

**TOWN OF
SUNDERLAND, VERMONT
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2019**

NOTICE

TOWN BUSINESS MEETING: MARCH 2, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

AT SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

98 BEAR RIDGE ROAD

BALLOT BOXES OPEN FOR AUSTRALIAN BALLOTING

MARCH 3, 2020 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

AT SUNDERLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICES

104 MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD

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**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 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. to transact any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot, and on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the Sunderland Town Office at 104 Mountain View Road in said Town at 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

To be acted upon on Monday, March 2, 2020:

Article 1. Shall the Town of Sunderland enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as the Southern Vermont Communication Union District, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82?

Article 2. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

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

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Salt Shed Reserve Fund?

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** to be added to the Technology Reserve Fund?

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Article 10. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate 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 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of **Burdett Commons, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article 12. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate 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 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate 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 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$9,100.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the town?

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate 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 16. To transact any other non-binding business that may come before this meeting.

To be voted upon by Australian ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2020:

Article 17. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$ **15,000.00** for the Cemetery Maintenance Budget?

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$ **358,230.00** for the General Fund Budget?

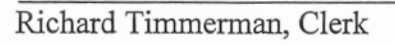
Article 19. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the sum of \$ **380,100.00** for the Highway Fund Budget?

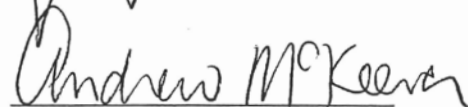
Article 20. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

<u>Auditor</u> – 3 year term	<u>Cemetery Commissioner</u> – 3 year term
<u>Cemetery Commissioner</u> – 1 year of 3 year term	
<u>Delinquent Tax Collector</u> – 1 year term	<u>First Constable</u> – 1 year term
<u>Second Constable</u> – 1 year term	<u>Lister</u> – 3 year term
<u>Selectboard Member</u> - 1 year term	<u>Selectboard Member</u> – 1 year term
<u>Selectboard Member</u> – 2 years of 3 year term	
<u>Selectboard Member</u> – 3 years	<u>Town Agent</u> – 1 year term
<u>Town Grand Juror</u> – 1 year term	<u>Town Moderator</u> - 1 year term

DATED THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2020


Jon French, Chair


Richard Timmerman, Clerk


Andrew McKeever


Connor Stewart


Richard Zens

**TOWN OFFICERS
2019-2020**

TOWN MODERATOR (1 year term)

TOWN CLERK (3year term) Expires 2022

TREASURER (3 year term) Expires 2022

SELECT BOARD:

Term Expires 2020 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2020 (1 year of 3 year term)

Term Expires 2021 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2020 (1 year term)

Term Expires 2020 (1 year term)

FIRST CONSTABLE (1 year term)

SECOND CONSTABLE (1 year term)

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR (1 year term)

LISTERS:

Term Expires 2022 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2021 (3year term)

Term Expires 2020 (3 year term)

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:

Term Expires 2022 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2020 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2020 (3 year term) (2nd year of 3 year term)

AUDITORS:

Term Expires 2022 (3 year term)

Term Expires 2021 (2 years of 3 year term)

Term Expires 2020 (3 year term)

TOWN GRAND JUROR (1 year term)

TOWN AGENT (1 year term)

Cynthia Herrmann

Rose Keough

Rose Keough

Richard Timmerman

Andrew McKeever

Jon French

Connor Stewart

Richard Zens

Jesse Stone

Renee Tobin

Richard Davis, II

Neil Humphrey

Peter VanVleck, Jr.

Vacant

Neil Humphrey

Kathleen Johnston

Lucille Morse

Theodore Rappahahn

Cynthia Herrmann

Vacant

James Ayrey

James Ayrey

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECT BOARD

(One year term unless otherwise noted)

2019-2020

Animal Control Officer & Pound Keeper	Kerry Olson
telephone: (802) 375-1179	
Emergency Management Coordinator	Michael DiMonda
Green-Up Chairman	Connor Stewart
Health Officer	Selectboard
Deputy Health Officer	Vacant
<u>Selectboard:</u>	
Selectboard Chairman	Jon French
Selectboard Clerk	Richard Timmerman
Selectboard Road Liaison	Richard Timmerman
Selectboard Recording Secretary	Colleen York
Service Officer	Samuel Liss
Telephone: (802) 375-9510	
Town Forest Fire Warden	Marc Johnston
Telephone: (802) 375-2865	
Tree Warden	Marc Johnston
Webmaster	Susan Whitney
e-mail address: Sunderland assistant@sunderlandvt.org	
Zoning Administrator	Melissa Johnson
e-mail address: zoningadmin@sunderlandvt.org	
<u>Bennington County Regional Commission Representatives:</u>	
Term Expires March 2020	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2020	Richard Zens

Planning Board:

Term Expires March 2020	Edward Bove
Term Expires March 2020	Tucker Kimball
Term Expires March 2020	Lewis Herbert
Term Expires March 2022	Scott Magrath
Term Expires March 2022	Robert Zeif

Zoning Board:

Term Expires 2021	Peter Van Vleck, Jr
Term Expires 2020	Vacant
Term Expires 2020	Robert Faley
Term Expires 2020	Peter Van Haverbeke
Term Expires 2019	Vacant

Justice of the Peace: Elected November 6, 2018 for two years

Gloria Alexander	(802) 375-1281
James Ayrey	
Sally Ayrey	
Rose Stone	(802) 375-2258
Sally Stone	(802) 375-2258

**2020-2021
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
LISTERS - CHAIRMAN	\$ 20.00	hourly
MODERATOR	\$ 100.00	meeting
PLANNING BOARD - MEMBER	\$ 700.00	annually
RECORDING SECRETARY (SELECTBOARD & PLANNING BOARD)	\$ 16.08	hourly
ROAD FOREMAN	\$ 26.50	hourly
ROAD HELPER	\$ 19.75	hourly
SELECTPERSON - CHAIRMAN	\$ 2,000.00	annually
SELECTPERSON - MEMBERS	\$ 1,500.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	\$ 23,690.00	annually
TOWN CLERK	Fees	
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	\$ 15.00	hourly
TOWN TREASURER	\$ 18,540.00	annually
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER ASSISTANT	\$ 22.15	hourly
WEBMASTER	\$ 2,400.00	annually
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	\$ 31.00	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:

2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 7:00 PM.

CEMETERY COMMISSION:

2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 3:00 PM.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

4th Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Municipal Offices at 6:00 PM.

TAX RATES

General Fund Amount of \$292,031.00 + Grand List of \$1,595,845.69

Rate = \$.1830

Municipal Building Debt of \$27,500.00 + Grand List of \$1,595,845.69

Rate = \$.0173

Highway Fund Amount of \$378,321.00 + Grand List of \$1,595,845.69

Rate = \$.2371

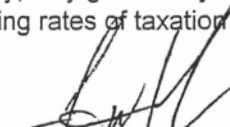
Cemetery Fund Amount of \$9,848.00 + Grand List of \$1,595,845.69

Rate = \$.0062

Local Agreement Amount of \$4,697.14 + Grand List of \$1,595,845.69

Rate = \$.0030

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 2019-2020 fiscal year which concludes June 30, 2020.


Jon French, Chairman


Richard Timmerman, Clerk


Andrew McKeever

Connor Stewart


Richard Zens

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/18	\$	5,497.91
Interest - Checking	\$	32.72
Taxes	\$	8,202.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid -Cemetery Commissioners:			
Corner Stones	\$	200.00	
Mowing	\$	6,500.00	
Payroll	\$	1,500.00	
Supplies	\$	266.28	
Payroll Expenses	\$	114.75	
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	\$	13,732.63	\$ 8,581.03
 Cash in Bank 6/30/19	 \$	 5,151.60	
 TOTAL	 \$	 13,732.63	 \$ 13,732.63

Town of Sunderland
Cemetery Commissioners. Cemetery Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021
104 Mountain View Road
Sunderland, Vermont 05250

Cleaning headstones:	\$ 500.00
Salaries:	\$ 1,500.00
Road maintenance:	\$ 3,000.00
Sublet mowing:	\$ 10,000.00
<hr/> Total:	<hr/> \$ 15,000.00

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We the Cemetery Commissioners for the Town of Sunderland would like the Taxpayers to know that we have kept the budget the same as last year. One road is in need of repair to remove pot holes. We will see to that in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Johnston
Lucille Morse
Neil Humphrey

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TOWN CLERK'S STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE SALES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

2019	
147 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @\$9.00	\$ 1,323.00
35 Males & Females @ \$11.00	\$ 385.00
28 Males & Females @ \$13.00	\$ 364.00
1 Males & Females @ \$17.00	\$ 17.00
36 Fines @ \$10.00	\$ 360.00
Less Town Clerk Fee 211 @ \$2.00	\$ (422.00)
Less State of Vermont 211 @ \$5.00	\$ (1,055.00)
 Amount Deposited in Town General Fund	 \$ 972.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/2018	\$ 79,210.24
Fees - Beverage License	\$ 230.00
Copier	\$ 9.50
Dog Licenses/Penalties	\$ 972.00
Zoning	\$ 2,635.85
Fines - Traffic	\$ 2,367.52
Interest - Checking	\$ 5,107.83
Delinquent Taxes	\$ 6,013.74
Late Taxes	\$ 3,479.99
Miscellaneous	\$ 181.32
Reimbursement- Heating Fuel	\$ 1,029.61
Reimbursement- School Election	\$ 70.00
State of Vermont:	
Current Use Tax	\$ 18,902.00
Fish & Wildlife Tax	\$ 608.31
Railway Tax	\$ 276.03
Taxes - Current	\$ 170,389.83
Delinquent	\$ 37,714.96
Redeemed Property	\$ 14,549.87
State of Vermont	\$ 10,950.76
Trash Hauler Permits	\$ 100.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - General Fund	\$ 297,652.23
Inter-Fund Transfer (Building Maintenance Reserve)	\$ 1,500.00
Payroll Expense	\$ 7,755.25
Voted Appropriations	\$ 16,400.00
Total Receipts & Disbursements	\$ 354,799.36
Cash in Bank 6/30/19	\$ 39,489.49
Reserve Excess Payent on Tax Sale	\$ (7,490.24)
Reserve Overpayment of Taxes	\$ (487.37)
Reserve Payable Fees	\$ (20.00)
TOTAL	\$ 354,799.36

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
PROPOSED FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021

	BUDGET	EXPENSED	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	7/18 TO 6/19	7/18 TO 6/19	7/19 TO 6/20	BUDGET
				7/20 TO 6/21
Ambulance/Rescue Services	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 26,750.00
Animal Control	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,301.70	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Appropriation (VT Green Up)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Audit	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00
Bennington County Court	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,787.63	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 14,000.00
Benn. County Regional Comm	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,533.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dues	\$ 2,115.00	\$ 2,167.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Fire Protection	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 43,326.00	\$ 48,838.00	\$ 48,838.00
Fire Warden	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Health Insurance	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 7,742.70	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 4,500.00
Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,128.75	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Landfill/Recycling	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,336.66	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 30,407.02	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 40,500.00
Legal	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,883.82	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Legal Warnings	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 970.77	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Office Building Alarm System	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 878.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Office Building Electric	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,052.66	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,500.00
Office Building Heat	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,936.07	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Office Building Janitorial	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,660.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Office Building Maintenance	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,526.32	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Office Building Payment	\$ 28,100.00	\$ 27,891.33	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 27,000.00
Office Equipment/Lease	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,589.75	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,922.55	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Payroll	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 86,529.95	\$ 97,500.00	\$ 97,500.00
Planning	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 74.25	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Public Communications(GNAT)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Retirement	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,510.65	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
Solid Waste Fees -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,827.13	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Tabulator Programing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,389.05	\$ 900.00	\$ 4,000.00
Technology Support	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Telephone/Internet	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 2,402.87	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Town Meeting Officials	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,878.75	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,000.00
Town Reports	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 626.10	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 340,690.00	\$ 305,407.48	\$ 350,138.00	\$ 349,688.00
Appropriations Voted	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 17,100.00
Handicap Dorr Openers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
Municipal Office Bldg Reserve	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Technology Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 358,590.00	\$ 323,307.48	\$ 377,738.00	\$ 370,288.00

ANTICIPATED GENERAL FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

Cash in Bank 7-01-20	\$	-
Fees - Beverage Licenses	\$	230.00
Dog Licenses	\$	1,000.00
Photocopies	\$	10.00
Zoning	\$	3,500.00
Fines- Traffic	\$	2,100.00
Interest - Checking	\$	250.00
Taxes - Current Use	\$	19,000.00
Fish & Wildlife	\$	950.00
Railway	\$	275.00
Total General Fund Anticipated Income	\$	27,315.00
General Fund Budget	\$	-

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Technology Reserve Fund (Article 6)	\$	2,000.00
Building Maintenance Reserve Fund (Article 7)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Area Childcare, Inc. (Article 8)	\$	700.00
Burdett Commons, Inc. (Article 9)	\$	1,000.00
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Serv. (Article 10)	\$	1,500.00
Arlington Recreation Park (Article 11)	\$	5,000.00
Martha Canfield Memorial Library, Inc. (Article 12)	\$	-
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (Article 13)	\$	700.00

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Arlington Fire Protection	\$	-
Arlington Rescue Squad	\$	-
GNAT	\$	2,100.00
Green Up Vermont	\$	50.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

HIGHWAY FUND

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/18	\$ 38,810.73
Grants	\$ 6,400.00
Interest Earned - Checking	\$ 805.15
National Forest Revenue	\$ 59,074.00
Permits - Excess Weight	\$ 160.00
Road Cut	\$ 30.00
Reimbursements	
Heating Fuel	\$ 397.01
Miscellaneous	\$ 37.73
School District Fuel	\$ 1,745.64
VLCT- Insurance	\$ 210.00
State Aid to Highways	\$ 83,404.75
Taxes	\$ 369,860.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - Selectmen	\$ 211,571.39
- Road Orders	\$ 105,517.51
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 97,793.32
Guard Rail Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op	\$ 5,000.00
Payroll Expense	\$ 8,470.89
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 509,853.11
Cash in Bank 6/30/19	\$ 51,081.90
TOTAL	\$ 560,935.01

HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET

PROPOSED FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021

	BUDGET 7/2018 to 6/2019	EXPENSED 7/2018 to 6/2019	BUDGET 7/2019 to 6/2020	PROPOSED 7/2020 to 6/2021
Building Maintenance & Supp	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,733.08	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
Chloride	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 8,541.01	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 11,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
Culverts	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,450.40	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Diesel	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,265.55	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Electric	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,084.63	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 28,092.50	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Erosion Control	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 896.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Heat	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00
Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ 937.87	\$ -	\$ -
Gravel	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,750.92	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Insurance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,355.75	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Insurance Dental	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,199.30	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Insurance - Health	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 18,496.60	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 17,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 320.66	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Pavement Marking	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,391.82	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
Payroll	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 113,988.40	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 128,000.00
Radio/Maintenance	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Retirement	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,212.20	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Road Signs	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 44.48	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
Salt	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 49,658.31	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Sand	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 16,230.90	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Stone - Tailings	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 859.08	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Storm Water Runoff Fee	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Storm Water State Permit	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,295.60	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Sublet Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Telephone/Computer	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,161.40	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
Tools/Safety	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 493.35	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 750.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Trash	\$ 300.00	\$ 483.94	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00
Uniforms	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,548.43	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,400.00
TOTALS	\$ 360,460.00	\$ 321,642.18	\$ 369,900.00	\$ 380,100.00
Chloride PY	\$ 5,890.00	\$ 3,917.61	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 366,350.00	\$ 325,559.79	\$ 369,900.00	\$ 380,100.00
Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Equipment Reserve (Voted)	\$ 32,793.32	\$ 32,793.32	\$ -	\$ -
Guardrail Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Paving Reserve Fund	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Salt Shed Reserve (Voted)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,081.90	\$ -
Salt Shed Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 550,643.32	\$ 509,853.11	\$ 572,481.90	\$ 541,600.00

**ANTICIPATED HIGHWAY FUND INCOME
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020**

Cash in Bank 7-01-20	\$	-
Excess Weight Permit	\$	150.00
Checking Account Interest	\$	400.00
National Forest Revenue	\$	60,000.00
Road Cut Permit	\$	50.00
State Aid To Highways	\$	83,635.00
Total Highway Fund Anticipated Income	\$	144,235.00
 Highway Fund Budget	 \$	 380,100.00

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED UPON

Equipment Reserve Fund (Article 2)	\$ 65,000.00
Paving Reserve Fund (Article 3)	\$ 65,000.00
Road Projects Reserve Fund (Article 4)	\$ 15,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund (Article 5)	\$ 5,000.00
Guard Rail Reserve Fund (Article 6)	\$ 1,500.00
Salt Shed Reserve Fund (Article 7)	\$10,000.00

TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT, SAVING & TRUST ACCOUNTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Balance 7/1/2018	Interest	Transfer Out	Transfer In	Balance 6/30/2019
Cemetery Trust	\$ 79,008.63	\$ 990.99	\$ -	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 84,799.62
National Forest Account	\$ 63,034.79	\$ 707.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,742.64
Highway Equipment Reserve	\$ 109,519.85	\$ 613.47	\$ (176,468.48)	\$ 123,543.32	\$ 57,208.16
Housing Re-Hab Fund	\$ 6,136.26	\$ 47.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,183.45
Landfill Litigation Fund	\$ 12,464.41	\$ 141.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,605.98
Office Building Maint Reserve	\$ 3,019.46	\$ 47.19	\$ (1,956.86)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,609.79
Paving Reserve	\$ 4,128.51	\$ -	\$ (144,000.00)	\$ 140,243.00	\$ 371.51
Pedestrian & Bicycle Study	\$ 3.17	\$ -	\$ (3.17)	\$ -	\$ -
Reappraisal Fund	\$ 98,249.25	\$ 1,226.94	\$ -	\$ 5,907.50	\$ 105,383.69
Tri-Centennial Fund	\$ 283.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 283.14
State Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve	\$ 30,499.16	\$ 424.71	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 35,923.87
Guard Rail Reserve	\$ 5,961.50	\$ 94.38	\$ (21.27)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 7,534.61
Road Projects Reserve	\$ 19,964.94	\$ 47.20	\$ (143,695.35)	\$ 126,168.25	\$ 2,485.04
Sunderland Hill Rd Safety Reserve	\$ 31,037.41	\$ 377.52	\$ -	\$ 3.17	\$ 31,418.10
TOTAL	\$ 463,310.48	\$ 4,719.01	\$ (466,145.13)	\$ 408,665.24	\$ 410,549.60

LOAN SAVINGS SCHEDULE

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank
2017 Series 4 Refunding Bonds

Series 2013-1

Sunderland Town

Loan #21

Original Principal: \$351,000

Date	Loan Principal	Interest	Loan Debt Service	Annual Loan Debt Service	Savings Allocation	Adjusted Loan Debt Service	Annual Adjusted Loan Debt Service
8/2/2017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2017	17,550.00	5,561.33	23,111.33	23,111.33	875.00	22,236.33	22,236.33
5/1/2018	-	5,391.63	5,391.63	-	-	5,391.63	5,391.63
11/1/2018	17,550.00	5,391.63	22,941.63	28,333.26	238.00	22,703.63	28,095.26
5/1/2019	-	5,187.70	5,187.70	-	-	5,187.70	-
11/1/2019	17,550.00	5,187.70	22,737.70	27,925.40	224.00	22,513.70	27,701.40
5/1/2020	-	4,954.82	4,954.82	-	-	4,954.82	-
11/1/2020	17,550.00	4,954.82	22,504.82	27,459.64	248.00	22,256.82	27,211.64
5/1/2021	-	4,698.24	4,698.24	-	-	4,698.24	-
11/1/2021	17,550.00	4,698.24	22,248.24	26,946.48	243.00	22,005.24	26,703.48
5/1/2022	-	4,416.22	4,416.22	-	-	4,416.22	-
11/1/2022	17,550.00	4,416.22	21,966.22	26,382.44	245.00	21,721.22	26,137.44
5/1/2023	-	4,112.26	4,112.26	-	-	4,112.26	-
11/1/2023	17,550.00	4,112.26	21,682.26	25,774.52	244.00	21,418.26	25,530.52
5/1/2024	-	3,793.38	3,793.38	-	-	3,793.38	-
11/1/2024	17,550.00	3,793.38	21,343.38	25,136.76	782.00	20,561.38	24,354.76
5/1/2025	-	3,459.58	3,459.58	-	-	3,459.58	-
11/1/2025	17,550.00	3,459.58	21,009.58	24,469.16	702.00	20,307.58	23,767.16
5/1/2026	-	3,109.99	3,109.99	-	-	3,109.99	-
11/1/2026	17,550.00	3,109.99	20,659.99	23,769.98	686.00	19,973.99	23,083.98
5/1/2027	-	2,749.87	2,749.87	-	-	2,749.87	-
11/1/2027	17,550.00	2,749.87	20,299.87	23,049.74	673.00	19,626.87	22,376.74
5/1/2028	-	2,380.10	2,380.10	-	-	2,380.10	-
11/1/2028	17,550.00	2,380.10	19,930.10	22,310.20	663.00	19,267.10	21,647.20
5/1/2029	-	1,999.80	1,999.80	-	-	1,999.80	-
11/1/2029	17,550.00	1,999.80	19,549.80	21,549.60	762.00	18,787.80	20,787.60
5/1/2030	-	1,609.84	1,609.84	-	-	1,609.84	-
11/1/2030	17,550.00	1,609.84	19,159.84	20,769.68	660.00	18,499.84	20,109.68
5/1/2031	-	1,214.62	1,214.62	-	-	1,214.62	-
11/1/2031	17,550.00	1,214.62	18,764.62	19,979.24	661.00	18,103.62	19,318.24
5/1/2032	-	813.26	813.26	-	-	813.26	-
11/1/2032	17,550.00	813.26	18,363.26	19,176.52	573.00	17,790.26	18,603.52
5/1/2033	-	407.51	407.51	-	-	407.51	-
11/1/2033	17,550.00	407.51	17,957.51	18,365.02	365.00	17,592.51	18,000.02
5/1/2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2035	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2036	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2038	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2039	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2039	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2041	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2044	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2045	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/1/2047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1/2047	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	298,350	106,169	404,509	404,509	8,844	395,666	395,665

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 2'ND AND MARCH 3'RD, 2020**

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 2, 2020 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 \$14,200.
- 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 3, 2020.
- 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 3, 2020, 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 \$3,963,285, 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 3, 2020 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 Arlington Memorial High School Gymnasium, 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, 130 River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Dorset vote at The Dorset School, 100 School Drive, Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Glastenbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, 166 Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Manchester vote at the Manchester Town Hall, 40 Jeff Williams Way, Manchester Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of North Bennington vote at the Village Offices, 2 Depot Street, North Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Pownal vote at the Pownal Center Fire House, 2872 North Pownal Road, 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, 301 Phelps Lane, Readsboro, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, 3266 Sandgate Road, Sandgate, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Searsburg vote at the Searsburg Town Offices, 18 Town Garage Road, Searsburg, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Shaftsbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, 166 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 10 AM to 7 PM.

Residents of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office Building, 1391 VT Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7 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. 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

Rickey Harrington, Chair

John MacDonald, Vice Chair

Jacqueline Kelly, Clerk

Jon Gauthier

Jessica Gulley-Ward

Art Haytko

Leon Johnson

Francis Kinney

Edward Letourneau

Michael Munson

Kenneth Swierad

Received for recording this 24 day of January 2020

Cassandra Barbeau, Clerk or
Kayla Thompson, Assistant Clerk SVRTSD.

VITAL STATISTICS - 2019**BIRTHS**

NAME	DATE
CARY, Rowan Elijah	1/5/2019
ANNUNZIATA, Vera Rose	1/24/2019
EDMUNDS, Graham Francis	3/27/2019
THOMPSON, Owen Andrew	4/20/2019
SMITH, Walker Todd	4/29/2019
GOODRICH, Theodore Kalmin	9/2/2019
REYNOLDS, Xander Truman Leigh	9/21/2019
JOHNSON, Emily Erin	9/25/2019
JONES, Augustus Richard	9/26/2019
TOWNSEND, Tucker Lennon	10/31/2019

DEATHS

NAME	DATE
DAVIS, Darryl J	1/29/2019
ALEXANDER, Robert A	1/31/2019
JETTY, Betty F	2/15/2019
HICKEY, John W	3/3/2019
HERMANSKY, Carl Otto	3/20/2019
MOSS, Sidney Arthur	5/27/2019
MORSE, Kathleen C	8/26/2019
ENNIS, Pauline A	10/31/2019
BENTLEY, Louise M	12/20/2019

MARRIAGES

Applicant A Applicant B	DATE
FRIEDLANDER, Marvin Elliot MERKELSON, Leslie Ann	2/10/2019
HAZEN, Ailish Elizabeth SAMUELSON, Joshua Clark	4/12/2019
DAVIS, Michelle Kristin KLEINKNECHT, Weston John	5/25/2019
SOLITRO, Toni Lucy NELSON, Scott David	7/4/2019
PEPPERS, Michele Sue FLEURY, Jem David	9/28/2019
FINELLI, Kenneth Steven STRAUB, Lisa Ann	10/5/2019
KELLEY, Morgan Joseph MCGAHIE, Allison Foster	10/5/2019
SULLIVAN, Sara Briggs WARREN, Garrett Francis	12/20/2019

SUNDERLAND DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF 12/31/19

PARCEL#	PROPERTY OWNER	2018/2019	TOTALS
497	Blackmer, Fred & V	\$ 611.95	\$ 611.95
160	Bouchereau, Jean & M	\$ 447.48	\$ 447.48 *
610	Mattison, Bruce	\$ 5.69	\$ 5.69
TOTALS		\$ 1,065.12	\$ 1,065.12

* Property was sold at tax sale and waiting for the one year redemption period to end.
Thank you for working with me and please contact me about any delinquencies.

Respectfully,
Richard Davis, II

Selectboard Report 2019

For a community our size Sunderland manages to stay very busy and accomplish a great many things. The focus of the Selectboard is to keep the town moving forward by making sound fiscally responsible decisions which are in the best interest of the town.

Town Highway Department: The Town of Sunderland continued it's above average job of maintaining our roads and maintenance of the area. It would be difficult to list all of the accomplishments of our road crew over the past year, however, below are some of the highlights for 2019.

- Removed rust from beams on hill farm bridge and painted them with grant money
- Cleaned ditches on Bentley hill and stone lined to make it up to state standards
- Added gravel to several roads
- Cut and removed dead trees around town with Ed Pike
- Graded and treated the roads with chloride
- Replaced 11 culverts and stone lined ditches up to state standards in conjunction with BCRC using grant money from the state.
- Added a Culvert to Hill Lane
- Upgraded two culverts on the dirt end of south road and cleaned ditches
- Cleaned ditches on Ondawa Road and added a new culvert

Sunderland Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) was awarded the contract to update the towns Hazard Mitigation Plan. The BCRC will work directly with the selectboard in completing this project.

Town Website: The town website www.sunderlandvt.org now includes a section on Home Energy Savings listed under the **Community** section. This provides links to programs to help Vermonters improve their home energy efficiency, stay warm and save money.

Sunderland Safe Roads: The Town Highway Department will begin improvement efforts on Sunderland Hill Road between Dunham Road and McKee Road in Spring 2020. This was made possible with the grant for road safety improvements awarded to the Town of Sunderland in 2018.

Get Involved: The Town of Sunderland is always looking for residents to fill the open positions in town. These include Listers, Town Health Officer, Auditors and several others. Training is available and most positions require a minimal time commitment.

Town Energy Committee: The town has a newly formed Energy Committee who is looking for residents to join them to discuss and share ideas and plans for energy efficiency and improvement throughout the town. Check the Town website for meeting days and times.

Selectboard Meetings: The Selectboard holds their General Business Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 pm. Any changes to meeting times are posted on the Towns website as well as the Sunderland Elementary School, the Town Highway Department Building and the Town Office Building. Meetings are videotaped by GNAT and can be accessed at <http://gnat-tv.org/sunderland>.

Report from the Sunderland Planning Commission

The Sunderland Planning Commission (PC) continues to work closely with the Zoning Administrator, residents, developers and Selectboard. In 2019, the PC met monthly and reviewed approximately one dozen applications for commercial, industrial and residential projects. The PC also met with potential applicants regarding projects which will be reviewed in 2020.

In 2019, the PC updated and finalized a draft of the Land Use and Development Bylaw, which includes zoning, subdivision, flood hazard areas and sign regulations. Public Hearings on the draft will take place in 2020. The PC will also be applying for a Municipal Planning Grant from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to hold community forums in association with an update of the Sunderland Town Plan.

If you have any questions regarding land use, development or permitting within Sunderland, please join the PC at a monthly meeting which occurs on the 4th Wednesday at 6PM.

The Sunderland Planning Commission.

Town of Sunderland - Zoning Administrators Report

Type of Permit or Matter	Number
Application for Construction of Home, Home Expansion or Renewal of Permit	9
Application for Accessory Building, Garage, Porch or Deck	9
Application for Subdivision Approval	0
Application for Change of Use, Amendments and Renewals	0
Application for Zoning Compliance Letter	3
Application for Certificate of Occupancy	13
Application for Variance	0
Sign Application	0
Special Event	2
Zoning or Ordinance Violations Investigations and Follow-up	14
Response to Request for General Zoning Information	9
Administrative Opinion	2
Total Matters	61

Respectfully Submitted,

Missy Johnson
Zoning Administrator

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND
MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 4 & 5, 2019**

Selectboard Chairman Mark Hyde called the Town of Sunderland Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 PM with 43 people in attendance.

Article 1. To elect a Town Moderator for one year.

Mark Hyde asked for nominations. Rose Keough nominated Cynthia Herrmann and it was seconded by John Williams. With no discussion Mark Hyde declared Cynthia Herrmann elected.

Moderator Herrmann greeted the people in attendance and recognized Arthur Clark and Richard Zens as new residents. Moderator Herrmann led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Herrmann requested that the Selectboard introduce themselves. Mark Hyde, Jon French, Richard Timmerman, Steven Bendix and Melanie Virgilio were present. Moderator Herrmann recited an invocation to remind everyone to be civil and neighborly. Moderator Herrmann then reviewed the rules of conduct for this meeting noting Robert's Rules of Order 11th edition and Vermont State law.

John Williams moved to dispense with the reading of the warning. Colleen York seconded the motion. With no objections the motion carried.

Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Sunderland vote to make Camp Ondawa tax exempt for five years? (From 4/1/19 until 4/1/24)

Article two was moved by Richard Zens and seconded by Marlyn Couture. John Williams stated that in approving the article the town loses the collection of approximately \$2,500.00 per year in tax revenue and still pays the school district approximately \$2,000.00 per year. Over five years this affects the town by \$12,500.00 in lost revenue and causes the Town to expense an additional \$10,000.00. John Williams felt this was an expensive proposition for the Town to take on. Theodore Rappahahan asked if this article is new to the town. Rose Keough explained that Camp Ondawa has requested and been approved by the voters in the past except that it was for three years, state law now allows for a five-year request. Richard Zens wanted to be clear that this exemption has been approved in the past. Rose Keough stated yes.

Article two was approved.

Article 3. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the establishment of a Salt Shed Reserve Fund for salt storage?

Article three was moved by Sally Stone and seconded by Carl Graves. Richard Goddard inquired about where a new shed would be built. Richard Timmerman stated that it would be at the town garage site. Richard Goddard asked if there is enough room for it down there. Richard Timmerman explained that Road Foreman Marc Johnston has been in conversations about where it could go and felt we do have enough room. Richard Timmerman also explained that this article is to be able to set money aside. Article three was approved.

Article 4. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the transfer of any Highway Fund surplus on June 30, 2019 to the Salt Shed Reserve Fund?

Article four was moved by Colleen York and seconded by Michael Welther. Harriet Welther asked how much money this would be. Mark Hyde stated that there is no guarantee but typically it could be around twenty-five to thirty thousand. Harriet Welther inquired what would happen to that money if article four was not approved. Mark Hyde stated that it would go back to the taxpayers by applying it to the new tax rate.

Article four was approved.

Article 5. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund?

Article five was moved by John Williams and seconded by Sally Stone. Carl Graves asked how much money is currently in the reserve. Mark Hyde stated that it is approximately \$60,000.00.

Article five was approved.

Article 6. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Paving Reserve Fund?

Article six was moved by Harriet Welther and seconded by Theodore Rappahahan. Jeffrey Dexter asked what will be done with the money. Richard Timmerman stated that Road Foreman Marc Johnston does have a five-year plan however it depends on what we get for grant money.

Article six was approved.

Article 7. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Road Projects Reserve Fund?

Article seven was moved by Sally Stone and Seconded by Richard Zens.

With no discussion article seven was approved.

Article 8. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Reserve Fund?

Article eight was moved by John Williams and seconded by Carl Graves. Mark Hyde explained that major work has been done on the Hill Farm Road Bridge and the North Road Bridge. Rose Keough stated that the reserve funds are need in order to have the cash flow. When a grant is awarded the town pays the bill and the grant reimburses the town for the grant portion. Michael Welther asked if the last storm did any damage to the Sunderland Hill Road Bridge. Mark Hyde stated no.

Article eight was approved.

Article 9. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Guardrail Reserve Fund?

Article nine was moved by John Williams and seconded by Sally Stone.

With no discussion article nine was approved.

Article 10. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$7,000.00** for the purchase and installation of handicap door openers on the two front doors of the Municipal Office Building?

Article ten was moved by Michael Welther and seconded by Rita Bendix. Harriet Welther asked if it would be push button. Steven Bendix explained that it would be push panels.

Article ten was approved.

Article 11. Shall the voters of Sunderland approve the establishment of a Technology Reserve Fund for the purchasing and servicing of equipment?

Article eleven was moved by Colleen York and seconded by Theodore Rappahahan. Carl Graves inquired if the money would be used for computers in the town hall building. Mark Hyde explained that it would be used for that and noted that the Town Clerk computer failed this past year and had to be replaced. Mark Hyde also noted that a new computer was purchased for the Assistant Town Clerk and Zoning Administrator.

Article eleven was approved.

Article 12. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** for the Technology Reserve Fund?

Article twelve was moved by Marlyn Couture and seconded by Jeffrey Dexter.

With no discussion article twelve was approved.

Article 13. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** to be added to the Building Maintenance Reserve Fund?

Article thirteen was moved by Sally Stone and seconded by Carl Graves.

With no discussion article thirteen was approved.

Moderator Herrmann then ask John Williams to explain how articles fourteen through nineteen became part of the warning.

John Williams noted that articles fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen and nineteen were the same amounts that each requested last year so the organization put in a letter to request each article to the Selectboard. Article eighteen increased their request by \$700.00 so a petition was done and signed by at least 5% of the registered voters in order to be part of the warning.

Article 14. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate 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 fourteen was moved by John Williams and seconded by Alyson Grzyb.

Article fourteen was approved.

Article 15. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of **Burdett Commons, Inc.** to provide services to the residents of the town?

Article fifteen was moved by John Williams and seconded by Colleen York. Richard Zens asked for an explanation of what this article is for. Alyson Grzyb explained that Burdett does a lot of activities for the children in our area.

Article fifteen was approved.

Article 16. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate 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 sixteen was moved by Michael Welther and seconded by Joyce Williams.

With no discussion article sixteen was approved.

Article 17. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate 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 seventeen was moved by Harriet Welther and seconded by Richard Zens. Carl Graves asked if this amount had changed. John Williams stated the amount has not changed.

Article seventeen was approved.

Article 18. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate the sum of **\$8,200.00** for the support of the **Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc.** to provide services to the town?

Article eighteen was moved by Harriett Welther and seconded by Alyson Grzyb.

With no discussion article eighteen was approved.

Article 19. Shall the voters of Sunderland appropriate 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 nineteen was moved by Michael Welther and seconded by Rita Bendix.

With no discussion article nineteen was approved.

Article 20. To transact any other non-binding business that may come before this meeting.

Rose Keough asked the assembly to thank the out-going board members for their service. Mark Hyde Selectperson for eight years with most being chairman and Steven Bendix for eight years of service. Rose Keough also asked the assembly to thank Sally Ayrey for being our Moderator for at least twelve years. The assembly applauded in agreement. Rose Keough announced that Representative James and Browning had left newsletters in the hallway for anyone to take. Rose Keough also stated that there is a survey concerning the Solid Waste District which we are each asked to complete, and their newsletter is available. The hazardous waste collection date and time is there also. Rose Keough announced that there will be a rabies clinic on March 23, 2019 at the Second Chance Animal Center beginning at noon. Sunderland residents will be able to license their dogs at that time. Richard Zens stated that he is very concerned about energy conservation and would like to be part of a committee if one could be formed. Rose Keough stated that he should attend a Selectboard meeting and approach the topic there. Richard Zens was then asked about serving on the Selectboard and he stated that he would accept the position as a write in candidate. Jon French recognized that Melanie Virgilio will no longer be a member of the Selectboard after one year of service and eight years of service on the School Board. Jon French announced that Connor Stewart will accept a position of Selectperson for one year as a write in candidate. Jon French also noted that if anyone decides to get involved after the election just let the Selectboard know because they will appoint until the next election to the many vacant positions.

Moderator Herrmann recessed the meeting at 7:35 PM to allow a few minutes for Representative Kathleen James to address the people.

Moderator Herrmann reconvened the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Rose Keough reviewed that Connor Stewart will accept a write in election for a one-year Selectperson as will Richard Zens. James Ayrey will accept a write in election for Town Agent and Town Grand Juror. Cynthia Herrmann will accept a write in election for Moderator and Auditor. Rose Keough also introduced Theodore Rappahahan as a candidate on the ballot for Auditor for three years. Mark Hyde encourage other people to run for a position on the Selectboard. Steven Bendix agreed and stated that it has been very rewarding. Moderator Herrmann announced that the polls will be open from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM on March 5, 2019 at the Sunderland Town Office Building to vote on articles twenty-one through article twenty-four. Hearing no objections Moderator Herrmann adjourned this portion of the meeting at 7:45 PM.

The ballot boxes were declared open on March 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM by Town Clerk Rose Keough and closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

ARTICLE 24. To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

AUDITOR, for 1 year term

Write In Cynthia Herrmann	16	(Declined)
Write In Others	7	
Blank	108	
TOTAL	131	

AUDITOR, for 3 year term

Theodore Rappahahan	104	*
Write In Others	2	
Blank	25	
TOTAL	131	

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, for 3 year term

Neil Humphrey	115	*
Blank	16	
TOTAL	131	

FIRST CONSTABLE, for 1 year term

Jesse Stone	118	*
Blank	13	
TOTAL	131	

LISTER, for 1 year term

Write In Others	4
Blank	127
TOTAL	131

SELECTBOARD MEMBER, for 1 year term (Vote for 2)

Write In Connor Stewart	42	*
Write In Richard Zens	29	*
Write In Others	14	
Blank	177	
TOTAL	262	

AUDITOR, for 2 year term

Write In Cynthia Herrmann	9	*
Stephanie Peters	1	
Blank	121	
TOTAL	131	

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, for 2 year term

Write In James Ennis	2
Write In Others	3
Blank	126
TOTAL	131

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR, for 1 year term

Richard A. Davis, II	117	*
Write In Kathy Morse	1	
Blank	13	
TOTAL	131	

SECOND CONSTABLE, for 1 year term

Renee Stone	107	*
Blank	24	
Total	131	

LISTER, for 3 year term

Neil Humphrey	110	*
Blank	21	
TOTAL	131	

SELECTBOARD MEMBER, for 3 year term

Write In Connor Stewart	5
Write In Lily Van Haverbeke	3
Write In Others	4
Blank	119
TOTAL	131

TOWN AGENT, for 1 year term

Write In James Ayrey	26	*
Write In Others	5	
Blank	100	
TOTAL	131	

TOWN GRAND JUROR, for 1 year term

Write In James Ayrey	23	*
Write In Others	4	
Blank	104	
TOTAL	131	

TOWN TREASURER, for 3 year term

Rose M. Keough	119	*
Blank	12	
TOTAL	131	

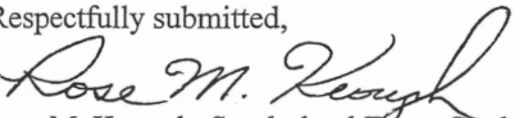
TOWN CLERK, for 3 year term

Rose M. Keough	123	*
Blank	8	
TOTAL	131	

TOWN MODERATOR, for 1 year term

Cindy Herrmann	29	*
Write In Others	4	
Blank	98	
TOTAL	131	

Respectfully submitted,



Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk

Sunderland Town Report

Arlington Area Childcare dba Happy Days Playschool

For more than 30 years Arlington Area Childcare has provided quality early childhood education with a focus on family and child centerdness here in the Arlington community. We also provide services to the children of the area, providing vision and hearing screening, partnering with Children's Integrated Services, Vermont Childcare subsidy, and many other support services and community connections.

Each year Happy Days strives to bring families together by hosting individual classroom family events, fundraisers, and center-wide gatherings. Events are planned throughout the year to help strengthen families and build a community amongst children, staff and families. Each family event is geared toward encouraging family bonding between our children and the people who care for them. Spending quality time as a family promotes better communication, improves relationships between caregivers and children while also providing a designated time for families to concentrate on each other with limited distractions.

For the first time in the center's history, a new director has taken the reigns at Happy Days. We will all miss Carol Barbierri and thank her for her commitment to quality early care and the community. Under the new director, Jean Edwards, Happy Days is looking toward becoming NAEYC accredited and jumping from our 4 STAR status to a 5 STAR status.

This past year Happy Days supported , or is supporting, 6 different staff members in receiving the education needed to be certified in their positions. We do this through the TEACH program, which helps teachers receive their Early Childhood Education degree, through the Childcare Fundamentals course, through higher education and through ongoing professional development. We just went to the VTAEYC conference as an entire center to receive nationally renowned professional development, which we can immediately use in the classroom.

Thank you to the Sunderland Community for continuing to support our programs, goals and mission.

Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.
P.O Box 62 Arlington, Vermont 05250

December 14, 2019

Town of Sunderland Select Board
104 Mountain View Rd.
Sunderland, VT 05250

Dear Members of the Select Board,

On behalf of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, I am writing to express our appreciation for the continued financial support of the board and the citizens of Sunderland. The Nursing Service is respectfully requesting that the board consider funding for the year 2020 in the amount of \$1500. The costs of Rutland Area Visiting Nurses providing home care to our residents in need continues as well as the Dental Programs for Fisher Elementary, the Middle School and the High School. Various other medical assistance needs are appropriately funded as they arise in our community. Our scholarship program continues each year as well, with four scholarships in place to four worthy graduating students who receive it for their entire four years depending on their diligently continuing their studies. We sincerely hope you are able to grant our request, so we may continue to provide these important services.

On behalf of the thirty citizens that make up our board we thank you for your service to our town and for your support of our missions.

Sincerely,



Donna Gunther, President
Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc.

The Arlington Lions Club has been an organization in Arlington since 1952. In those years the club has been an important part of serving the Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland communities. Our motto is "WE SERVE". Lions Club International is a worldwide organization of over 1.7 million members. Our local community benefits from the Arlington Lions Club affiliation with Lions Club International.

The local club of Arlington does fund raising projects to help with financial assistance for programs focused on vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian programs.

The largest project the club has done, was installing the Lions Pool in 1960, located at the Arlington Rec Park. The club still maintains the pool for the enjoyment of the entire community. The Pavilion was built in 1980 and has been a gathering place for community and private events. The Green Mountain Lions Camp, located in Cabot VT, brings together deaf and hard of hearing children to enjoy the activities of a summer camp is one of the important organizations we give financial aid to. Our club sponsors girls and boys to attend the Twin State Soccer Cup tournament. Donations are made to the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and Diabetes Foundation. Local charitable groups and youth groups benefit from our efforts with donations. Three scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students.

The club does eye screening in the local schools and provides the "Back to School Backpacks" program, also. We have helped with the Norman Rockwell Reunion by providing a luncheon for the models and guests, participated in our local Memorial Day Parade and Bennington Battle Day Parade. The Peanut Butter and Jelly Slam challenge benefited the area food shelves. The Haunted House at Halloween time with the donations of food and money going to the Arlington Food Shelf. The proceeds from the gold panning event went to a local organization.

We recently purchased new lights for the trees in the Village Green and in front of the town hall for the holiday season and have been providing this festive delight for many years.

The Arlington Lions Club is dedicated to helping others. If you would like to have fun and pride in helping the members of your community and the world around you, contact Nick Monte, Membership chair at 802-375- 6184 or any Lions Club Member.

25 January 2020

The Arlington Rescue Squad would like to thank the residents of Sunderland for their continued financial support through the Town appropriations process. This year, we will not be requesting an increase in town.

This year, we responded to a total of 510 calls, a 20% decrease from last year. Every year the number of calls is unpredictable. Not only does Arlington Rescue respond to medical emergencies and auto accidents in the Arlington area, but we are there to assist the Arlington and Shaftsbury Fire Department with stand-by assistance for structure and/or brush fires, and our community members needing assistance from falls and medical needs.

This last year, we've continued to making some long overdue building repairs. In the next few years, our building will need to be reroofed and continuously maintained. The cost of new required EMS equipment and supplies keeps increasing and there is no way we would be able to continue providing our services without community financial support.

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. Our Explorers Post program (the first EMS Explorers post in the state) is doing very well. We have a great group and have started training them to become better first responders. This youth program is designed to teach important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorships provided by ARSI, our community, and business leaders. This program will help equip young people with character, leadership and life skills that can be used both today and in their future careers. Please visit our website for more information on our Explorer Post. *(Photo below is our Explorer Post Officers)*

We are also providing more training opportunities for the general public and our local work force to include CPR/AED and Basic First Aid. Contact us to set up a training for your group.

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 2 full time employees working 7 days a week from 6am – 6pm , and our volunteers provide coverage weeknights from 6pm to 6 am. All staff and volunteers 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 other obligations —To help offset the need for volunteer man hours, incorporating the paid staff to cover the weekend peak times, and lessen the burden to our volunteers has increase our cost by about \$45,000.00.

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.

Respectfully submitted:

Josh Williams, Executive Director

Public Service Announcement:

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.



Arlington Volunteer Fire Department

2019 Annual Report

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 158 calls for assistance in 2019.

By Town, the calls were;

Arlington 93,	Sandgate 6,	Sunderland 48,	Manchester 2,
Shaftsbury 3,	Shushan, NY 2,	Dorset 3,	Bennington Rural 1

By type, the calls were;

Structure/Chimney Fires 10,	Motor Vehicle Accidents 30,	Alarms 38,
Grass/Brush Fires 5,	Good Intent 6,	Car Fire 3,
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 5,	Rescue Squad Assist 9,	Powerlines 19
Furnace Malfunction 1,	Wilderness/Water rescue 2,	Water Emergency 13
Storm Damage 3,	Spill / Leak 2,	Landing Zone 2
Mutual Aid 10,		

The Volunteer Members of the Fire Department performed in excess of 900 hours of training last year. We also had 8 members complete the 60 hour EMR course (emergency medical responder) and will be responding with Arlington Rescue in the near future. All the equipment was purchased and will be distributed to the personnel as soon as the testing requirements are completed.

We have continued the task of spec'ing out a replacement truck for our oldest apparatus, a 1990 custom pumper. This process averages 2 years of time including meetings with manufacturers, trips to inspect other trucks nearby, putting out proposals for bids and build time for the winning manufacturer. We hope to place an order in the near future but as prices continue to climb dramatically each year our sinking fund has not been able to keep up. The projected cost of a replacement apparatus is \$510 - \$530k.

We have over the last year looked to have a study completed on the Emergency Services in our communities. We hope to have several questions answered in regards to the future make-up of the Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad. What direction do we move toward in the short term, (5 yrs.) and long term (10 – 20 yrs.). Do we remain independent or merge? How do we deal with a lack of Volunteerism here, as well as across the state and country? What are the needs of our communities going forward? We have many other questions to be fielded and feel an outside look at our situation would give us the best unbiased answers we need.

We are always looking for new member's to join our ranks. We have many volunteer options with training requirements based on the position you are seeking. Please stop by or give us a call any Tuesday evening and we would be happy to show you around and give you more information. We look forward to seeing you!

In closing please remember to **change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors** and test them regularly. Also please **post your 911 numbers in a visible location from the road** so time is not wasted responding to your emergency. **Dial 911 for an emergency** and 802-375-2323 for non- emergencies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fire Chief 2019
James Paustian

Bennington County Regional Commission

The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) works with and on behalf of its member municipalities to build strong, resilient, and sustainable communities, to foster economic prosperity, and to promote a high quality of life for residents of the region. The BCRC plays an important role in coordinating work among local governments, state and federal agencies, regional public and nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and private interests.

In addition to its ongoing role in supporting the comprehensive planning work of municipal officials and volunteer boards and commissions, the BCRC serves as a regional center for work in community and economic development, transportation, energy, environmental conservation, water quality, solid waste management, and emergency management. The BCRC regularly conducts and sponsors public meetings and workshops on these topics throughout the region.

During the past year, the BCRC has worked to implement its comprehensive plan through a variety of programs and cooperative work with member municipalities. Economic development planning in the region has become one of the BCRC's main program areas. Economic development planning at the BCRC, including dedicated staff directed by a committee with representatives appointed by the regional development corporation, supports business retention, growth, and recruitment. An outgrowth of this economic development work involves a cooperative effort across the region and with Windham County to develop a US EDA approved Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The BCRC also has provided staff support for a major downtown redevelopment project in Bennington that grew from brownfields and community development work overseen by the Commission. Concern over the state's water quality has led the BCRC to identify and implement local projects that not only reduce stormwater runoff, but also protect roads, bridges, culverts, and private property. Other important accomplishments have included: assistance with updates to several municipal comprehensive plans and land use bylaws, development of municipal energy plans and support for local energy committees, village center and neighborhood development area designations, implementation of the regional solid waste management plan in cooperation with the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance, and planning for transportation and other local infrastructure.

Some of the key projects to be undertaken by the BCRC in the coming year include: continued work on the Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, energy plan implementation activities, workforce and business development initiatives, cooperative programs with the Lightning Jar entrepreneurial center, water quality management plans and projects, assessment of brownfield sites throughout the region, building redevelopment and reuse strategies, regional food systems planning, expanded education and outreach to support waste reduction and recycling goals, completion of municipal hazard mitigation plans, and management of intersection improvement and multi-use pathway projects.

The BCRC is governed by locally appointed commissioners from seventeen area municipalities and commissioners who represent interests ranging from public health to economic development. Our office, located at 111 South Street in Bennington, is open Monday through Friday. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month, with frequent special meetings throughout the year (information at: www.bcrcvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sullivan, Director

Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance

Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance provides programs to reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills by promoting recycling and reuse as well as resource conservation. The Alliance offers education, outreach and other assistance to businesses, schools, institutions and event organizers in 1) complying with the Universal Recycling Law and other solid waste management requirements, 2) increasing reuse and recycling, and 3) reducing the amount of solid waste disposed in landfills. These programs help residents, businesses, schools and institutions find solutions to recycling, food scrap diversion and the disposal of items such as electronic waste, fluorescent bulbs, paint and others that are banned from landfills.

The Alliance website at www.bcswavt.org and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/solidwastealliance) provide information on:

- battery recycling through the Call2Recycle program
- disposal of used motor oil at retail establishments and transfer stations that accept motor oil
- recycling of paint through the PaintCare program, including lists of retail stores that accept paint
- prescription drug disposal including drop-off locations
- recycling of textiles by the One World Center, Goodwill and others
- events for disposing household hazardous waste
- disposing of fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and other mercury items at transfer stations, some retail establishments and at household hazardous waste collection events.
- disposal of E-Waste at area transfer stations, Goodwill and retail establishments
- diverting food scraps by composting and annual sales of compost bins and kitchen compost containers

This past year the Alliance provided technical assistance to over 40 businesses and three schools, as well as several major event organizers, held two household hazardous waste events, supported an E-Waste collection at the Dorset School and sold compost bins to residents. In 2020, we plan to hold two household hazardous waste events for residents and small businesses of all thirteen towns. The spring event will be held at the Bennington Transfer Station and the fall event at the Dorset School. Check the website above for updates and details. The Alliance receives most of its funding from the 13 towns, but this past year received grants from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture and Markets.



Your Community Media & Training Center

www.gnat-tv.org

(Arlington, Dorset, Londonderry, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Stratton, Sunderland, Weston, Winhall)

Thank you for your past support of GNAT-TV. Your financial support enables us to provide video coverage of your local government meetings. GNAT-TV is a 501c3 Not for Profit Organization created by community members in 1995. GNAT-TV employs local citizens to videotape the meetings and makes these meetings (and other educational, civic and community events) available to all citizens on our cable channels, on YouTube and our website: www.gnat-tv.org. In 2020 we will launch distribution on Apple TV and Roku.

In addition to our meeting coverage, GNAT-TV offers free and low-cost media services and provides a platform for local voices to be heard. Residents, government entities, community organizations and schools within our eleven-town service territory may produce and broadcast non-commercial television programs. GNAT-TV maintains community television studio facilities, lends high quality video equipment and provides technical training. GNAT-TV maintains a vibrant youth program including internships, media production camps and school collaborations. The News Project provides local news and information (in 2019 GNAT-TV Produced 258 local News Project programs).

Local media coverage is vital to our democracy. We ask for your financial contribution to help support your community media. Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration and support.

Service Area

Arlington, Dorset, Londonderry, Manchester, Peru, Rupert, Sandgate, Stratton, Sunderland, Winhall

Ways to Watch

GNAT-TV.org

YouTube.com/gnataccess

Comcast Cable Channels:

1074 (Public), 1084 (Government), 1094 (Education)

Roku & Apple TV

Mission

To provide public access to media technologies, equipment, training, and local information for our regional community.

Vision

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.

2019 Usage Data

487	Equipment & Facility Reservations
189	Training Sessions
737	People Trained
74	Community Video Announcements
403	Community Bulletin Board Announcements
620	Local Public Programs Produced
199	Government Meetings
251,994	Online Video Views

GNAT-TV Statement of Financial Activities Summary Year Ending September 30, 2019 Additional details available at gnat-tv.org

Operating Revenue

Mandated PEG Access Operating Revenue	403,134
Program Services	10,580
Municipal Contributions (Total 7 Towns)	14,000
Contributions	19,301
Investment Income	9,291
Other	1,898
Net Assets Released from Restriction (Acquisition of Capital Assets/Expense)	1,299
Total Operating Revenue	459,503

Operating Expense

Operating Expense: Program Services	394,766
Operating Expense: Support Services	89,392
Total Operating Expense	484,708
Change in Net Assets without Restrictions	-25,205

Capital Revenue / Expense

Changes in Net Asset with Restrictions:	
Mandated PEG Access Capital Revenue	40,313
Other: Comcast Settlement Funds	23,500
Net Assets Released from Restriction (Acquisition of Capital Assets/Expense)	-1,299
Change in Net Assets with Restrictions	62,514
Changes in Net Assets	37,309
Net Assets Beginning of Year	508,920
Net Assets End of Year	546,229



GREEN UP VERMONT

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Green Up Day marked its 49th Anniversary on May 4, 2019 with 22,000+ volunteers participating and over 43 tons of litter collected statewide. Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's support to execute the tradition of cleaning up our roadways and waterways, while promoting civic pride. The tradition of Green Up Day began in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May 2020.

Green Up Vermont offers a statewide educational component for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org for full details.

Support from cities and town's is essential to our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating costs. Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 65,000 Green Up trash bags, education, and promotional outreach.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate sponsors and individual donors. Individuals can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

Keep up-to-date with Green Up Vermont by joining our newsletter, liking us on Facebook (@GreenUpVermont), following us on Instagram (greenupvermont), and by visiting our website.

Join us: Green Up Day, May 2, 2020 and help Celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

Martha Canfield Library Annual Report

The Martha Canfield Library Board of Trustees thanks you for your continued support as we strive to serve anyone in need of information, education and pleasure reading and viewing. We have had a busy year, participating in the Memorial Day parade in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion, giving away children's books at the Summer Farmer's Market, coordinating an exhibit about Norman Rockwell's Arlington: America's Home Town at the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier, participating in Vermont Reads 2019 and starting a Young Writer's group. All this in addition to our usual books, periodicals, DVDs, interlibrary loan, information services, museum passes, and much more. In addition, we were very pleased to receive a donation from Mack Molding of \$10,000 to purchase a new copier/scanner and several new computers.

We accepted with regret the retirement of our library assistant and children's program coordinator, Peggy Hanson, but are very pleased to announce our new staff person, Holly Dix. Holly has some volunteer experience in a library and has been a Boy Scout leader. She is excited to be working with you and your family.

The Russell Vermontiana Collection served more than 71 researchers in 2019. Thirty-nine of the researchers were local residents, and the others were from Massachusetts to Oregon and California. The major project was preparation and installation of the Rockwell exhibit at the Vermont Historical Society Museum. We also received thirteen major donations and many smaller donations of photographs, books, and ephemera. The oldest included a collection of newspapers from the 1850s-1880s, and a local account book that was started ca. 1797.

2020 is the year for the United States Census, which is very important for equitable allocation of federal funds and for accurate legislative representation. Most people will be able fill out your census form online. If you need assistance, the library staff will be ready to help at any time. If you would like to find out more about the Library, visit us online at marthacanfieldlibrary.org or on our Facebook page.

We look forward to your continued support.

Phyllis Skidmore, Director

Sheila Kearns, President of the Board of Trustees

The SoVT CUD Task Force is working to bring modern high-speed internet service (fiber) to underserved areas of the Bennington County region.

By creating the Southern Vermont Communication Union District (SoVT CUD), we aim to take advantage of the recently passed "broadband bill," Act 79. This bill encourages the formation of CUDs and provides money for feasibility studies to help them succeed.

A CUD is a governance structure (like a water or wastewater district) allowing multiple towns to band together to attack their internet problems as a region. Recent history has shown that neither the State nor the federal government are going to solve the rural internet problem for us, and it is too big for one town. Multiple towns working together is the proven solution.

The first CUD in Vermont was ECFiber and it is a huge success. Serving 27 towns in east central Vermont, they are providing super high-speed Internet directly to homes in rural areas. In partnership with ValleyNet, an Internet service provider (ISP), they have blazed the trail that the rest of us hope to follow

The key things to know about joining a CUD:

1. Joining a CUD will not raise taxes, ever. By state law, tax money cannot be used to pay for communication infrastructure. The build-out will be paid for with grants, donations, and service fees. Most of the funding will come from the subscribers who buy the internet service.
 2. Your town's only real responsibility to the CUD is to appoint a representative and an alternate to the governing board. The governing board will run the CUD, define its rules and policies, and contract an ISP to provide service.
 3. This is how the state wants us to solve this problem, and CUDs are forming all over the state, including Windham County, the Northeast Kingdom, and other areas.
- Don't let your town get left behind. We need your help.



Rutland Office: 802-786-5990
Bennington Office: 802-442-5436
Helpline: 1-800-642-5119

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 2019:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 65 meals that were delivered to the homes of 2 elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels”. In addition, 10 Sunderland elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 118 meals were provided.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 10 elders in your community for a total of 181.25 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) “Senior HelpLine” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health; 8) Transportation assistance; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.



U.S. Department
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White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women's Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.
Associate Medical Center Director

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

About the League

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

Member Benefits

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

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

At the heart of all these activities is VLCT's commitment to serving as a good steward of member assets, and we are proud of the progress we continue to make in that effort. Members are welcome to visit the VLCT office anytime to review the operations of the organization, to ask questions, and to access resources that can help each individual official and employee carry out the important work of local government.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, visit the VLCT website at vlct.org.

SUNDERLAND TOWN WEBSITE

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	KATHLEEN JOHNSTON	375-9315
	LUCILLE MORSE	375-6991

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STRATTON TOWN CLERK	896-6184

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