGHBORS CONNECT

## **Local Talk on Front Porch Forum**

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. More than half of Vermont households participate with hundreds more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors, organize local projects, share crime reports, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>



**GREEN UP VERMONT**  
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**Town report information for Green Up Day, May 7, 2016**

Green Up Day marked its 46th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover seventeen percent the budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and the services of two part-time employees. Sixth grader Blake Clark says "I think we should keep this tradition going forever and ever!" Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away.

**Mark your calendar: May 6, 2017 Green Up Day, 47 years of tradition!**

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,  
Always the first Saturday in May.**



GNAT is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization created in 1995 whose mission is to provide public access to media technologies, equipment, training, and local information for our regional community. GNAT's vision is to facilitate and foster free speech, to promote and facilitate civic and cultural engagement and to be the community resource for new media technology and training.

**GNAT Service Area / Cable Channels** GNAT-TV broadcasts local community based public, education and government "PEG" programs on Comcast Cable Channels. **Channels 15, 16 & 17:** Arlington, Dorset, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Sunderland & Winhall; **Channels 8,10 & 18:** Stratton; **Channel 8, 10:** Weston & Londonderry. **All local programs are also available:** [www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org).

#### Media & Training Services

GNAT provides opportunities for individuals and groups to produce and broadcast original, non-commercial television programs. GNAT maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment and provides technical training to all residents, community organizations and schools within the eleven towns in our viewing area.

#### Government Access Services to Towns

GNAT provides video production services, television and Internet viewing of municipal meetings and educational, civic and community events. GNAT employs local citizens to videotape the meetings. GNAT produced 289 Government Meetings across seven towns in 2016.



P.O. Box 2168  
Manchester Center, VT  
[www.gnat-tv.org](http://www.gnat-tv.org)  
802.362.7070

#### GNAT Statement of Financial Activities Summary Year Ending September 30, 2016

<b>INCOME</b>		
PEG Access Operating Revenue	\$	415,538
PEG Access Capital Revenue	\$	41,554
Program Service	\$	10,465
Fundraising / Other Income	\$	21,612
Interest	\$	1,270
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>490,439</b>
Payroll Fees, Taxes and Salaries	\$	277,310
Rent / Utilities / Insurance	\$	64,753
Production/Program Supplies & Expense	\$	21,921
Repairs/Maintenance	\$	3,654
Equipment / Depreciation	\$	50,001
Small Equipment	\$	14,800
Other Operating Expense	\$	37,876
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>470,315</b>
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	20,124
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$	460,556
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	480,680



## **Green Mountain National Forest**

### **Town Meeting Report**

The employees of the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) depend heavily on support from many municipalities, volunteers, partners and contractors. The support the Forest receives helps to accomplish an extremely robust program of work. The Forest would like to take this time to thank you and your community for your support and interest you have shown in helping with the management of the approximately 400,000 acre GMNF. Receiving several million outdoor recreation enthusiast visits annually, these visitors seek enjoyment in a natural setting while providing critical benefit to the local economies. The GMNF is proud to be a part of Vermont and your town. It is truly one of Vermont's treasures and the largest contiguous public land area in the state. Forest staff work hard to achieve quality public land management under a sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of the people -- people in your town as well as all of the visitors who come to Vermont every year. Below is a brief summary of what happened in your National Forest throughout the past year:

### **Rainbow Gathering**

The Rainbow Family of Living Light held their Annual Gathering in the Green Mountain National Forest, on the Manchester Ranger District in 2016. The Gathering site was located on Forest Road 10 in Mount Tabor. Participants came from all walks of life and the Gathering which officially occurred from July 1 – 7, 2016 had a peak population of 10,121 on July 4.

A small group of Rainbow Family members remained on-site following the Gathering to assist with clean-up. Forest Service officials continued to monitor the area to ensure public health and safety, cultural and natural resource protection throughout the summer months.

The Forest Service extends sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the State, County, local agencies, organizations and to the local communities that assisted during the 2016 National Rainbow Family Gathering. Managing such a Gathering takes a lot of community involvement and quality partnerships to achieve a safe and successful outcome. With the assistance of our many partners, the Forest Service was able to meet that objective.

### **Land Acquisition**

The Forest grew by 378.84 acres through the acquisition of lands in the Towns of Stamford and Pownal. Through this acquisition an additional mile of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and Long National Recreational Trail was protected. The property is also significant to hikers because it contains a portion of Broad Brook, the water source used by those staying at an adjoining shelter called Seth Warner.

### **Heritage Program**

The Heritage Resources program was presented with some unique challenges last summer when it was announced that the Forest would be the location of the National Rainbow Family Gathering. These types of events become tricky when attempting to protect non-renewable resources such as archaeological and historic sites. In the end, total protection of all resources was achieved with the cooperation of attendees.

Ongoing partner projects included artifact analysis conducted by the University of Vermont (UVM) Consulting Archaeology Program, the Vermont Archaeological Society (VAS), and the Forest. This multi-year collaboration again involved the analysis of thousands of artifacts collected at the Homerstone Quartzite Quarry Project near Little Rock Pond.

Other highlights include:

- Assisting the Batten Kill Watershed Alliance by conducting archaeological fieldwork prior to the implementation of a restoration project in the river near Arlington. Forest Service employees and VAS members participated in this project.

### **Road, Dam, & Facility Construction & Maintenance**

In cooperation with federal, state and local governments, private contractors, and non-profit organizations, the GMNF Engineering staff repaired and maintained many roads, bridges, trails, and other facilities throughout the Forest. Some highlights are as follows:

- Working in partnership with numerous organizations, funding for projects on the Rochester and Middlebury Ranger Districts totaled \$134,953 in grant dollars to increase and / or improve recreation opportunities. Funded projects included: Sherburne Trail Network in Killington; Brandon Gap Backcountry Recreation Area; Rochester Ranger District hike / bike trail network; and Catamount Trail improvements. Thank you to the State of Vermont Recreational Trails Program!
- A new VYCC crew model was developed, integrating members who are hearing and members who are deaf. The “American Sign Language Crew” was developed in collaboration with the VYCC.
- Three chainsaw and cross cut saw courses were taught by the Manchester District recreation staff in 2016 benefitting many partners and trails throughout the GMNF.

### **Local Efforts:**

Sunderland: Partnered with the GMC to restore Story Spring Shelter roof and siding.

### **Botany Program**

Staff and volunteers monitored 63 populations of 45 species of rare plants Forest-wide, including some populations just off National Forest lands.

As a result of a grant received by the newly formed Batten Kill Cisma (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Association), of which GMNF is a founding member, a coordinator was hired to plan and implement a variety of inventory, control and outreach / education events, including the following:

- Arlington: Hosting a barberry workshop at the Arlington Recreation Park and Yellow Barn; worked with VYCC at the Cemetery Run property to plant about 40 trees and shrubs, and removed invasive honeysuckle, burning bush, bittersweet, and knotweed plants.
- Dorset: Sent letters to landowners about Japanese knotweed.
- Manchester and Sandgate: Cutting Japanese knotweed in Manchester and Sandgate (Tidd and Bourn Brooks) with the Community Restitution Crew and later in the season applied herbicide; developed and implemented an invasive species lesson for Hildene summer camps; removed and bagged seed heads from purple loosestrife at the public fishing access on Dufresne Pond Road in Manchester Center. Outreach and education throughout the Cisma included developing a Facebook page, then developing materials for Early Detection Rapid Response volunteers, writing press releases, and contacting garden clubs.

### **Watershed Improvement**

Forest Service staff working in Fisheries, Engineering, Recreation, Wilderness management, non-native invasive species, and Soil and Water resources implemented several projects in the past year that improved the condition of water, soil, and / or aquatic resources. These projects were located in several towns across the Forest. Some of these projects may be discussed in more detail in other parts of this report:

- Partnered with Batten Kill Watershed Alliance to place large wood for instream fish cover along a half-mile section of the Batten Kill River in Arlington.
- Stocked fingerling Brook trout to sustain a recreational fishery in the following ponds: Griffith and Big Mud in Mount Tabor; Stratton in Stratton; Little Rock in Wallingford; and Branch, Bourn and Beebe Ponds in Sunderland.

### **Wildlife Habitat Improvement**

The GMNF staff also worked with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) on a nationwide sampling effort to detect the salamander chytrid fungus *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* (Bsal). Staff worked with the USGS to identify wetlands on the Forest that harbored eastern newts and then assisted with data collection in the field. Eastern newts were sampled in wetlands located in Ripton, Rochester, Wallingford, Mount Tabor, Peru, Winhall, Stratton, Sunderland, and Woodford.

### **Soil Monitoring**

Soil samples were collected back in 2012, and the vegetation inventoried at the two Vermont Monitoring Cooperative 200-year Soil Monitoring Project sites in Lye Brook Wilderness, in the Town of Sunderland. This is a joint effort between the Vermont Monitoring Cooperative, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, VT FPR, UVM, the Forest Service-Northern Research Station, and the GMNF. The VYCC also played a key role in the project by digging soil pits, assisting with vegetation data collection, and re-marking plot corners. The project objective is to measure change in key ecosystem parameters such as, soil chemistry and vegetative community composition. This monitoring will provide insight into the long-term changes occurring in relatively undisturbed forest ecosystems in response to environmental factors including atmospheric deposition and climate change. The project will also provide insight into the storage of carbon in soil on the GMNF.

The next scheduled round of soil sampling for the project is in 2017.

Forest Soil Disturbance Monitoring was conducted on ten timber sale areas throughout the Forest to estimate forest management effects on the soil resource.

Again, thank you for your support of your National Forest. Together, we will continue to maintain and improve this valuable treasure.

Forest Service Offices in Vermont: Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 PM.

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# LONG TRAIL SCHOOL

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January 2017

Dear residents of Sunderland,

Thousands of lives have been positively affected by Long Trail School. For more than four decades, students and their families have been enriched by this educational community. In addition to the engaging and globally aware curriculum, programs in the arts, athletics, sciences and leadership provide students from southern Vermont and nearby New York State with opportunities to self-challenge, learn and grow. Every day we connect with the world around our school in ways small and large, improving the circumstances of those we know and others we will never meet.

Long Trail boasts nearly 200 students from over 25 towns and 5 countries this year. Families seek us out for our unparalleled creative and intellectual challenges and are enchanted by our warm family atmosphere which recognizes students as individuals.

This year we are celebrating five years of our International Baccalaureate curriculum. As an IB World School, we work to help all students embrace the world as learners who are:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced
- Reflective

These qualities and skills will serve them well as they move beyond our campus. We strive every day to imbue students with a sense of purpose and place in community. Student organizations work with local groups and churches to assist others all year long. They have raised their voices with fervency and respect to share the message that school choice matters. Fundraising for causes supplements volunteer hours to clean roadsides, spread holiday cheer and connect with town members. Our students team with community leaders and see the difference they can make. They are becoming meaningful world citizens.

Grateful for the commitment of tuition funding from area towns, we remain committed to the children of this region who benefit greatly from the unique educational experiences we offer. Your investment in a Long Trail education is an investment in the future of our communities and in the children of your neighborhoods. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Steven E. Dear, Head of School

Should you wish more information about LTS, please contact me at [sdear@longtrailschool.org](mailto:sdear@longtrailschool.org) or 802-867-5717.



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## Martha Canfield Library Town Report for Year 2016

It has been an exciting year at the Library as we celebrated our twentieth anniversary in our present location, adjacent to the schools, with a reception and speakers highlighting the Past, Present and Future.

We had a change in staff this year, as the library assistant Wolf Roxon retired. Peggy Hanson has joined us as the new assistant. Peggy will be working on expanding our children's programs as well as handling interlibrary loan requests and helping to answer your questions. We thank Wolf for his fifteen years of service, and welcome Peggy to the library.

We started the process for a Deep Energy Retrofit with Efficiency Vermont. This project began with basement insulation and the installation of LED lighting in the reading room. The project will include more insulation and an upgrade of the climate control in the Russell Collection. This will allow us to reduce our energy use and be eligible for rebates from Efficiency Vermont, as well as reduce our energy bills over the long term.

The past year has been active in the Russell Collection. Twelve genealogy and local history programs were presented. Significant donations include the archives of the USS Bennington Association and the original projector used in the Arlington movie theatre. The projector is a Power's Number 9 Cameragraph Film Projector manufactured about 1918. The projector was donated by Grace Smith whose family operated the theatre. The USS Bennington Collection was received in May and includes the history of the carrier from action in the Pacific in WW II through decommissioning. We will be holding an annual exhibit to coincide with the crew reunions held with the Bennington Battle Day program in August. We also received a personal diary (1934) for local resident Archie Robertson from Jim Hayden. Two Vermont newspapers from 1866 Brattleboro were donated by Rebecca Thompson, the *Vermont Record* and the *Vermont Farmer*. A 1938 felt hat and handbook that belonged to Gilbert Squires when he joined the Vermont Green Mountain Boys' State was donated by surviving family. Gilbert died in a swimming accident when 17 years old.

The Martha Canfield Library continues to welcome everyone in Sunderland to borrow books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks, attend programs, search the internet, read the newspaper, borrow a museum or park pass, find information, use the wifi, visit the art gallery or research local and family history in the Russell Vermontiana Collection. In addition to these in-house services, with your library card, you can also access downloadable audio and e-books, online reference tools, language lessons and classes in over 500 subjects. So check out our website, [marthacanfieldlibrary.org](http://marthacanfieldlibrary.org), our Facebook page, or stop in and join the 254 active card holders already registered in Sunderland.

Thank you for your support each year and we welcome your suggestions, too.

Alyson Grzyb, Acting President, Board of Trustees  
Phyllis Skidmore, Library Director

## 2017 TOWN ANNUAL REPORT

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

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

2016 has been quite a productive year for NeighborWorks of Western Vermont.

- 416 low-cost, comprehensive Energy Audits were completed on buildings, showing home and business owners potential ways to save money on their utility bills; 69 Energy loans were issued to help homeowners upgrade their homes to be more energy efficient
- 30 Down Payment Assistance Loans were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier without costly Private Mortgage Insurance
- 41 Rehab Loans were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes
- 195 homebuyers attended a nationally-certified Homebuyer Education Course
- NWWVT assisted 15 households in finding their dream home with our RealtyWorks service
- NWWVT helped 39 homeowners with Foreclosure Prevention counseling
- NWWVT gave financial coaching services to 229 Vermonters to help them achieve their financial goals
- NWWVT loaned over \$1.9 million to Vermonters in the form of Down Payment Assistance, Energy loans, and Rehab loans

There is always a need and we hope we are always here to help. We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at (802) 438-2303 or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

Together we can build strong communities.

Respectfully,  
Ludy Biddle, Executive Director



## **Report to the Citizens of Sunderland**

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Sunderland in 2016:

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

The Council helped provide 365 meals that were delivered to the homes of 5 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels.” In addition, 11 Sunderland elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 168 meals were provided.

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

SVCOA case management staff helped 16 elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

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

1) “Senior HelpLine” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues via the “60Plus” column appearing in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance.

## Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2016 Overview

### “Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government”

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

VLCT’s mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 138 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services on a daily basis – highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water. These local efforts are led largely by volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, to assist them in providing their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services.** VLCT’s Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) provides training, information and assistance to municipal officials to help them carry out their legal responsibilities. Responding to member inquiries about Vermont law and best practices in municipal governance is a key MAC service. Attorneys and staff answer 4,000 member questions each year. In 2016, nearly 1,500 people received training at 30 day-long and on-site workshops covering topics that included Open Meeting Law compliance, financial management, and conducting effective property tax appeal and land use hearings. Consulting services include legal drafting and review of policies and ordinances, governmental accounting, and town manager recruitment. Members who respond to MAC’s annual compensation and benefits survey receive a complimentary copy of the research report. MAC also offers in-depth technical assistance through our Water Resources Protection and Human Resources assistance programs. Publications including model documents, technical papers, handbooks, and past newsletter articles are available on VLCT’s website.
- **Advocacy representation at the state and federal levels to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority needed to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the renewable energy debate, enhancing voter authority in local governance decisions, municipal efforts to clean up Vermont’s lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2017 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services at the local level. VLCT also provides a *Weekly Legislative Report* that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available free-of-charge on the VLCT website.
- **Opportunities to provide purchasing of needed services at the lowest cost.** Members may purchase municipal unemployment, property, casualty, and workers’ compensation insurance coverage for local operations. The **VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust** continued to help towns navigate the complexities of health insurance procurement and to secure group life, disability, dental and vision insurance. When substantial municipal damages result from weather events, or towns suffer from other covered losses and lawsuits, the value of membership in the **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** is quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments provided. The Trusts are stewards of \$26 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services in 2016. More than \$1 million in ownership dividends was returned to PACIF and VERB members as contribution credits.

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

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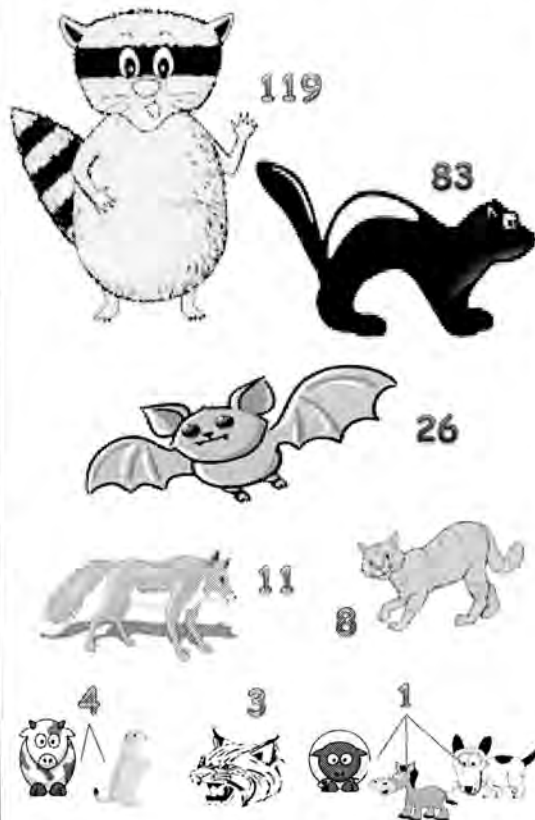
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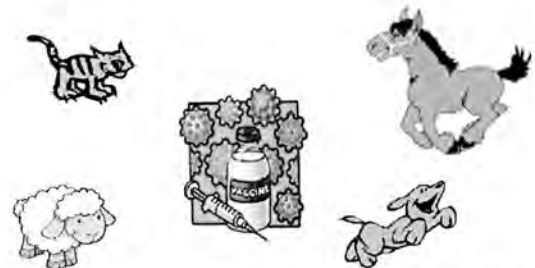
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