

158th ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2016



Financial Reports - July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

NEWFANE VERMONT

~ DEDICATION ~
FREDERICK WILLIAM EDWARD BACON, JR. & LAURA WALLINGFORD BACON



Photo Credit: Drew Richards

“I love to build and Laura loves to garden,” is how Fred Bacon explains how he and Laura chose to site their house at the east end of a pasture that a town history once described as part of “the best farm in Newfane.” Tucked under the road and above the Rock River, their center-chimney cape features Fred-built cabinetry and overlooks Laura’s extensive garden, a good portion of which is devoted to garlic. While they abandoned their initial plan to sell organic vegetables, Fred remains something of a garlic evangelist, providing seed cloves and growing advice to countless friends, neighbors and acquaintances in Newfane and beyond.

Instead of selling surplus produce, Laura and Fred grow enough to feed themselves through the winter by putting food by. Fred, whose career included time-motion analysis in industry, puts up fifty-two quarts of tomato sauce, one for every Wednesday night of the year. Fred is also the household baker and cider-maker, while Laura grows the tomatoes and everything else, which she freezes, including a cache of zucchini bread (both plain and chocolate) that makes only a brief appearance at community potlucks before it disappears.

Off the farm, both Laura and Fred have served our community, Fred as a member of the Select Board and a Justice of the Peace; Laura on the Old Cemetery Committee that visited and inventoried the town’s antique cemeteries, and she’s been a moving force behind Newfane’s annual *Green Up!* for years and years. Laura and Fred also have a deep interest in family history; they have traveled around the state digging up their respective families’ genealogical roots dating back to the earliest days of Vermont’s European period.

Laura has taken her interest in history further, to the tremendous benefit of the town. She helped launch *Newfane Remembers*, a series of historical essays about people and places based on extensive research and interviews with long-time residents. While Castle Freeman wrote the essays, he says, “Laura did all the work!”

As an active member of the Historical Society of Windham County (and current president), Laura has brought both innovative ideas and enormous energy to preserving Newfane’s historical heritage, from organizing the bi-annual Windham County History Expo to spearheading the purchase, fundraising and preservation of the West River Railroad’s depot in Newfane, now part of the HSWC Museum. She plans to preserve the nearby wooden water tank next.

While Laura is out preserving history, Fred is out making it as one of the leading lights of *Local Voices*, a soiree for local writers that has been meeting monthly at the Moore Free Library since 2009. “Fred’s the anchor,” says participant Bruce Hesselbach. “I don’t think the group would continue without him. Fred keeps it going.”

Fred’s wry poems, anecdotes, and short stories reveal closely observed human behavior with compassion and humor. In addition to reciting his works at the annual Williamsville Talent Show, he has a published collection, *Chipmunk Chicken*.

More than any number of accomplishments or civic engagement, however, what makes Laura and Fred beloved members of our community is the cheerful assumption of good will with which they greet all who cross their path.

~ Deborah Lee Lusk

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WARNING
FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL NEWFANE TOWN MEETING
WILLIAMSVILLE HALL
MARCH 7, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Newfane, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned that pursuant to Title 17 V.S.A. Section 2655, they are to meet at the Williamsville Hall in Williamsville, Vermont on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to act upon the articles below.

ARTICLE 1:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane elect all Newfane Town Officers as required by law for the ensuing year? (Voting on this article to be by Australian Ballot from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.)

Constable	1-year term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1-year term
Lister	3-year term
Moderator – Town	1-year term
Selectboard Member	3-year term
Selectboard Member	1-year terms (Two Positions)
Town Agent	1-year term
Town Clerk	1-year term
Town Treasurer	1-year term

ARTICLE 2:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Treasurer to collect current taxes, pursuant to 32 VSA §4791?

ARTICLE 3:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane pay taxes for the ensuing year on a quarterly basis, due on the 15th of August, October, January and April; the late charge for interest being at the maximum legal rate of 1% per month for the current fiscal year and 1.5% per month for each month thereafter until paid?

ARTICLE 4:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Selectboard to sell or otherwise convey property acquired through tax sale proceedings?

ARTICLE 5:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,178 for Southern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)? [Not in the budget]

ARTICLE 6:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane vote to authorize capital fund expenditures in the amount of \$381,638 as proposed in the Capital Needs Plan for Fiscal Year 2018?

ARTICLE 7:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Selectboard to raise the amount of \$206,400 for Fiscal Year 2018 capital needs?

ARTICLE 8:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$30,000 for Fiscal Year 2018 capital needs?

ARTICLE 9:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane vote to raise the amount of \$100,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund to be solely dedicated for future capital needs?

ARTICLE 10:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize Town and Highway operational expenditures in the amount of \$1,378,908?


ARTICLE 11:

[NON BINDING] Do the voters of the Town of Newfane wish to keep, or look into the possibility of keeping two recycling bins on town property?

ARTICLE 12:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

SELECTBOARD:




Todd Lawley, Chair



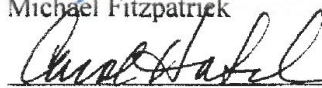
Gary Delius



Marion Dowling



Michael Fitzpatrick



Carol Hatcher

January 30, 2017

**WARNING
NEWFANE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2017 ANNUAL MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Newfane, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Williamsville Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. to consider and act upon the following articles:

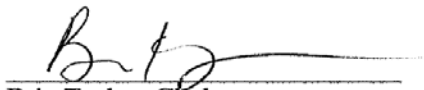
- Article I: To elect all Newfane School District Officers as required by law for the ensuing year. (Voting on this article to be by Australian ballot from 9:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.)
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| Newfane School District Moderator | 1 year term ending in 2018 |
| Newfane School District Treasurer | 1 year term ending in 2018 |
| Newfane School District Director | 3 year term ending in 2020 |
| Newfane School District Director | 1 year of a 3 year term ending in 2018 |
| Leland & Gray School District Director | 3 year term ending in 2020 |
- Article II: To compensate the Directors of the Newfane School District \$200 each.
- Article III: To set the date of the Annual Meeting of the Newfane School District for the first Tuesday in March in the year of 2018.
- Article IV: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Newfane, Vermont this 5th day of January in the year 2017

Newfane School Board of Directors:


Kenneth McFadden, Chair


Luke Stafford, Vice Chair


Brin Tucker, Clerk

WARNING
SPECIAL MEETING
NEWFANE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Newfane Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Williamsville Hall in said Town of Newfane on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles.

Article I. Shall the Newfane Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the school districts of Brookline, and Leland & Gray Union Middle/High School #34, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, and the school districts of Jamaica, Townshend and Windham, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the West River Education District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

In the event the necessary town school districts and a majority of the advisable town school districts all vote to approve the merger, but one district votes NO, a Modified Unified Union School District (MUUSD) will be formed pursuant to the provisions of Act 156 of 2012. In this case, the MUUSD will be named the West River Modified Union Education District. If a MUUSD is established, then the town school district (the "Non-Member District") that did not vote to join the Unified District will be a member of the Unified District for Grades 7-12 with voting membership on the Board for matters related to Grades 7-12.

(a) Grades. The unified union school district will offer pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education to all of the students in the unified union school district.

(b) Board of School Directors. Board of School Directors. The unified district board of school directors initially will be comprised of nine members elected from the electorate in individual towns. For the nine members elected in individual towns, representation on the Unified District Board will be closely proportional to the fraction that the town's population bears to the aggregate population of the Unified District. Initial Board composition will be based upon the year 2010 Federal Census and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. However, at no time will a town district have less than one member on the Board. Subject to

the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Effective January 1, 2018, the Board of School Directors shall be expanded to include two members elected at large for a total of eleven members. The two at large members will be elected by a vote of the entire electorate of all towns joining the unified union school district or modified union school district. Votes of the entire electorate shall be counted together (comingled) without being first counted at the town level. The at large members shall be elected at the 2018 annual meeting.

- (c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of forming districts; assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the forming districts; acquire, maintain, and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 6, 7, and 14 regarding special funds, indebtedness, real and personal property and closing of school buildings are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.
- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016 and including an amendment approved by the State Board of Education on January 17, 2017, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

Article II. To elect three (3) school directors from the nominees residing in Newfane to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

One (1) school director for a two-year term.

One (1) school director for a three-year term.

One (1) school director for a four-year term.

The legal voters of the Newfane Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting and voting procedures relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2017 at Newfane, Vermont.



Kenneth McFadden, Chairperson



Luke Stafford, Vice-Chairperson



Brin Tucker, Clerk

Received for record this 20th day of January, 2017, at Newfane, Vermont.



Gloria Cristelli, Town Clerk

TOWN BUDGET & REPORTS

**TOWN
BUDGET SUMMARY
7/1/2017 – 6/30/2018
Estimated 2017 Tax Rate**

Proposed
Expenditures

\$ 1,860,546

Anticipated
Revenue

\$ 530,238

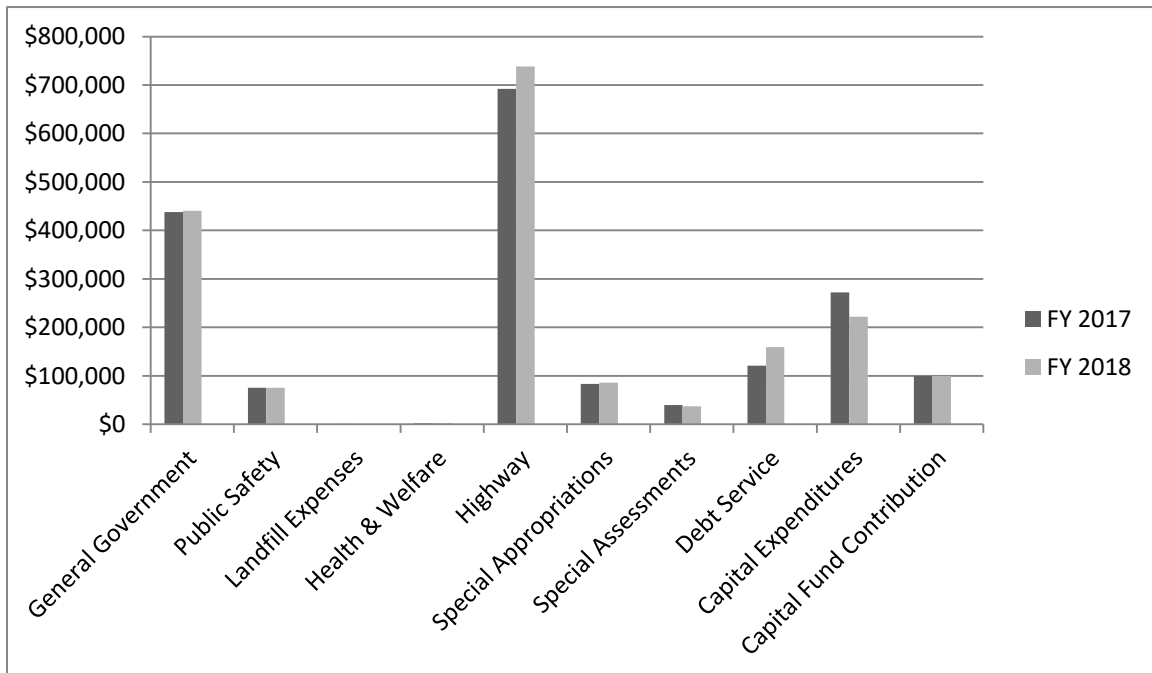
To Be
Raised

\$1,330,308

Tax Rate:

To Be Raised: $\frac{\$1,330,308}{\$2,806,457^*} = .47$
Grand List:

*As in prior years, at the time we publish the Annual Report and vote on the budget, the Grand List for the year 7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017 has not been determined in accordance with Vermont State Law. Therefore, in computing the estimated tax rate for purposes of consideration of the proposed budget, we have used the current Grand List figures plus 1%. It should be pointed out that it is normal for the Assessed Valuation to increase each year. It should also be noted that based on the above Assessed Value, the tax rate is increased or decreased approximately \$0.01 per \$1,000 for every \$28,065 of expense. It should also be noted that with the reappraisal required by the State, the Grand List and tax rate will change.



**TOWN OF NEWFANE
GRAND LIST - 2016 FORM 411**

REAL ESTATE	# PARCELS	MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION HOMESTEAD	EDUCATION NON-RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL EDUCATION
Residential I	471	105,497,900	68,487,125	37,010,775	105,497,900
Residential II	260	96,205,700	57,659,667	38,546,033	96,205,700
Mobile Homes - U	140	1,033,900	0	1,033,900	1,033,900
Mobile Homes - L	15	1,469,100	511,300	957,800	1,469,100
Seasonal 1	133	19,293,600	4,690,200	14,513,400	19,203,600
Seasonal 11	97	24,710,400	2,707,100	22,003,300	24,710,400
Commercial	26	8,499,700	0	8,499,700	8,499,700
Commercial Apartments	1	484,000	0	484,000	484,000
Industrial Plants	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities - E	2	26,038,300	0	26,038,300	26,038,300
Utilities - O	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	80	5,711,300	0	5,711,300	5,711,300
Miscellaneous	88	7,409,000	0	7,409,000	7,409,000
TOTALS	1,313	296,352,900	134,055,392	162,207,508	296,262,900
Cable	1	260,733		260,733	260,733
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		296,613,633	134,055,392	162,468,241	296,523,633
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans	10	400,000	100,000		100,000
Contracts	5	1,352,533		647,700	647,700
Current Use	88	14,125,400	2,851,600	11,273,800	14,125,400
Total Exemptions		15,877,933	2,951,600	11,921,500	14,873,100
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		2,806,457.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST (1% of total listed value of real estate)			1,311,037.92	1,505,467.41	2,816,505.33

Number of Non-Taxable Parcels 44 These parcels are not included in the list

TOWN OF NEWFANE
FY 2016 - FY 2018 REVENUES

				PROPOSED
	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	Budget FY 2018
GENERAL FUND REVENUE				
Fax Use Fee Revenue	\$0	\$110	\$0	\$0
Workers' Comp Audit Refund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency Line of Credit	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Flood Relief Donations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEMA or FHWA Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Refund	\$0	\$92	\$0	\$0
Election Grant Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Property Taxes	\$1,344,040	\$1,330,616	\$1,284,449	\$1,230,308
Prior Year Surplus	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current Use Revenue	\$51,000	\$63,465	\$50,000	\$50,000
School Tax Administration Fee	\$0	\$8,356	\$0	\$8,000
Pilot Revenue	\$0	\$183	\$0	\$100
Town Per Parcel Revenue	\$0	\$1,365	\$0	\$0
Delinquent Property Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Delinquent Property Tax Interest	\$15,000	\$35,112	\$15,000	\$15,000
Delinquent Property Tax Penalty	\$11,500	\$28,749	\$5,000	\$5,000
Returned Check Charge	\$0	\$13	\$0	\$0
Liquor License Fees	\$200	\$485	\$400	\$400
Zoning Permit Fees	\$2,000	\$3,899	\$2,000	\$2,000
Selectboard Fees	\$500	\$510	\$400	\$400
State Highway Aid	\$140,000	\$140,981	\$140,000	\$140,000
Town Clerk Fees	\$16,000	\$19,247	\$15,000	\$15,000
Copy Fees	\$3,500	\$4,347	\$3,500	\$3,500
Deferred Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant Revenue	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Williamsville Hall Rental Income	\$800	\$450	\$800	\$400
Proceeds from Borrowing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cash Account Interest	\$700	\$900	\$700	\$700
Current Year Past Due Tax Interest	\$7,000	\$15,583	\$7,000	\$7,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,000	\$833	\$1,000	\$1,000
Equipment Insurance Claim	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance Refunds	\$0	\$10,525	\$0	\$0
Equipment Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fuel Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Judicial Fine Income	\$6,000	\$6,393	\$6,000	\$6,000
Tax Bill Copy Fees	\$150	\$353	\$150	\$200
Impound Fee Revenue	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$100
Town Property Rental Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Redeemed Tax Sales	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Restricted Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
EWP Grant Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HMGP Buyout Grant Revenue	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$8,247</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$1,600,490	\$1,706,013	\$1,531,499	\$1,485,108

TOWN OF NEWFANE
FY 2016 - FY 2018 REVENUES

				PROPOSED
	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	Budget FY 2018
<u>OTHER REVENUE</u>				
Williamsville Hall Fund Revenue	\$0	\$4,552	\$0	\$0
Monument Fund Interest	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$0	\$4,553	\$0	\$0
<u>REAPPRAISAL FUND REVENUE</u>				
Interest Earnings	\$200	\$239	\$200	\$200
Listers' Education Grant	\$0	\$286	\$0	\$0
Per Parcel State Payment	\$0	\$11,603	\$0	\$0
Transfer In	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$200	\$12,128	\$200	\$200
<u>CAPITAL FUND REVENUE</u>				
State Funds Paving/Bridge Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Reserve Fund Interest	\$100	\$105	\$200	\$238
Sale of Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Capital Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Proceeds	\$0	\$110,800	\$180,000	\$30,000
Transfer In	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$196,530</u>	<u>\$120,000</u>	<u>\$245,000</u>
	\$100	\$307,435	\$300,200	\$275,238
Fred Adams Fund Interest	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0
Records Restoration Fund Revenue	\$0	\$1,799	\$0	\$0
Transfer In	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bond Investment Refund	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$0	\$1,800	\$0	\$0
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	1,600,790	2,031,928	1,831,899	1,760,546

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
FY 2016 - FY 2018 EXPENSES**

	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	PROPOSED Budget FY - 2018
<u>TOWN & HIGHWAY</u>				
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
<u>TOWN OFFICER SALARIES</u>				
Selectboard	\$750	\$0	\$500	\$500
Road Commissioner	\$500	\$0	\$350	\$350
Listers	\$27,000	\$24,836	\$27,000	\$27,000
Board of Civil Authority	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$50
Ballot Clerks	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
Town Meeting Expense	\$500	\$764	\$1,500	\$1,500
Ballot Tabulator	<u>\$900</u>	<u>\$942</u>	<u>\$2,664</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
	\$29,900	\$26,587	\$32,264	\$30,600
<u>TOWN CLERK</u>				
Town Clerk Salary	\$35,725	\$33,058	\$36,797	\$35,000
Petty Cash	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Asistant Town Clerk Wages	\$3,000	\$3,525	\$3,500	\$3,500
Leave Time Paid	\$0	\$6,803	\$0	\$0
Town Clerk Records Expense	<u>\$11,500</u>	<u>\$10,965</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
	\$50,225	\$54,352	\$43,797	\$42,000
<u>TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSE</u>				
Selectboard Mileage	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300
Listers' Expense	<u>\$3,700</u>	<u>\$3,400</u>	<u>\$4,100</u>	<u>\$6,220</u>
	\$4,000	\$3,400	\$4,400	\$6,520
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</u>				
Administrative Assistant	\$41,400	\$39,541	\$42,642	\$43,682
Leave Time Paid	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,668</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$41,400	\$42,209	\$42,642	\$43,682
<u>ANNUAL REPORT</u>				
Annual Report Expense	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,788</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
	\$4,500	\$4,788	\$4,500	\$5,000
<u>LEGAL FEES</u>				
Selectboard Legal Fees	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$715</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
	\$2,500	\$715	\$2,500	\$2,500
<u>AUDIT FEES</u>				
Professional Annual Audit	\$15,000	\$15,938	\$16,000	\$17,000
Single Audit Costs	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$15,000	\$15,938	\$16,000	\$17,000
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</u>				
Miscellaneous Office Supplies	\$2,500	\$2,666	\$2,500	\$3,000
Bank Reconciliation Wages	\$1,000	\$425	\$750	\$750
Office Postage	\$3,500	\$3,469	\$4,100	\$4,000
Copier Supplies & Service	\$1,000	\$903	\$1,000	\$1,000
Website Maintenance	\$250	\$167	\$250	\$250
Town Office Computer	\$3,800	\$3,724	\$4,500	\$4,000
Town Office Mileage	\$1,000	\$809	\$600	\$600
NEMRC Fees	\$2,200	\$1,944	\$2,200	\$2,500

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
FY 2016 - FY 2018 EXPENSES**

	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	PROPOSED Budget FY - 2018
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (Continued)</u>				
Professional Development	\$2,000	\$1,981	\$2,000	\$2,000
VLCT Dues	\$2,822	\$0	\$2,849	\$2,948
VMCTA TC/Treasurer Dues	\$60	\$55	\$60	\$60
Selectboard Advertising	\$1,000	\$738	\$1,000	\$1,000
Miscellaneous Bank Charges	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$21,132	\$16,882	\$21,809	\$22,108
<u>PLANNING COMMISSION EXPENSES</u>				
Planning Commission Wages	\$1,000	\$0	\$500	\$500
Planning Commission Postage	\$100	\$0	\$600	\$600
Planning Commission Expenses	\$250	\$399	\$250	\$550
Planning Commission Advertising	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$200
Planning Commission Consulting	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$300
Mapping	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$100
Planning Commission Legal Fees	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$250</u>
	\$2,850	\$399	\$2,850	\$2,500
<u>ZONING/DRB EXPENSES</u>				
Zoning Administrator Wages	\$6,500	\$5,904	\$6,500	\$6,500
Zoning Administrator Mileage	\$200	\$295	\$250	\$250
Zoning Administrator Postage	\$75	\$0	\$75	\$0
Zoning Administrator Expenses	\$100	\$0	\$75	\$75
Zoning Professional Development	\$150	\$0	\$75	\$75
DRB Wages	\$200	\$0	\$100	\$100
DRB Mileage	\$50	\$0	\$25	\$25
DRB Postage	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$0
DRB Expenses	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50
DRB Advertising	\$250	\$333	\$400	\$400
DRB Legal Fees	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$1,500
911 Coordinator Wages	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
911 Coordinator Mileage	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50
Conservation Commission Expenses	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$100</u>
	\$10,525	\$6,531	\$10,500	\$9,375
<u>DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR</u>				
Collector of Delinquent Taxes Wages*	\$11,500	\$26,742	\$5,000	\$5,000
Town Purchase Reversal	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$11,500	\$26,742	\$5,000	\$5,000
<i>*Offset by 8% Penalty Collected</i>				
<u>TOWN TREASURER</u>				
Town Treasurer	\$35,725	\$34,503	\$36,797	\$35,000
Assistant Town Treasurer	\$3,000	\$2,882	\$3,500	\$3,500
Leave Time Paid	\$0	\$5,522	\$0	\$0
	\$38,725	\$42,908	\$40,297	\$38,500
<u>GENERAL INSURANCE</u>				
Property & Casualty Insurance	<u>\$26,512</u>	<u>\$28,503</u>	<u>\$28,996</u>	<u>\$29,000</u>
	\$26,512	\$28,503	\$28,996	\$29,000

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
FY 2016 - FY 2018 EXPENSES**

	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	PROPOSED Budget FY - 2018
<u>TOWN OFFICE/WILLIAMSVILLE HALL</u>				
Town Office Cleaning Wages	\$1,000	\$1,058	\$1,000	\$2,000
Town Office Cleaning Supplies	\$250	\$80	\$325	\$250
Town Office Grounds Maintenance	\$1,500	\$3,273	\$2,300	\$3,100
Williamsville Hall Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,011	\$1,500	\$1,500
Williamsville Hall Grounds Maintenance	\$500	\$243	\$500	\$500
Town Office Phone/Fax	\$1,500	\$1,900	\$1,500	\$1,500
Town Office Heat	\$3,500	\$1,462	\$2,500	\$2,500
Williamsville Hall Heat	\$1,000	\$961	\$1,500	\$1,000
Town Office Electricity	\$1,500	\$1,521	\$1,500	\$1,500
Williamsville Hall Electricity	\$600	\$558	\$600	\$600
Town Office Misc./Improve	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>\$6,908</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
	\$16,350	\$18,973	\$16,725	\$17,950
<u>SMALL OFFICE EQUIPMENT</u>				
Small Office Equipment	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$660</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
	\$500	\$660	\$500	\$500
<u>SOCIAL SECURITY</u>				
Social Security Payroll Tax	<u>\$24,000</u>	<u>\$27,390</u>	<u>\$27,000</u>	<u>\$28,000</u>
	\$24,000	\$27,390	\$27,000	\$28,000
<u>VMERS RETIREMENT</u>				
Retirement - Town Contribution	<u>\$16,653</u>	<u>\$17,980</u>	<u>\$17,000</u>	<u>\$18,000</u>
	\$16,653	\$17,980	\$17,000	\$18,000
<u>WORKERS' COMP. & HEALTH INSURANCE</u>				
Workers' Compensation Insurance	\$10,052.00	\$10,861.70	\$12,919.00	\$13,000.00
Health Insurance Contribution	\$93,017.00	\$96,128.86	\$95,000.00	\$96,000.00
Aflac	\$0.00	\$110.56	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dental Insurance Contribution	<u>\$8,030.00</u>	<u>\$8,029.80</u>	<u>\$8,200.00</u>	<u>\$8,200.00</u>
	\$111,099.00	\$115,130.92	\$116,119.00	\$117,200.00
<u>OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>				
Uniforms	\$3,600	\$3,637	\$3,600	\$3,800
Unemployment Insurance	<u>\$600</u>	<u>\$6,636</u>	<u>\$600</u>	<u>\$600</u>
	\$4,200	\$10,274	\$4,200	\$4,400
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>				
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$14,648</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
	\$500	\$14,648	\$500	\$500
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$432,071	\$475,010	\$437,599	\$440,335
PUBLIC SAFETY				
<u>CONSTABLE</u>				
Constable Wages	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50
Constable Mileage	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50
Constable Expenses	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50</u>
	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150
<u>LAW ENFORCEMENT</u>				
Law Enforcement Services	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$9,403</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$10,000	\$9,403	\$10,000	\$10,000

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
FY 2016 - FY 2018 EXPENSES**

	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	PROPOSED Budget FY - 2018
<u>FIRE COMPANIES</u>				
NewBrook Fire & Rescue	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
South Newfane/Williamsville Fire Dept.	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Mutual Aid Dues	\$0	\$0	\$25,206	\$25,206
	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$65,206	\$65,206
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$50,150	\$49,403	\$75,356	\$75,356
<u>LANDFILL EXPENSES</u>				
Landfill Post Closure Testing	\$4,000	\$200	\$500	\$500
	\$4,000	\$200	\$500	\$500
<u>HEALTH & WELFARE</u>				
<u>HEALTH OFFICER</u>				
Health Officer Wages	\$300	\$58	\$150	\$150
Health Officer Mileage	\$100	\$36	\$50	\$50
	\$400	\$93	\$200	\$200
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>				
Animal Control Expenses	\$400	\$40	\$800	\$800
Poundkeeping Fees *	\$500	\$550	\$550	\$550
	\$900	\$590	\$1,350	\$1,350
<i>* Portion is offset by Impound Fee Collected</i>				
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$5,300	\$883	\$2,050	\$2,050
<u>HIGHWAY</u>				
<u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SALARIES</u>				
General Maintenance Wages	\$89,096	\$82,605	\$89,500	\$91,000
General Maintenance Wages - Overtime	\$10,000	\$610	\$7,000	\$7,000
Winter Maintenance Wages	\$58,210	\$56,946	\$59,000	\$61,000
Winter Maintenance Wages - Overtime	\$21,685	\$15,331	\$25,000	\$25,000
Road Construction Wages	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Bridge Maintenance Wages	\$1,000	\$160	\$1,000	\$1,000
Equipment Maintenance Wages	\$10,000	\$10,120	\$14,000	\$15,000
Emergency Work Wages	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Miscellaneous Town Garage Labor Wages	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Highway Leave Time Paid	\$0	\$18,387	\$0	\$0
	\$195,991	\$184,159	\$201,500	\$206,000
<u>EMERGENCY EXPENSES</u>				
Emergency Contract Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency Rental Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency Trash Removal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency Bridge Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency Loan - Principal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency Loan - Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>ROAD MAINTENANCE</u>				
Roadside Mowing	\$9,000	\$5,825	\$9,000	\$9,000
Maintenance Contracted Services	\$2,000	\$3,222	\$2,000	\$2,000
Road Construction Contracted Services	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Bridge Contracted Services	\$30,000	\$27,593	\$30,000	\$35,000

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
FY 2016 - FY 2018 EXPENSES**

	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	PROPOSED Budget FY - 2018
<u>ROAD MAINTENANCE (Continued)</u>				
Retreatment and Sealing *	\$130,000	\$134,714	\$130,000	\$130,000
Tree Removal Contracted Services	\$2,500	\$1,913	\$2,500	\$2,500
Chloride	\$12,000	\$10,670	\$12,000	\$12,000
Gravel	\$80,000	\$73,704	\$80,000	\$80,000
Culverts	\$5,000	\$4,654	\$5,000	\$5,000
Signs	\$2,500	\$1,595	\$2,500	\$4,000
Winter Sand	\$45,000	\$39,424	\$45,000	\$50,000
Winter Salt	\$45,000	\$32,420	\$45,000	\$45,000
Bridge Materials	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$4,000
Emergency Materials	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Equipment Rental	\$1,000	\$157	\$1,000	\$1,000
Guardrails	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$12,000
Traffic Safety	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
	\$380,000	\$335,891	\$380,000	\$408,500
<i>* Cost of Paving Offset by \$193,000 Grant</i>				
<u>EQUIPMENT GAS & OIL</u>				
Diesel & Miscellaneous Fuel	\$40,000	\$21,352	\$40,000	\$40,000
	\$40,000	\$21,352	\$40,000	\$40,000
<u>EQUIPMENT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE</u>				
Radio & Radio Repair	\$2,000	\$890	\$2,000	\$14,000
Highway Department Mileage	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
Tires & Chains	\$17,000	\$10,608	\$17,000	\$17,000
2017 Mack	\$3,000	\$4,899	\$8,000	\$1,700
2006 John Deere Grader	\$3,000	\$1,320	\$3,000	\$4,000
1986 Ford F-650 Chloride Truck	\$1,800	\$688	\$1,800	\$1,800
2015 CAT Loader	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
2009 STERLING L7500	\$3,000	\$7,835	\$0	\$4,000
Wood Chipper	\$200	\$16	\$200	\$200
2010 CAT Backhoe	\$1,000	\$85	\$1,000	\$1,000
2014 Mack Truck 4x4	\$1,500	\$282	\$1,500	\$1,200
2013 Mack Truck	\$1,000	\$1,204	\$1,200	\$1,200
2011 F-350 FORD	\$1,000	\$1,981	\$1,000	\$1,000
Rake Parts	\$1,000	\$837	\$1,000	\$1,000
2015 Ford F-550	\$0	\$512	\$1,000	\$1,000
Chloride Spreader Parts	\$200	\$182	\$200	\$200
Chainsaws & Mowers	\$750	\$1,178	\$750	\$1,000
Sander Parts	\$2,000	\$2,324	\$2,000	\$2,500
Plow Parts and Repairs	\$5,000	\$3,769	\$5,300	\$5,300
Miscellaneous Parts and Repairs	\$5,000	\$4,533	\$6,000	\$6,000
	\$51,050	\$43,143	\$53,050	\$64,200
<u>CEMETERY MAINTENANCE</u>				
Cemetery Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,352	\$1,500	\$1,500
	\$1,500	\$1,352	\$1,500	\$1,500
<u>TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE</u>				
Town Garage Telephone	\$300	\$490	\$300	\$400
Town Garage Heat	\$6,000	\$3,013	\$5,000	\$5,000
Old Town Garage Electricity	\$150	\$204	\$200	\$200
New Town Garage Electricity	\$1,500	\$1,394	\$1,500	\$1,500
Town Garage Repair Services	\$5,500	\$5,041	\$5,500	\$5,500
Town Garage Supplies	\$750	\$395	\$750	\$750
	\$14,200	\$10,538	\$13,250	\$13,350

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
FY 2016 - FY 2018 EXPENSES**

	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	PROPOSED Budget FY - 2018
<u>SMALL EQUIPMENT</u>				
Town Garage Computer	\$500	\$263	\$500	\$1,500
Highway Professional Development	\$500	\$210	\$500	\$500
Small Tools & Equipment	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$1,934</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
	\$3,000	\$2,407	\$3,000	\$4,500
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$685,741	\$598,842	\$692,300	\$738,050
<u>SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>				
American Red Cross	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
AIDS Project of Southern Vermont	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Grace Cottage Hospital	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220
Senior Solutions	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$1,150	\$1,150
The Current	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
Early Education Services	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900
The Gathering Place	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Historical Society of Windham County	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Townshend Community Food Shelf	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Groundworks Collaborative	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
South Newfane Community Association	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Leland & Gray Educational Foundation	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
HCRS	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$1,850
Newfane Anew	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Moore Free Library	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$600
Morningside Shelter	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0
SeVEDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rescue, Inc.	\$46,585	\$46,585	\$47,983	\$47,983
Green Mountain RSVP	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Restorative Community Justice of Southern Vermont	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
SEVCA	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
Timson Hill Preschool	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Valley Cares	\$2,675	\$2,675	\$2,675	\$2,675
Vermont Adult Learning	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Vermont Green Up	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance	\$420	\$420	\$420	\$420
Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$4,125	\$4,125	\$4,500	\$4,500
Williamsville School Preservation Society	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Windham County Humane Society	\$720	\$720	\$900	\$720
Windham Child Care	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Windham Regional Commission	\$3,179	\$3,179	\$3,179	\$3,789
Women's Freedom Center	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Youth Services	<u>\$1,660</u>	<u>\$1,660</u>	<u>\$1,660</u>	<u>\$1,660</u>
	\$80,134	\$79,634	\$83,587	\$86,117
<u>SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS</u>				
Windham County Tax	\$16,000	\$19,382	\$19,000	\$20,000
WSWMD Assessment	<u>\$23,851</u>	<u>\$23,850</u>	<u>\$21,095</u>	<u>\$17,000</u>
	\$39,851	\$43,232	\$40,095	\$37,000
TOTAL TOWN & HIGHWAY	\$1,293,247	\$1,247,004	\$1,330,987	\$1,378,908

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
FY 2016 - FY 2018 EXPENSES**

				PROPOSED
	Budget FY 2016	Actual FY 2016	Budget FY 2017	Budget FY - 2018
<u>CAPITAL FUND EXPENDITURES</u>				
Equipment Loans - Principal	\$77,612	\$81,525	\$92,176	\$128,525
Equipment Loans - Interest	\$13,217	\$9,088	\$9,628	\$11,811
Town Office Capital Improvements	\$15,000	\$19,100	\$30,000	\$50,000
Capital Highway Construction	\$25,000	\$57,500	\$10,000	\$25,000
Capital Bridge Construction	\$30,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$65,000
Capital Highway Equipment	\$20,000	\$16,784	\$180,000	\$60,000
Williamsville Hall Capital Improvements	\$5,000	\$3,471	\$12,000	\$12,000
Bridge 14 Bond - Principal	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
Bridge 14 Bond - Interest	\$7,214	\$7,214	\$7,008	\$6,802
Town Garage Capital Improvements	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$205,543	\$207,182	\$403,312	\$381,638
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>1,498,790</u>	<u>1,454,186</u>	<u>1,734,299</u>	<u>1,760,546</u>

CAPITAL NEEDS SUMMARY FY 2017

	FY 2017	FY 2018 (Article 6)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
PLANNED ACQUISITIONS					
Highway Equipment	180,000	60,000	85,000	85,000	20,000
Bridges	40,000	65,000	30,000	40,000	40,000
Highway Improvements	10,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Town Buildings	52,000	72,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Subtotal - Total Acquisitions	282,000	222,000	200,000	210,000	145,000
Debt Service Payments	121,312	159,638	181,889	125,271	106,500
TOTAL EXPENSES & DEBT SERVICE	403,312	381,638	381,889	335,271	251,500
Additions to Reserves	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUIRED	503,312	481,638	481,889	435,271	351,500
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
FY 16 Surplus Transferred to Capital	0	130,000	0	0	0
Capital Reserves to Be Used	120,000	115,000	176,689	175,000	146,300
Borrowing	180,000	30,000	0	55,071	0
Capital Reserve Interest	200	238	200	200	200
Taxes to Be Raised	203,112	206,400	305,000	205,000	205,000
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	503,312	481,638	481,889	435,271	351,500
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	0	0	0	0	0

Balance of Capital Reserve Fund As of 6/30/2015
\$147,362

CAPITAL NEEDS 2016-2020

	2016-2017	2017-2018 (Article 6)	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
PLANNED ACQUISITIONS					
Highway Equipment					
2011 Ford F-350 (5 years)	0	60,000	0	0	0
2009 Sterling L7500 (10 years)	0	0	0	0	0
2006 Sterling L9000 (10 years)	180,000	0	0	0	0
2014 Mack 4X4 Truck (15 years)	0	0	0	0	0
2006 John Deere Grader (15 years)	0	0	75,000	75,000	0
2010 CAT Backhoe (12 years)	0	0	0	0	20,000
2015 CAT Loader (Lease - 7 years)	0	0	0	0	0
Plows/Sander	0	0	10,000	10,000	0
2010 Chipper	0	0	0	0	0
Steam Jenny	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	180,000	60,000	85,000	85,000	20,000
BRIDGES					
Arch Bridge	40,000	40,000	30,000	40,000	40,000
River Road Bridge	0	25,000			
TOTAL BRIDGES	40,000	65,000	30,000	40,000	40,000
HIGHWAYS					
Grimes Hill Road	0	0	25,000	25,000	25,000
Depot Hill Road	0	0	0	0	0
Newfane Hill Road (Grout Pond Spillway)	10,000	0	0	0	0
Dover Road	0	0	0	0	0
South Wardsboro Road	0	25,000	0	0	0
Stratton Hill Road	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	10,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
BUILDINGS					
Williamsville Hall	12,000	12,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Town Offices	30,000	50,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Town Garage	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL BUILDINGS	52,000	72,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
TOTAL ACQUISITIONS	282,000	222,000	200,000	210,000	145,000

CAPITAL NEEDS 2016-2020

	2016-2017	2017-2018 (Article 6)	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
CAPITAL DEBT SERVICE					
<i>Equipment Loans</i>					
(Backhoe, Mack Trucks, F-550)	92,176	128,525	150,000	95,000	80,000
Interest	9,628	11,811	13,000	12,000	9,000
Bonds					
Bridge 14 Bond	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
Bond Interest	7,008	6,802	6,389	5,771	5,000
TOTAL CAPITAL DEBT SERVICE	121,312	159,638	181,889	125,271	106,500
TOTAL ACQUISITIONS & DEBT SERVICE	403,312	381,638	381,889	335,271	251,500
ADDITIONS TO RESERVES	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
TOTAL REQUIRED	503,312	481,638	481,889	435,271	351,500
SOURCES OF FUNDS					
FY 16 Surplus Transferred to Capital	0	130,000	0	0	0
Capital Reserves to Be Used	120,000	115,000	176,689	175,000	146,300
Borrowing	180,000	30,000	0	55,071	0
Capital Reserve Fund - Interest	200	238	200	200	200
TOTAL SOURCES OF NON-TAX FUNDS	300,200	275,238	176,889	230,271	146,500
TAXES TO BE RAISED	203,112	206,400	305,000	205,000	205,000
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	0	0	0	0

Balance of Capital Reserve Fund As of 6/30/2015
\$147,362

TOWN EMPLOYEE SALARIES BENEFITS - FISCAL YEAR 2016

HIGHWAY

Todd Lawley	\$ 54,478.36	
Michael A. O'Donnell**	11,490.30	
John W. Snow	38,670.78	
Jay R. Wilson	29,614.17	
Stephen Languerand	41,012.89	
Nicholas Lawley	5,820.78	
		\$ 181,087.28

** No longer employed.

LISTERS

Doris Knechtel	\$ 12,135.60	
Frank Suponski	5,234.40	
Lynn Forrest	4,604.40	
		\$ 21,974.40

OTHER OFFICES

Gloria J. Cristelli – Town Clerk	\$ 39,173.00	
Dedra Dunham - Assistant Town Clerk	4,614.83	
Merle Tessier - Zoning Administrator	5,796.40	
Merle Tessier - 911 Coordinator	0.00	
Maureen Albert-Piascik – Treasurer	39,337.26	
Alane Perkins – Assistant Treasurer	2,856.84	
Shannon Meckle - Assistant Treasurer	52.50	
Maureen Albert-Piascik – Collector of Delinquent Taxes	26,741.96	
(Offset by Penalties Collected)		
Shannon Meckle – Administrative Assistant	41,412.80	
Alane Perkins - Selectboard Bank Reconciliation	215.01	
Frank Suponski - Deputy Health Officer	57.60	
		\$ 160,258.20

TOTAL SALARIES

\$363,319.88

(All other Town Officials served without compensation.)

At the recommendation of the auditors, the salary for elected officials is no longer listed as a separate article in the Warning. Upon election of a new official, the Selectboard is responsible for determining salary. Incumbents will receive budgeted salary, unless budget is amended at town meeting to adjust salaries.

DETAILED LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

	BUDGET 2016-2017	PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-2018
American Red Cross	\$500.00	\$500.00
AIDS Project of Southern Vermont	\$250.00	\$250.00
Brattleboro Area Hospice	\$300.00	\$300.00
The Current	\$750.00	\$750.00
Early Education Services	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
The Gathering Place	\$400.00	\$400.00
Grace Cottage Hospital	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Green Mountain RSVP	\$400.00	\$400.00
Green Up Vermont	\$100.00	\$100.00
Groundworks Collaborative, LLC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services (HCRS)	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00
Historical Society of Windham County	\$250.00	\$250.00
Leland & Gray Educational Foundation	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Moore Free Library	\$500.00	\$600.00
Senior Solutions	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00
Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
West River Watershed Alliance	\$420.00	\$420.00
Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS)	\$0.00	\$0.00 **
South Newfane Community Association	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Timson Hill Preschool	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Townshend Community Food Shelf	\$500.00	\$500.00
Valley Cares, Inc.	\$2,675.00	\$2,675.00
Vermont Adult Learning	\$500.00	\$500.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	\$220.00	\$220.00
Vermont Rural Fire Protection	\$100.00	\$100.00
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Williamsville School Preservation Society	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	\$900.00	\$720.00
Windham Child Care <i>(formerly Windham County Reads)</i>	\$500.00	\$500.00
Women's Freedom Center	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Youth Services	\$1,660.00	\$1,660.00
TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS	\$32,425.00	\$32,345.00

TOWN ASSESSMENTS

	BUDGET 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017
Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT)	\$2,849.00	\$2,948.00
Vermont Municipal Clerks & Treasurers' Association	\$60.00	\$60.00
Windham Regional Commission	\$3,179.00	\$3,789.00
Windham County Tax	\$19,000.00	\$20,000.00
Windham Solid Waste Management District	\$21,095.00	\$17,000.00
TOTAL TOWN ASSESSMENTS	\$46,183.00	\$43,797.00

PUBLIC SAFETY ASSESSMENTS & APPROPRIATIONS

	BUDGET 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017
NewBrook Fire & Rescue	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Rescue, Inc.	\$47,983.00	\$47,983.00
South Newfane - Williamsville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Mutual Aid Dues - NewBrook Fire & South Newfane/Williamsville	\$25,206.00	\$25,206.00
Law Enforcement Contract	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY ASSESSMENTS & APPROPRIATIONS	\$123,189.00	\$123,189.00

** *Funding Request via separate article (not in the budget.)*

NOTES

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS & OTHERS

TOWN FINANCIAL REPORTS

TOWN OFFICERS – 2016/2017

Town Moderator: Deborah Lusk	(2017)	Board of Health: Comprised of the Selectboard	
Town Clerk: Gloria J. Cristelli	(2017)	Zoning Administrator: Merle Tessier	
Selectboard: Marion Dowling Todd Lawley Michael Fitzpatrick Carol Hatcher Gary Delius	(2017) (2017) (2017) (2018) (2019)	Road Commissioner: Christopher Williams	
Town Treasurer: Maureen Albert-Piascik	(2016)	Road Foreman: Todd Lawley	
Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Maureen Albert-Piascik	(2017)	Assistant Town Clerk: (Appointed by Town Clerk) Dedra Dunham	
Listers: Frank Suponski Doris Knechtel Lynn Forrest	(2017) (2018) (2019)	Assistant Treasurer: (Appointed by Treasurer) Alane Perkins	
Grand Juror: Archer Mayor	(2017)	Tree Warden: William C. Guenther	
Town Agent: VACANT	(2017)	Town Fire Warden: (Appointed by the State) Todd Lawley	(2017)
First Constable: Archer Mayor	(2017)	Planning Commission: Tim Cawrse (Resigned) Angela Sanborn (Appointed) VACANCY Lynn Forrest Mike Young Bob McCandless	(2017) (2017) (2017) (2018) (2018) (2019)
Board of Civil Authority: Comprised of Current Selectboard, Town Clerk, and Justices of the Peace			
Justices of the Peace: Mary Ann Clarkson Priscilla M. Cotton Robert Crego Ellen Darrow Caroline "Apple" Gifford Richard J. Marek Evelyn Sirois		Development Review Board Ted Colligan, Chair John Mariano Al Weisbrich David Cotton Rick Wilson	(2017) (2017) (2018) (2019) (2019)
Health Officer & Deputy: (Appointed by the State) Dr. Timothy Shafer Frank Suponski	(2017) (2017)	DRB - Alternates VACANCY VACANCY	(2017) (2017)
		Windham Regional Commission: Hendrik van Loon Jodi French	

TOWN OFFICERS – 2016/2017

Emergency Management Committee:

Steve D. Jones
Todd Lawley
Josh Brookes
Jay Wilson
Gregory L. Record

Representative to Rescue, Inc.:

Win Clark

Town Energy Coordinator:

VACANCY

Town Service Officer:

VACANCY

Animal Control Officer:

Michael Young

Poundkeeper:

Windham County Humane Society

Fence Viewers:

Larry C. Robinson
Gregory L. Record
Theodor E. Schreyer

Inspector of Wood:

VACANCY

Weigher of Coal:

VACANCY

Senior Solutions:

Doris Knechtel

Vermont Green-Up:

Laura Bacon
Thanice Petrak

WSWMD Supervisors:

Johanna Gardner
Shannon Meckle (Alternate)

Conservation Commission:

VACANCY	(2017)
Bruce W. Hesselbach	(2018)
Gregory L. Record	(2018)
Sylvia Kinney	(2019)
Thanice Petrak	(2019)

E-911 Coordinator

Merle Tessier

Williamsville Hall Committee

Myra Fassler
Mike Gilbert
Jonathan Julian
Annie Landenberger
Steven Levine, Chair
Nancy Rysz
Breeze Verdant
Mike Young

NEWFANE SELECTBOARD REPORT

Several important projects and concerns were addressed throughout the year. Roads and bridges in Newfane are always a priority, particularly during the winter months. Newfane has a total 50 bridges, making it the town with the second highest number of bridges in the State of Vermont.

Work continued on the Arch Bridge replacement in collaboration with VTrans conforming to the most recent decisions regarding the traffic signage. We are requesting two stop signs by the bridge, one on Grimes Hill Road and the other on Dover Road.

Line striping was done on Dover Road, Depot Road, Grimes Hill Road and the South Wardsboro Road. A new line item was added for traffic calming and safety, including striping for those roads. There will be new Newfane Village striping on crosswalks and speed signs added.

The Town also received two paving grants in the amount of \$193,200 to support the completion of paving on Dover Road as well as on Auger Hole Road.

The AT&T cell tower came on line, providing greater coverage around Newfane. Most people have cell phone service at this time. We are hoping that all residents will have service in 2017.

The Board continues to explore the factors involved with the proposed solar array on the closed landfill property and will hold informational meetings for the public in 2017. The town has had presentations by solar companies, and we will continue the process at public meetings.

The Selectboard received a formal recommendation from the Newfane Planning Commission for an amendment to the Town Plan, which allows the town to apply for Village Center Designation. The Commission presented information about Village Center Designations in Vermont, and had speakers elaborate on the plans at warned meetings.

In the last few months, attention has been given to the future of recycling through the Windham Solid Waste Management District. At first plastics were limited to #1 and #2 only, and the most recent decision announced by WSWMD is that they will close down the MRF (Materials Recovery Center) and not have bins in the member towns. Again, there will be informational meetings for the public to attend.

The Selectboard and the Town Building Committee spent months discussing the future of our Town Hall. The Agenda of most meetings in 2016 included presentations of plans and discussion of constructing a new Town Hall Building. There were informational meetings held at Town Hall, the Newbrook Fire Department, and at the Williamsville Hall. Voting for a bond to pay for the project was held in August and then again in November. The result was “No” for taking out a bond.

We endorse a hearty thank you to the Williamsville Hall Committee for their continued efforts to upgrade and generally improve the Williamsville Hall through donations. The building is used for many different events throughout the year and is attracting a strong following from the residents and people from further away.

We would like to offer a big Thank You to Newfane Anew for all they do to enhance our lives in Newfane. Two summer concerts, a spectacular display on the Common for Halloween, inviting Santa Claus to bestow gifts and best wishes at the Union Hall at Christmas time are just a few of their projects which were presented in 2016.

In addition, when the Creamery on Route 30 burned to the ground, Newfane Anew rallied and created a fundraiser held at the Four Columns Inn. Proceeds were given to employees who lost their jobs due to the disaster.

Upcoming challenges for the next Board include work on the town office, major repairs to be done on the River Road Bridge, decisions about a solar array project and changes in garbage/recycling removal.

The Selectboard thanks all the employees in the Town of Newfane for the hard work they do. We thank the volunteers and the citizens for their ongoing commitment to our town.

REMINDER: Selectboard meetings are open to the public. Videos of each meeting can be seen on BCTV television station and online at www.newfanevt.com.

Todd Lawley, Chair

Carol Hatcher, Vice Chair

Marion Dowling

Mike Fitzpatrick

Gary Delius

NEWFANE TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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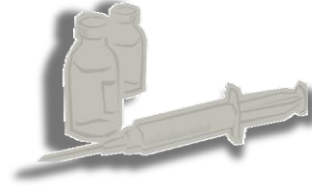
Keepers of Dogs and Cats That Need Inoculations Should Read This!



- ✓ **Animal Clinic will be on March 25, 2017** for both dogs and cats at the NewBrook Fire Department from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
You can also get the dog tags at the same time, but remember, this is only a week before prices go up!

Please register your dogs NOW!

Neutered or spayed	\$10.00
Not neutered or spayed	\$15.00



Get your dog's 2017 tag on or **before April 1, 2017** by:

- Coming into the Town Clerk's Office during office hours,
- Mailing in a check made out to the Town of Newfane in the amount of the fees due and a self-addressed stamped return envelope. (P.O. Box 36, Newfane, attention town clerk) or
- Coming to the clinic mentioned above.

I will retire upon the completion of my eighth year as Newfane's Town Clerk, effective after the results are determined in the Australian balloting at Town Meeting on March 8, 2017. These eight years have been years of constant learning, problem-solving, and initiating various projects, many above and beyond the given duties of town clerk. I served as both town clerk and selectboard member for four years, and especially poignant are the memories of Tropical Storm Irene and the way our community helped one another.

2016-a year of elections. In 2016 Newfane had a record-setting 80% of registered voters vote in the General Election. We also had a record-breaking 37% of that 80% vote early or absentee. This required diligent use of the new Vermont election management system (VEMS) to track all ballots. I want to thank all of you who worked as assistant election officials. Having a second set of officials for all three major election cycles: town officials and presidential primary, primary elections and town bond, and finally general elections and town bond involved many more of you who volunteered to assist than a regular year of elections. Through the new management system, I have been able to send each new voter a certificate of registration, easily and usually on the day that I processed the registration.

If you have any questions about the election management system, please review the following:

Vermont Elections Management System (VEMS) – includes a statewide voter checklist and other resources and tools to be used by town and city clerks across Vermont to conduct all of their election related business – from registering voters, to processing absentee ballot requests, to entering election results;

Online Voter Registration Tool – allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet; and

“My Voter Page”—online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, view a sample ballot, and much more.



The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> and the My Voter Page login can be found at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

As **keeper of the land records and vital records**, I ensure the documents are recorded accurately and remain safe for the coming generations. **All original documents** are sent back to banks, government offices, or individuals and an *attested "true" copy* is placed in the land record books that are secured in a fire-proof vault. For vital records, the originals are indexed and placed in the correct book, and certified copies go to the public.

If there were a catastrophic event, like the furnace exploding, that destroyed the vault which houses the land and vital records and much more, property owners would not have been able to verify ownership of their land. During my years as town clerk, however, I've requested funds to be able to create backup or redundancy of our land records. No redundancy is required in the State Statutes. We use Cott Systems, as do a number of other Vermont towns, to index, scan, and from which to print the attested copies of your land records. The indexing and scans are backed up in three different sites in Ohio. If the vault were destroyed, I could access the land records online and reprint them. This can be done for only the volumes that have been indexed and the scans filed. The good news is that all volumes 75 to 138 have records in the cloud.

What about Volumes 1-72? I am proofreading Volume 72 and will continue to go back in land record history and hopefully have all scans filed with the documents. We are now re-indexing Volume 58, and can conceivably complete this gargantuan project by the time I retire. This has been and is being accomplished because of great help from my assistant town clerks: Dedra Dunham and Peter Putnam. Peter is a Vermont Associate trainee, and the town does not pay him. I am also thrilled in having a Leland & Gray student, Veronica Stephens, doing her community service requirement for graduation (3.5 years early!).

Microfilm is a second redundancy to back up our paper records. Of the twenty-five (25) rolls of microfilm that had been stored at the Vermont State Archivist's climate controlled vault, thirteen (13) of them were deteriorating, and I had them restored. They are again stored at the State Archivist. Volume 23 had not been scanned, so I asked the company from Hyde Park to scan that volume and create microfilm. I took twenty-three (23) rolls of newly created microfilm to Middlesex to be housed in the climate controlled vault. Now we have two redundancies in case we lose the paper records in the vault. Unfortunately, I have not found any microfilm for Volumes 1-13. The State Archivist also does not store vital records, so all the birth, death, and marriage microfilm is in our not climate-controlled vault.

Out of concern for the earliest land record books and vital record books, I measured for and ordered **archival boxes** with almost each and every book being a different size; there was no consistency in size and shape of early volumes. The earliest volumes were handwritten with the town clerk mixing his ink. Pages are fading as exposed as they are in a non-climate controlled vault. These archival boxes should retard that deterioration, and when, and if, the voters of the Town of Newfane are ever convinced that we **MUST** have a climate controlled vault for your land and vital records, it will not be too soon.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Cristelli

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Bridges continue to be one of the biggest problems for the town. The Selectboard has been working with VTrans on the concrete arch bridge. The plans are being drawn up for a new bridge like the one that is there now. The town received news that the timeline on construction has been moved back two years, with construction starting in the summer of 2020. Newfane's River Road Bridge is also in very poor condition, according to the state. The Road Foreman and Selectboard are working with VTrans and Windham Regional Commission to try to get some funding. The bridge has been closed to trucks over 16,000 pounds. This means a delay in emergency response for people living on the south end of River Road. The town continues to work on the other bridges that need work as the budget allows.

The town got two paving grants this year thanks to Shannon and Todd applying for them. One grant was for Dover Road and the other was for Auger Hole Road. The town paved two and one-half miles this year which is a huge help. This winter has been hard on the black top with all the rain and ice. There are a lot of places that are starting to crack and pothole out. The town had some money left over from this year's paving, so that money will be spent on more paving projects this spring before the new budget. We also plan on paving approximately one mile next year.

New this year, white lines were painted on the edge of the black top on Depot Road, Dover Road, Grimes Hill Road, and South Wardsboro Road. I have had a lot of positive feedback from people about how much better it is. The Selectboard plans on having this done every year now and added a line item to the budget.

The new Mack dump truck is here, replacing a 2006 Sterling truck. The Ford F350 pick up truck will be replaced this year, pending approval at Town Meeting. The Highway Department has been told by Radio Repair that the federal government is phasing out low band radios. All the radios that the town has are low band. This means the Selectboard had to add enough money in the budget to upgrade the radio system to high band radios.

The road crew has hauled a lot of crushed gravel this year. They've done a good job keeping up with the roads. Some culverts were replaced in town. One of the bigger projects was a 3ft x 80ft culvert on Jones Hill Road, replaced by a contractor. The crew will be out this spring replacing more culverts. I hope that the crew will get some more time to cut brush this year. There are a lot of places in town that need it. The town will be checking with the Corrections Department to see if there are community service volunteers that could do brush cutting. The Town of Jamaica does this every year.

The crew has put a lot of hours in this winter with all of the ice storms and has done an excellent job keeping the roads passable and safe to travel on. All the storms have eaten into the sand, salt and overtime budgets. There is not a lot we can do about it, other than hope that these storms let up soon.

Christopher Williams, Road Commissioner

NEWFANE - BOARD OF LISTERS

Every year the state compares the assessed values in the Grand List to all sales from the last three years as part of the Certified Equalized Education Property Value study. The most recent study shows that Newfane's Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), which measures the accuracy of overall assessment, has been determined to be 107.81%, down from 108.055% for the previous year. The Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), which measures equity, is 15.92%, down from 21.43% for the previous year. The total Equalized Education Property Value is \$261,233,550. The 2017 town-wide reappraisal for Newfane is well underway. The NEMC appraisers are involved in doing the final interior inspections and visits to properties. Property owners will be notified in May about the proposed change in value. At that time, property owners may set up an informal hearing with NEMC to discuss the proposed 2017 Grand List value. In June of 2017, property owners may request a formal grievance with the Newfane Board of Listers. Once that has been completed, the Newfane 2017 Grand List will be used to set the tax rate for the 2018 fiscal year.

In June of 2016, approximately twenty-one (21) property owners grieved to the Listers by coming in for an appointment or by writing a letter requesting a change in appraisal of their property. Some values were corrected, reduced or denied, and again those who grieved were sent a notice of the Listers decision. Of those, only four (4) property owners appealed to the Board of Civil Authority. The BCA changed one (1) of the values as set by the Listers and one (1) withdrew their appeal.

The Current Use Program now has 88 landowners participating with 12,507 acres enrolled in the program, the value of which is a reduction of \$14,215,400 off of the Newfane Grand List. The state pays a portion of the taxes back to the town and the school.

The Listers are continuing to visit properties with new houses, additions, new sheds or barns, and those that were incomplete during previous year's site visits. At Kenolie Campground, there are 145 camp sites that have to be updated on a yearly basis to determine the current owner and camper trailer on site.

The Newfane Listers appreciate the cooperation of Newfane's landowners in allowing them to visit and inspect properties. Keeping the Grand List current is a daunting task and very important to all of the taxpayers of Newfane. Every year the state adds additional requirements and responsibilities for the listers.

The Newfane Board of Listers takes pride in serving the property owners in this capacity. Thank you for the opportunity.

Doris Knechtel, Chairman

Lynn Forrest

Frank Suponski

Zoning Administrator Report

From January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 26 building permits were issued.

The breakdown of the permits is as follows:

Barns & Sheds	4
Additions to houses	6
Subdivisions	3
Garage	1
House	3
Demolition	2
Signs & Fences	3
Business	1
Camp	1
Solar Arrays	2

Three permits were referred to the DRB for review. All were approved by the DRB.

Please remember that a zoning permit is required **before** any development or land division is undertaken. There are additional costs and penalties which may be imposed for violations of the Newfane zoning bylaws. A violation may create a cloud on the title.

Please be sure to fill out the application completely. Incomplete applications will be returned for re-submission. Also two checks must be made out to the Town of Newfane. One check is for the permit application fee and the second is \$10.00 for a State required land recording fee.

The Zoning Administrator's office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

For contractors and home builders please be aware of the Residential and Commercial Energy codes. The State of Vermont is requiring these codes to be used in new construction and additions to existing homes. You may find the requirements at the following link:
http://publicservice.vermont.gov/energy_efficiency/code_update

Also the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development now requires that any NEW mobile home to be installed by a licensed installer and inspected by qualified inspectors.

I am here to assist you in your projects. Please feel free to make suggestions to help improve the process.

Merle Tessier
Zoning Administrator

NEWFANE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

2015 / 2016 was a learning year for the Planning Commission (PC) members; all are new to the planning process and Vermont statutes. Bob McCandless and Angela Sanborn of Newfane and Michael Young of Williamsville were appointed to the Commission this year, joining Lynn Forrest from South Newfane. Pat Weisbrich resigned due to personal obligations. The current PC members thank her for her time, dedication and organization.

In December 2015 the PC secured an \$8,000 Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) to amend the Town Plan to include support for Village Center Designation (VCD) for the villages of Newfane, Williamsville and South Newfane. The designation once applied for and awarded, will provide opportunities to secure grants and tax credits to enhance the economic vitality of the villages with no cost to the Town. We used the opportunity presented by implementing the MPG to learn about issues of concern to Newfane residents and also learn the extensive requirements for meetings, mailings, hearings and reporting needed to amend a town plan. Many thank yous to John Bennett, Senior Planner from the Windham Regional Commission (WRC), who coached us through the details and also to Piet van Loon, one of Newfane's representative to the WRC, for his insight regarding VCD.

In October the Planning Commission hosted *Walk the Villages* to answer questions about Village Center Designation. Chris Triebert of South Newfane created striking posters to announce the event and invitations were mailed to all Newfane addresses. Villagers and townspeople were joined in each village by Richard Amore, Planning & Project Manager, and Caitlin Corkins, Tax Credits & Grants Coordinator from Vermont's Department of Commerce & Community Development and John Bennett from WRC, as we walked through each village listening to thoughts and concerns of villagers and discussing potential boundaries for the VCD. An evening presentation by Richard Amore and Caitlin Corkins rounded out the day. Paper was posted on the walls at each village so that attendees could write what they loved about their village(s) and what they would change. The largest concern expressed was the ongoing issue of traffic speeding through all three villages; loved best was the beauty of the town and the people and their creativity.

After the public hearing on December 13, 2016, and with the endorsement from the Trustees of Newfane Village, the PC voted to recommend the adoption of the Amendment to the Town Plan in support of Village Center Designation. Bob McCandless and Michael Young formally presented that recommendation to the Selectboard at their meeting on December 19, 2016.

Moving forward, the PC will be focusing on flood resiliency as they study the current Town Plan and corresponding Zoning Bylaws. We also intend to assist with the application for VCDs take advantage of Vermont Planners Association training.

There are usually five commissioners on the PC. The four current PC members work well together. If you are interested in the visioning of Newfane's future, we ask that you seriously consider participating in the planning of your town by becoming a PC member. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Town Office and the public is always welcome.

Respectfully,

Lynn Forrest, Chair
Bob McCandless,
Secretary Angela Sanborn
Mike Young

NEWFANE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

From its inception in 1998, the ongoing project of the Newfane Conservation Commission has been the creation and maintenance of the hiking trails in the 165-acre Town Forest. This year we continued our efforts to keep the trails in good condition and work on the continuing problem of invasive buckthorn and other unwanted growth. Every year, blow downs are removed and other improvements such as signs, blazes, stepping stones and clearing waterways are continuing projects.

The Forest is enjoyed year round by many outdoor lovers, including people from Newfane and neighboring towns. Also people from other states have discovered and enjoyed our hiking trails. For more information, see our website at <http://newfaneconservationcommission.weebly.com> for trail maps, photos of scenic areas, and other information. This is a free website maintained at no cost to the town.

In addition to maintaining the Town Forest, over the years we have had many other projects, including a series of informational brochures, advising town officials, and helping with other local conservation efforts. Originally, the membership consisted of nine people. Presently we have four members. Interested people are welcome to attend our meetings and join the commission. Meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of the month. When appropriate, we meet at the Town Forest to work on trail projects. Volunteers are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Kinney, Chair

Bruce Hesselbach

Greg Record

Thanice Petrak

WILLIAMSVILLE HALL COMMITTEE

Year End Report 2016

The past year saw much activity at the Hall. Favorite events started the season off with The Annual Talent Show and Community Seder. Dan Dewalt's keyboard accompaniment to Charlie Chaplin's movie "Modern Times" was a much enjoyed evening.

The Rock River Players continued to bring in the crowds and bring down the house with performances of "On Golden Pond," "You Can't Take it With You," and a reading of "Inherit the Wind." This wonderful group continues to add much to our community, both through citizen participation and the entertainment and enrichment of the audiences. The Hall Committee is proud to have the Players be a part of the Hall. By no means to be overlooked is the financial help they have given to the Hall Committee and thus to the Town. They have also donated theatrical lighting for use in the Hall.

This spring we will be repairing and weather stripping all doors and windows and installing historically appropriate storm and screen windows. This next step in our ongoing push for energy efficiency will be paid for in part by funds given to the Hall Fund by the Rock River Players. The rest of this expense will be paid for by Hall Committee fund raising efforts. No Town money will be used.

Beginning in April, the well attended monthly Senior Meals program began. The meals continued through October on the fourth Thursday of each month. Our annual Mother's Day Bruch, and July BBQ Dinner fund raisers were, once again, crowd pleasers.

In May we will be applying for a State grant to continue our energy efficiency efforts. With the grant money and Town funds we will be able to complete our goals for weatherization by insulating the walls and cellar ceiling.

The Committee members thank the citizens of Newfane for their continued support in using, improving and maintaining our historic community asset.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Williamsville Hall Committee

Myra Fassler
Jon Julian
Annie Landenberger
Steve Levine, Chair
Nancy Rysz
Breeze Verdant
Mike Young

Annual Report of the Animal Control Officer

For the Town of Newfane 2016

For the past year, it has been a pleasure and learning experience serving in the volunteer position of Animal Control Officer for the Town of Newfane. Our community is very concerned in the welfare of our four legged members. In many of the lost dog cases I have found community members have acted on their own for the welfare of the dogs. These acts clearly help to save the dogs as most are picked up along Highway 30. The dogs that are registered and tagged with owner information are usually returned quickly and with as little stress on the dogs. Thank you one and all for your considerate actions. I think this shows the critical need to have all your dogs collared and licensed. **Licensing one's dog is the legal obligation of all dog owners in the town of Newfane!**

In conflict cases of barking or loose dogs, I have worked with the owners and have found for the most part that they are sincerely concerned for the welfare of their pets and harmony with their neighbors. Most dogs bark to let us know what's going on. Persistent barking shows there is something wrong. This is a violation of city ordinance and needs attention from the owners to resolve the situation.

Certain dogs running loose with our community are of the most concern. Unattended dogs off the owner's property have resulted in the loss of livestock, aggressive harassment of those walking dogs on leash and defecating on public and others private property. This is unacceptable to the community and violates township statutes. The fine for not picking up after your dog off your property is an expensive citation. Please help with the livability in our community by safely confining and walking your dogs.

I have found that the community of Newfane has a good system of licensing, reporting and networking with each other in keeping dogs healthy and up to date with shots. Please feel free to contact me for information and help when needed in getting all our pet community members up to date on 2017 licensing.

Thank you all for your help the past year, and making the position of Animal Control a rewarding experience.

Respectfully,

Michael C. Young,

Animal Control Officer

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Happy New Year.

As many of you already know, I will not be running for Town Officer as Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes or Newfane School Treasurer. However I will stay on as NewBrook Elementary School Treasurer until June 30 2017, since that is an appointed fiscal year position. I will start my Vermont Municipal Employee' Retirement as of April 1, 2017. I'm not sure what I'll do after that yet, but I have faith it will be something wonderful.

Again I would like to remind all local homeowners to please file for your Homestead Declaration on time. We hit a record high for revised tax bills this year. Please double check with your tax preparer that the HS Declaration is file correctly. This will keep you from paying a high August installment, that's if you are entitled to a rebate from the state. The phone number for HS assistance is 1-866-828-2865 or email taxforms@state.vt.us Filing Homestead Declarations annually are mandatory, for all Vermont residents who own and occupy a Vermont dwelling as your principal residence.

As **Collector of Delinquent Taxes** I have collected since May 2016 **\$270,138.06** of back taxes, interest and penalties included. On May 1, 2015 the delinquencies' were **\$298,834.98**. As of 12/31/2016 the balance is **\$28,696.92** this also includes interest and penalties. Approximately \$10,000 of this balance due is Kenolie village campers that are probably uncollectable due to various reasons such as incorrect addresses etc. This past fall I also started procedures to put 8 properties into tax sale. These are the tax payers who ignored my letters and contacts for the last 18 months. I do not want to see any of our residents lose their homes. As always I am willing to work and help anyone who makes an effort. However once in tax sale they need to come up with payment in full in order to avoid the sale. Out of the 8 properties I started with in tax sale, all but three were paid. The three properties we sold have until 10/3/17 to come up with payment in full plus interest to the bidder to reclaim their property.

I would also like to give a big thank-you to Alane Perkins who has been of great help to me as an assistant treasurer for many years now. Special thanks to Doris Knechtel, Shannon Meckle, Gloria Cristelli and the other town office officials and employees.

Thank-you and Best Regard,

Maureen Albert-Piascik

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
DELINQUENT TAX REPORT**

NAME	PARCEL NUMBER		YEARS OWED
BARBOUR, GLEN	00B147-K101		2015
BARROWS, FRED & CLEON	00F151		2002-2015
BIGELOW, JEFF	00B147-KC2		2015
BOUCHER, PHILIP	00B147-KS3		2015
CHACE, ISABEL	00F140-5		2015
CHURCH, DONNA	00B147-K1		2015
CLAPPER, FRED	00B147-KD8		2015
DERY, ELIZABETH M.	00F133		2015
GECHTER, JASON	00E067		2015
GIBBONS, SUSAN	00B147-K116		2015
HAGENOW, RONALD	00B147-KP3		2012-2015
HEBSON, IAN	00B147-K007		2015
HERRICK, LINDA	00B147-K008		2015
HOLCOMB, LEONA M	00E005		2014-2015
HOLDEN, ROBERT	00B088		2015
JUTRAS, ALEC	00B147-K006		2012-2015
LEMINI, DAVID	00B147-KT4		2014-2015
LUCE, HEATHER	00B147-KD2		2012-2015
MANDARINI, NANCY	00B147-KD4		2014
MCNEELY, KEVIN	00B147-KP14		2010-2015
MEDEIROS, MARIA	00B147-K103		2011-2015
MICHAUD, STEVE	00B147-KB3		2015

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
DELINQUENT TAX REPORT**

NAME	PARCEL NUMBER		YEARS OWED
MOFFIT, GRACE ET AL	00E111		2015
MOFFIT, MONTE F.	00E045		2013-2015
MOORE, SANDRA T.	00B110		2015
MORIN, CAROL	00B147-KA14		2015
MORSE, TERRY	00B147-KP6		2015
NEFF, CHARLES	00B147-K37		2014-2015
NEWELL, TARAH	00B147-K3		2012-2015
PERKINS, BRUCE	00B147-K35		2015
POWLING, MARK E	00C062-1		2015
POWLING, MARK E	00D063-1		2015
POWLING, PERCY & NANCY LIFE ESTATE OF	00C069		2015
RECOR, GEORGIA	00B147-K12		2011-2015
RIVERA, TINA	00B147-K24		2013
RIVERA, TINA	00B147-K31		2013-2015
ROUSSEAU, MARY	00B147-KD6		2012-2015
SENDERS, DAVID B	00B147-KS		2014-2015
SENECAL, BRIAN	00B147-K9		2015
STEPHENS, MARC	00E077-1		2014-2015
SUTTON, MICHAEL D.	00C108		2015
VAN HOY, SHIREEN	00B147-KB13		2014-2015
VAN IDERSTINE, P RYAN	00D137		2015
VIENT, DONALD	00B147-K120		2007-2015

**TOWN OF NEWFANE
DELINQUENT TAX REPORT**

NAME	PARCEL NUMBER		YEARS OWED
WILCOX, HERBERT W	00F131		2013-2015
WILT, JAMES	00B147-K001		2006-2015

**DELINQUENT TAX SUMMARY REPORT
2002-2015**

TAX YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PENALTY	OTHER	TOTAL
2002	\$11.75	\$24.73	\$0.95	\$0.00	\$37.43
2003	\$12.25	\$29.83	\$0.97	\$0.00	\$43.05
2004	\$10.54	\$22.57	\$0.84	\$0.00	\$33.95
2005	\$11.20	\$20.83	\$0.88	\$0.00	\$32.91
2006	\$30.81	\$49.34	\$2.48	\$0.00	\$82.63
2007	\$174.04	\$250.12	\$13.93	\$0.00	\$438.09
2008	\$201.54	\$281.71	\$16.15	\$0.00	\$499.40
2009	\$199.11	\$241.06	\$15.88	\$0.00	\$456.05
2010	\$344.22	\$351.19	\$27.55	\$0.00	\$722.96
2011	\$435.85	\$379.33	\$34.88	\$0.00	\$850.06
2012	\$831.38	\$577.83	\$65.79	\$0.00	\$1,475.00
2013	\$1,458.15	\$705.05	\$113.26	\$0.00	\$2,276.46
2014	\$4,574.54	\$1,434.36	\$340.22	\$0.00	\$6,349.12
2015	\$12,629.01	\$1,788.91	\$981.89	\$0.00	\$15,399.81
TOTALS	\$20,924.39	\$6,156.86	\$1,615.67	\$0.00	\$28,696.92

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT

AUDIT REPORT

JUNE 30, 2016

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen
Town of Newfane, Vermont
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newfane, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Newfane, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Town's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newfane, Vermont, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on Schedule 1 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 2 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Newfane, Vermont's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Capital Projects Fund and the combining fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by “Government Auditing Standards”

In accordance with “Government Auditing Standards”, we have also issued our report dated November 15, 2016 on our consideration of the Town of Newfane, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with “Government Auditing Standards” in considering the Town of Newfane, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

November 15, 2016
Montpelier, Vermont
VT Lic. #92-000180

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2016

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 473,888
Investments	86,146
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	370,843
Prepaid Expenses	18,927
Capital Assets:	
Land	144,000
Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>2,937,913</u>
Total Assets	<u>4,031,717</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the Town's Participation in VMERS	<u>59,182</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>59,182</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	31,009
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	13,995
Accrued Interest Payable	5,737
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Due Within One Year	110,809
Due in More than One Year	<u>564,378</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>725,928</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Prepaid Property Taxes	<u>803</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>803</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,546,226
Restricted:	
Williamsville Hall	7,869
Historical Grant	4,072
Other Purposes	8,635
Unrestricted	<u>797,366</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 3,364,168</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Functions/Programs:					
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
General Government	\$ 544,847	\$ 39,446	\$ 24,040	\$ 0	\$ (481,361)
Public Safety	50,087	6,593	0	0	(43,494)
Highways and Streets	790,394	0	140,981	25,000	(624,413)
Interest on Long-term Debt	15,795	0	0	0	(15,795)
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 1,401,123</u>	<u>\$ 46,039</u>	<u>\$ 165,021</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>(1,165,063)</u>
General Revenues:					
Property Taxes					1,187,968
Interest on Delinquent Taxes					52,702
General State Grants					65,013
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					1,245
Insurance Proceeds					10,525
Other Revenues					<u>1,048</u>
Total General Revenues					<u>1,318,501</u>
Change in Net Position					153,438
Net Position - July 1, 2015					<u>3,210,730</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2016					<u>\$ 3,364,168</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash	\$ 381,803	\$ 86,663	\$ 25	\$ 0	\$ 5,397	\$ 473,888
Investments	0	0	86,146	0	0	86,146
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	370,557	0	286	0	0	370,843
Due from Other Funds	0	60,699	31,500	2,020	8,644	102,863
Prepaid Expenses	18,927	0	0	0	0	18,927
Total Assets	<u>\$ 771,287</u>	<u>\$ 147,362</u>	<u>\$ 117,957</u>	<u>\$ 2,020</u>	<u>\$ 14,041</u>	<u>\$ 1,052,667</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 31,009	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 31,009
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	13,995	0	0	0	0	13,995
Due to Other Funds	102,863	0	0	0	0	102,863
Total Liabilities	<u>147,867</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>147,867</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>						
Prepaid Property Taxes	803	0	0	0	0	803
Unavailable Property Taxes and Interest	59,000	0	0	0	0	59,000
Unavailable Grants	279,807	0	0	0	0	279,807
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>339,610</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>339,610</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>						
Nonspendable	18,927	0	0	0	0	18,927
Restricted	4,515	35,324	0	2,020	14,041	55,900
Assigned	0	112,038	117,957	0	0	229,995
Unassigned	260,368	0	0	0	0	260,368
Total Fund Balances	<u>283,810</u>	<u>147,362</u>	<u>117,957</u>	<u>2,020</u>	<u>14,041</u>	<u>565,190</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 771,287</u>	<u>\$ 147,362</u>	<u>\$ 117,957</u>	<u>\$ 2,020</u>	<u>\$ 14,041</u>	
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are Different Because:						
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are not Financial Resources and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.						3,081,913
Other Assets are not Available to Pay for Current-Period Expenditures, and, Therefore, are Deferred in the Funds.						338,807
Long-term and Accrued Liabilities, Including Bonds Payable and the Net Pension Liability, are not Due or Payable in the Current Period and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.						(680,924)
Deferred Outflows of Resources relating to the Town's Participation in VMERS are applicable to Future Periods and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.						59,182
Net Position of Governmental Activities						<u>\$ 3,364,168</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Records Restoration Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ 1,315,968	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,315,968
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	52,702	0	0	0	0	52,702
Intergovernmental	239,241	0	11,889	0	0	251,130
Charges for Services	8,356	0	0	0	0	8,356
Permits, Licenses and Fees	29,491	0	0	1,799	0	31,290
Fines and Forfeits	6,393	0	0	0	0	6,393
Investment Income	900	105	239	0	1	1,245
Donations	0	0	0	0	4,551	4,551
Other	1,048	0	0	0	0	1,048
Total Revenues	<u>1,654,099</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>12,128</u>	<u>1,799</u>	<u>4,552</u>	<u>1,672,683</u>
Expenditures:						
General Government	484,824	22,571	28,569	1,282	0	537,246
Public Safety	50,087	0	0	0	0	50,087
Highways and Streets	521,458	57,500	0	0	0	578,958
Capital Outlay:						
Highways and Streets	182,438	110,800	0	0	0	293,238
Debt Service:						
Principal	0	110,809	0	0	0	110,809
Interest	0	16,302	0	0	0	16,302
Total Expenditures	<u>1,238,807</u>	<u>317,982</u>	<u>28,569</u>	<u>1,282</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,586,640</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>415,292</u>	<u>(317,877)</u>	<u>(16,441)</u>	<u>517</u>	<u>4,552</u>	<u>86,043</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):						
Proceeds from Long-term Debt	0	110,800	0	0	0	110,800
Insurance Proceeds	10,525	0	0	0	0	10,525
Transfers In	0	196,530	0	0	0	196,530
Transfers Out	(196,530)	0	0	0	0	(196,530)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(186,005)</u>	<u>307,330</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>121,325</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	229,287	(10,547)	(16,441)	517	4,552	207,368
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015	<u>54,523</u>	<u>157,909</u>	<u>134,398</u>	<u>1,503</u>	<u>9,489</u>	<u>357,822</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 283,810</u>	<u>\$ 147,362</u>	<u>\$ 117,957</u>	<u>\$ 2,020</u>	<u>\$ 14,041</u>	<u>\$ 565,190</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
 RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
 EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total government funds (Exhibit D)	\$ 207,368
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets (\$293,238) is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense (\$181,930). This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	111,308
The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales and losses on disposal of assets) is to reduce net position.	(32,087)
The issuance of long-term debt (\$110,800) (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt (\$110,809) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	9
Governmental funds report employer pension contributions as expenditures (\$17,976). However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions (\$26,211) is reported as pension expense. This amount is the net effect of the differences in the treatment of pension expense.	(8,235)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(128,647)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	<u>3,722</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit B)	<u>\$ 153,438</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,235,327	\$ 1,315,968	\$ 80,641
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	15,000	35,112	20,112
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	11,500	28,749	17,249
Interest on Late Taxes	7,000	15,583	8,583
Education Retention Fees	0	8,356	8,356
Current Use	51,000	63,465	12,465
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	183	183
Equalization Grant	0	1,365	1,365
State Highway Aid	140,000	140,981	981
Liquor Licenses	200	485	285
Zoning Permits	2,000	3,899	1,899
Selectboard Fees	500	510	10
Town Clerk Fees	16,000	19,247	3,247
Charges for Use of Copier	3,500	4,347	847
Williamsville Hall Rent Fees	800	450	(350)
Interest	700	900	200
Judicial Fines Income	6,000	6,393	393
Tax Bill Copies	150	353	203
Impound Fees	100	200	100
Fuel Reimbursement	1,000	0	(1,000)
Park and Ride Grant	0	25,000	25,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,048	48
Insurance Proceeds	0	10,525	10,525
Flood Buyout Income	0	8,247	8,247
Total Revenues	1,491,777	1,691,366	199,589
Expenditures:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries:			
Selectboard	750	0	750
Road Commissioner	500	0	500
Listers	27,000	24,836	2,164
Board of Civil Authority	50	45	5
Ballot Clerks	200	0	200
Town Meeting Expense	500	764	(264)
Ballot Tabulator	900	942	(42)
Total Town Officers' Salaries	29,900	26,587	3,313
Town Clerk:			
Town Clerk	35,725	39,861	(4,136)
Assistant Town Clerk Wages	3,000	3,525	(525)
Town Clerk Records Expense	11,500	10,965	535
Total Town Clerk	50,225	54,351	(4,126)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Town Officers' Expense:			
Selectboard Mileage	\$ 300	\$ 0	\$ 300
Listers' Expense	3,700	3,400	300
Total Town Officers' Expense	4,000	3,400	600
Administrative Assistant Salary:	41,400	42,209	(809)
Annual Report:	4,500	4,788	(288)
Legal Fees:	2,500	715	1,785
Professional Annual Audit:	15,000	15,938	(938)
Administrative Expenses:			
Miscellaneous Office Supplies	2,500	2,666	(166)
Bank Reconciliation Wages	1,000	425	575
Office Postage	3,500	3,469	31
Copier Supplies & Service	1,000	903	97
Website Maintenance	250	167	83
Town Office Computer	3,800	3,724	76
Town Office Mileage	1,000	809	191
NEMRC Fees	2,200	1,944	256
Professional Development	2,000	1,981	19
VLCT Dues	2,822	0	2,822
VMCTA Dues	60	55	5
Selectboard Advertising	1,000	738	262
Total Administrative Expenses	21,132	16,881	4,251
Planning Commission Expenses:			
Planning Commission Wages	1,000	0	1,000
Planning Commission Postage	100	0	100
Planning Commission Expenses	250	399	(149)
Planning Commission Advertising	300	0	300
Planning Commission Consultant Fees	500	0	500
Mapping	200	0	200
Planning Commission Legal Services	500	0	500
Total Planning Commission Expenses	2,850	399	2,451

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Zoning/DRB Expenses:			
Zoning Administrative Wages	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,904	\$ 596
Zoning Administrative Mileage	200	295	(95)
Zoning Administrative Postage	75	0	75
Zoning Administrative Expenses	100	0	100
Zoning Professional Development	150	0	150
DRB Wages	200	0	200
DRB Mileage	50	0	50
DRB Postage	50	0	50
DRB Expenses	50	0	50
DRB Advertising	250	333	(83)
DRB Legal Services	2,500	0	2,500
E-911 Administrator	250	0	250
E-911 Mileage	50	0	50
Conservation Commission	100	0	100
Total Zoning/DRB Expenses	10,525	6,532	3,993
Delinquent Tax Collector:	11,500	26,742	(15,242)
Town Treasurer:			
Town Treasurer Salary	35,725	40,025	(4,300)
Assistant Town Treasurer Wages	3,000	2,882	118
Total Town Treasurer	38,725	42,907	(4,182)
Property & Casualty Insurance:	26,512	28,503	(1,991)
Town Office/Williamsville Hall:			
Town Office Cleaning Wages	1,000	1,058	(58)
Town Office Cleaning Supplies	250	80	170
Town Office Grounds Maintenance	1,500	3,273	(1,773)
Williamsville Hall Expense	1,500	1,011	489
Williamsville Hall Grounds Maintenance	500	243	257
Town Office Phone/Fax	1,500	1,900	(400)
Town Office Heat	3,500	1,462	2,038
Williamsville Hall Heat	1,000	961	39
Town Office Electricity	1,500	1,521	(21)
Williamsville Hall Electricity	600	558	42
Town Office Miscellaneous Improvements	3,500	6,908	(3,408)
Total Town Office/Williamsville Hall	16,350	18,975	(2,625)
Small Office Equipment:	500	660	(160)
Social Security:	24,000	27,390	(3,390)
Retirement:	16,653	17,980	(1,327)

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Workers' Compensation & Health Insurance:			
Workers' Compensation Insurance	\$ 10,052	\$ 10,862	\$ (810)
Health Insurance Contribution	93,017	96,017	(3,000)
Dental Insurance Contribution	8,030	8,030	0
Total Workers' Compensation & Health Insurance	111,099	114,909	(3,810)
Other Employee Benefits:			
Uniforms	3,600	3,637	(37)
Unemployment Insurance	600	6,636	(6,036)
Total Other Employee Benefits	4,200	10,273	(6,073)
Miscellaneous:	500	0	500
Total General Government	432,071	460,139	(28,068)
Public Safety:			
Constable:			
Constable Wages	50	0	50
Constable Mileage	50	0	50
Constable Expenses	50	0	50
Total Constable	150	0	150
Law Enforcement Services:	10,000	9,403	597
Fire Companies:			
NewBrook Fire and Rescue	20,000	20,000	0
South Newfane/Williamsville Fire Department	20,000	20,000	0
Total Fire Companies	40,000	40,000	0
Total Public Safety	50,150	49,403	747
Solid Waste Management:			
Landfill Post Closure:	4,000	200	3,800
Total Solid Waste Management	4,000	200	3,800
Health & Welfare:			
Health Officer:			
Health Officer Wages	300	58	242
Health Officer Mileage	100	36	64
Total Health Officer	400	94	306

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Animal Control:			
Animal Control Expenses	\$ 400	\$ 40	\$ 360
Poundkeeping Fees	500	550	(50)
Total Animal Control	900	590	310
Total Health & Welfare	1,300	684	616
Transfer to Capital Projects Fund:	196,530	196,530	0
Park and Ride Grant Expense:	0	24,915	(24,915)
Highway:			
Highway Department Salaries:			
General Maintenance Wages	89,096	100,992	(11,896)
General Maintenance Wages - Overtime	10,000	610	9,390
Winter Maintenance Wages	58,210	56,946	1,264
Winter Maintenance Wages - Overtime	21,685	15,331	6,354
Road Construction Wages	2,000	0	2,000
Bridge Maintenance Wages	1,000	160	840
Equipment Maintenance Wages	10,000	10,120	(120)
Emergency Work Wages	2,000	0	2,000
Miscellaneous Town Garage Labor	2,000	0	2,000
Total Highway Department Salaries	195,991	184,159	11,832
Road Maintenance:			
Roadside Mowing	9,000	5,825	3,175
Maintenance Contracted Services	2,000	3,222	(1,222)
Road Construction Contracted Services	5,000	0	5,000
Bridge Contracted Services	30,000	27,593	2,407
Retreatment and Sealing	130,000	134,714	(4,714)
Tree Removal Contracted Services	2,500	1,913	587
Chloride	12,000	10,670	1,330
Gravel	80,000	73,704	6,296
Culverts	5,000	4,654	346
Signs	2,500	1,595	905
Winter Sand	45,000	39,424	5,576
Winter Salt	45,000	32,420	12,580
Bridge Materials	2,000	0	2,000
Emergency Materials	1,000	0	1,000
Equipment Rental	1,000	157	843
Guardrails	8,000	0	8,000
Total Road Maintenance	380,000	335,891	44,109

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Equipment Gas & Oil:	\$ 40,000	\$ 21,352	\$ 18,648
Equipment Repair & Maintenance:			
Radio & Radio Repair	2,000	890	1,110
Highway Department Mileage	100	0	100
Tires & Chains	17,000	10,608	6,392
2006 Sterling L9500	3,000	4,899	(1,899)
2006 John Deere Grader	3,000	1,320	1,680
1986 Ford F650 Chloride Truck	1,800	688	1,112
2015 CAT Loader	2,500	0	2,500
2009 Sterling L7500	3,000	7,835	(4,835)
Wood Chipper	200	16	184
2010 CAT Backhoe	1,000	85	915
2014 Mack Truck 4x4	1,500	282	1,218
2007 Ford F350	1,500	0	1,500
2013 Mack Truck	1,000	1,204	(204)
2011 Ford F350	1,000	1,981	(981)
Rake Parts	1,000	837	163
2015 Ford F550	0	512	(512)
Chloride Spreader Parts	200	182	18
Chainsaws & Mowers	750	1,178	(428)
Sander Parts	2,000	2,324	(324)
Plow Parts	5,000	3,769	1,231
Miscellaneous Parts & Repairs	5,000	4,533	467
Total Equipment Repair & Maintenance	52,550	43,143	9,407
Cemetery Maintenance:	1,500	1,352	148
Town Garage Maintenance:			
Town Garage Telephone	300	490	(190)
Town Garage Heat	6,000	3,013	2,987
Old Town Garage Electricity	150	204	(54)
New Town Garage Electricity	1,500	1,394	106
Town Garage Repair Services	5,500	5,041	459
Town Garage Supplies	750	395	355
Total Town Garage Maintenance	14,200	10,537	3,663
Small Equipment:			
Town Garage Computer	500	263	237
Highway Professional Development	500	210	290
Small Tools and Equipment	2,000	1,934	66
Total Small Equipment	3,000	2,407	593
Total Highway	687,241	598,841	88,400

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	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Special Appropriations:			
American Red Cross	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 0
AIDS Project of Southern Vermont	250	250	0
Grace Cottage Hospital	3,500	3,500	0
VT Center for Independent Living	220	220	0
Senior Solutions	1,150	1,150	0
Connecticut River Transit	750	750	0
Early Education Services	1,900	1,900	0
Brattleboro Area Drop In Center	500	500	0
The Gathering Place	400	400	0
VT Council on Rural Development	100	100	0
Windham County Historical Society	250	250	0
Townshend Community Food Shelf	500	0	500
South Newfane Community Association	2,000	2,000	0
Brattleboro Area Hospice	300	300	0
Leland & Gray Educational Foundation	1,000	1,000	0
Health Care & Rehabilitation Services	1,850	1,850	0
Morningside Shelter	500	500	0
Rescue, Inc.	46,585	46,585	0
Green Mountain RSVP	400	400	0
SEVCA	1,600	1,600	0
Timson Hill Preschool	1,000	1,000	0
Valley Cares	2,675	2,675	0
Vermont Green Up	100	100	0
SEVWA	420	420	0
Visiting Nurse Alliance	4,125	4,125	0
Williamsville School Preservation Society	1,000	1,000	0
Windham County Humane Society	720	720	0
Windham Child Care	500	500	0
Windham Regional Commission	3,179	3,179	0
Women's Freedom Center	1,000	1,000	0
Youth Services	1,660	1,660	0
Total Special Appropriations	80,634	80,134	500
Special Assessments:			
Windham County Tax	16,000	19,382	(3,382)
WSWMD Assessment	23,851	23,851	0
Total Special Assessments	39,851	43,233	(3,382)
Flood Buyout Expense:	0	8,000	(8,000)
Total Expenditures	1,491,777	1,462,079	29,698
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 0	229,287	\$ 229,287
Fund Balance - July 1, 2015		54,523	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2016		\$ 283,810	

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2016

	Private-Purpose Trust Fund <hr/> Cemetery Trust Fund <hr/>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	\$ <u>688</u>
Total Assets	<u>688</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Restricted:	
Held in Trust for:	
Cemetery	<u>688</u>
Total Net Position	\$ <u><u>688</u></u>

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUND
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	Private-Purpose Trust Fund
	<u>Cemetery Trust Fund</u>
Additions:	
Investment Income	\$ <u>2</u>
Total Additions	<u>2</u>
Deductions:	<u>0</u>
Change In Net Position	2
Net Position - July 1, 2015	<u>686</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2016	\$ <u><u>688</u></u>

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The Town of Newfane, Vermont, (herein the "Town") operates under a Board of Selectmen form of government and provides the following services: public safety, highways and streets, health and social services, public improvements, planning and zoning and general administrative services.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted by the Town of Newfane, Vermont conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies employed in the preparation of these financial statements.

A. The Financial Reporting Entity

This report includes all of the activity of the Town of Newfane, Vermont. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government; organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. The primary government is financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government regardless of whether the organization has a separately elected governing board; a governing board appointed by a higher level of government; or a jointly appointed board. Based on these criteria, there are no other entities that should be combined with the financial statements of the Town.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Town are organized and operated on the basis of fund accounting. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The basic financial statements of the Town include both government-wide statements and fund financial statements. The focus of the government-wide statements is on reporting the operating results and financial position of the Town as a whole and to present a longer-term view of the Town's finances. The focus of the fund financial statements is on reporting on the operating results and financial position of the most significant funds of the Town and to present a shorter-term view of how operations were financed and what remains available for future spending.

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Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, the Town. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of activities between funds. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular program or function. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Town reports on the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This is the Town's main operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Town except those accounted for in another fund.

Capital Projects Fund – This fund accounts for the capital projects of the Town.

Reappraisal Fund – This fund accounts for the reappraisal activity of the Town.

Records Restoration Fund – This fund accounts for the records restoration activity of the Town.

Additionally, the Town reports the following fund type:

Private-Purpose Trust Fund – This fund is used to report trust arrangements under which resources are to be used for the benefit of the cemetery. Only investment earnings may be used to support this activity.

C. Measurement Focus

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. This means that all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of these funds (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the balance sheet (or statements of net position). Equity (i.e., total net position) is segregated into net investment in capital assets; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position.

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Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus. This means that only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are generally reported on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balances (net current position) are considered a measure of available spendable resources, and are segregated into nonspendable; restricted; committed; assigned and unassigned amounts. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current position. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of available spendable resources during a period.

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when they are earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flow takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and “available” means the amount is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town considers all revenues reported in governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty (60) days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, certain compensated absences and other long-term liabilities which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated or are funded with expendable available financial resources.

General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and sales of capital assets are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town’s policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by general revenues. Expenditure driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and other grant requirements have been met.

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E. Use of Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows and inflows of resources and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

F. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Equity

1. Cash

Cash balances of most Town funds are deposited with and invested by the Town Treasurer. The Town considers all short-term investments of ninety (90) days or less to be cash equivalents.

Excess cash of individual funds are shown as due from other funds and excess withdrawals are shown as due to other funds.

2. Investments

The Town invests in investments as allowed by State statutes. Investments with readily determined fair values are reported at the fair values on the balance sheet. Unrealized gains and losses are included in revenue.

3. Receivables

Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts for the estimated losses that will be incurred in the collection of the receivables. The estimated losses are based on the judgment of management and a review of the current status of existing receivables.

4. Due from/to Other Funds

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangement that are outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as “advances from/to other funds.” All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due from/to other funds.”

5. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the proportionate share of the net pension liability and the related deferred outflows/inflows of resources and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (VMERS) plan and additions to/deductions from the VMERS’ fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by VMERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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6. Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

Inventory quantities are determined by physical count and are valued at the lower of cost or market.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs that are applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses.

Reported inventories and prepaid expenses of governmental funds in the fund financial statements are offset by a nonspendable fund balance as they are not in spendable form.

7. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statements element, “deferred outflows of resources”, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then. The Town has one type which arises under the accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. The governmental activities reports deferred outflows of resources from one source; deferred outflows related to the Town’s participation in the Vermont Employees Retirement System. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an outflow of resources in the future periods to which the outflows are related.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, “deferred inflows of resources”, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town has three types of items which arise under the modified accrual basis of accounting and one type which arises under the accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. The governmental activities reports deferred inflows of resources from one source; prepaid property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the future periods to which the inflows are related. The governmental funds reports deferred inflows of resources from three sources; prepaid property taxes, unavailable property taxes and interest and unavailable grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the future periods to which the inflows are related or when the amounts become available.

8. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at actual cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost if purchased or constructed. Contributed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the time received. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as constructed. Interest is not capitalized during the construction phase of capital assets used in governmental activities. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets’ lives are not capitalized. Infrastructure assets are reported starting with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. The Town has elected to not report major general infrastructure assets retroactively.

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Capital assets reported in the government-wide financial statements are depreciated in order that the cost of these assets will be charged to expenses over their estimated service lives, generally using the straight-line method of calculating depreciation.

Capitalization thresholds (the dollar values above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

	<u>Capitalization Threshold</u>	<u>Estimated Service Life</u>
Land	\$ 1,000	Not Depreciated
Buildings and Building Improvements	\$ 5,000	20-50 Years
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	\$ 1,000	5-20 Years
Infrastructure	\$ 5,000	15-50 Years

Capital assets are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital outlays in these funds are recorded as expenditures in the year they are incurred.

9. Compensated Absences

It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused leave time. The accrual for unused compensated absences time, based on current pay rates, is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. The liability for unused compensated absences is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Payments for unused compensated absences are recorded as expenditures in the year they are paid.

10. Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities include bonds payable, notes payable and other obligations such as compensated absences and the Town's net pension liability. Long-term liabilities are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental fund financial statements do not include any long-term liabilities as those statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and only include current liabilities on their balance sheets.

11. Fund Equity

Fund equity is classified based upon any restrictions that have been placed on those balances or any tentative plans management may have made for those balances. Restrictions of net position in the government-wide financial statement represent amounts that cannot be appropriated or are legally restricted for a specific purpose by a grant, contract or other binding agreement. Fund balances of governmental fund financial statements are classified as nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Board of Selectmen's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

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II. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND AND GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

Governmental fund financial statements are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereas government-wide financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. These differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting lead to differences between the governmental fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements as follows:

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered “available”, whereas government-wide statements report revenues when they are earned. Long-term expense differences arise because governmental funds report expenditures (including interest) using the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereas government-wide statements report expenses using the accrual basis of accounting.

Capital-related differences arise because governmental funds report capital outlays as current period expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report depreciation as an expense. Further, governmental funds report the proceeds from the sale of capital assets as other financing sources, whereas government-wide statements report the gain or loss from the sale of capital assets as revenue or expense.

Long-term debt transaction differences arise because governmental funds report proceeds of long-term debt as other financing sources and principal payments as an expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report those transactions as increases and decreases in liabilities, respectively.

Pension-related differences arise because governmental funds report the current year’s required employer contributions as current period expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report those transactions as deferred outflows of resources. In addition the accrual for the Town’s proportionate share of the net pension liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements along with the related deferred inflows and outflows of resources.

III. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

The General Fund and Capital Projects Fund budgets are approved at the annual Town Meeting in March. Any budget changes require voter approval. There were no budget changes during the year.

B. Budgeted Deficit

The Town budgeted a current year’s deficiency of revenues over expenditures in the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$8,913 in order to utilize a portion of the previous year’s surplus. This is reflected as a budgeted deficiency of revenues over expenditures on Schedule 3.

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C. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2016, expenditures in the Capital Projects Fund exceeded appropriations by \$112,439. These over-expenditures were funded by excess revenues and available fund balance.

IV. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Cash and Investments

The Town's cash and investments as of June 30, 2016 consisted of the following:

Cash:		
Deposits with Financial Institutions		\$474,426
Cash on Hand		<u>150</u>
Total Cash		474,576
Investments:		
Certificate of Deposit		<u>86,146</u>
Total Cash and Investments		<u>\$560,722</u>

The Town has one (1) certificate of deposit at River Valley Credit Union in the amount of \$86,146 with an interest rate of 0.20% which matures in fiscal year 2017.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counter-party (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of another party. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to custodial credit risk. The following table shows the custodial credit risk of the Town's cash and certificate of deposit.

	<u>Book Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
FDIC/SIPC Insured	\$424,798	\$424,798
Uninsured, Collateralized by U.S. Government Agencies Securities Held by the Pledging Financial Institution's Agent	<u>135,774</u>	<u>145,138</u>
Total	<u>\$560,572</u>	<u>\$569,936</u>

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The difference between the book and the bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks.

The book balance is comprised of the following:

Cash – Deposits with Financial Institutions	\$474,426
Investments – Certificate of Deposit	<u>86,146</u>
Total	<u>\$560,572</u>

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to interest rate risk. The Town's certificate of deposit is not subject to interest rate risk disclosure.

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to credit risk. The Town's certificate of deposit is not subject to credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk that a large percentage of the Town's investments are held within one security. The Town does not have any limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. The Town has no investments subject to concentration of credit risk.

B. Receivables

Receivables as of June 30, 2016, as reported in the statement of net position, net of applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$ 87,870
Interest Receivable	12,880
Grants Receivable	280,093
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	<u>(10,000)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 370,843</u>

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C. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2016 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 144,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 144,000
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	<u>144,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>144,000</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	540,471	0	0	540,471
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	1,255,609	110,800	104,844	1,261,565
Infrastructure	2,151,912	182,438	0	2,334,350
Totals	<u>3,947,992</u>	<u>293,238</u>	<u>104,844</u>	<u>4,136,386</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Building Improvements	237,455	10,288	0	247,743
Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	455,426	81,898	72,757	464,567
Infrastructure	396,419	89,744	0	486,163
Totals	<u>1,089,300</u>	<u>181,930</u>	<u>72,757</u>	<u>1,198,473</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	<u>2,858,692</u>	<u>111,308</u>	<u>32,087</u>	<u>2,937,913</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 3,002,692</u>	<u>\$ 111,308</u>	<u>\$ 32,087</u>	<u>\$ 3,081,913</u>

Depreciation was charged as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General Government	\$ 5,137
Highways and Streets	<u>176,793</u>
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 181,930</u>

D. Interfund Balances and Activity

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Fund	Due from Other Funds	Due to Other Funds
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 102,863
Capital Projects Fund	60,699	0
Reappraisal Fund	31,500	0
Records Restoration Fund	2,020	0
Non-Major Governmental Funds	<u>8,644</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$ 102,863</u>	<u>\$ 102,863</u>

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Interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2016 were as follows:

<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	\$ <u>196,530</u>	Appropriation
Total		\$ <u><u>196,530</u></u>	

E. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources in the Governmental Activities consists of \$2,974 from the difference between the expected and actual experience, \$18,737 from changes in assumptions, \$18,177 from the difference between the projected and actual investment earnings, \$1,318 from changes in the Town's proportional share of contributions related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement System (VMERS) and \$17,976 of required employer pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date, as further described in Note V.A. Total deferred outflows of resources in the Governmental Activities is \$59,182.

F. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources in the General Fund consists of \$59,000 of delinquent property taxes and interest on those taxes and \$279,807 of grant revenue not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities. It also includes \$803 of prepaid property taxes. Total deferred inflows of resources in the General Fund is \$339,610.

G. Long-term Liabilities

The Town issues general obligation bonds to provide resources for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and to refund prior issues. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Town. New bonds generally are issued as 10 to 20 year bonds.

The Town has notes payable to finance various capital equipment purchases through local banks.

The Town enters into lease agreements as the lessee for the purpose of financing the acquisition of major pieces of equipment. These lease agreements qualify as capital lease obligations for accounting purposes (even though they may include clauses that allow for cancellation of the lease in the event the Town does not appropriate funds in future years) and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the inception date of the leases.

The net pension liability is the difference between the total pension liability (the present value of projected benefit payments to employees based on their past service) and the assets (mostly investments reported at fair value) set aside to pay current employees, retirees, and beneficiaries. The accrual for the Town's share of the net pension liability is recorded in the government-wide financial statements.

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It is the policy of the Town to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused benefits. The accrual for unused compensated absences time, based on current pay rates, is recorded in the government-wide financial statements.

Long-term debt outstanding as of June 30, 2016 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Highway Improvements, Principal Payments of \$12,500 Payable on December 1 Annually, Interest Ranging from 2% to 5% Payable June 1 and December 1, Due December, 2032	\$225,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,500	\$212,500
Note Payable, People's United Bank, 2013 Mack Truck, Interest at 2.1%, Due September, 2015. The Town Paid \$30,800 and Plans to Renew this Note Annually until Paid in Full.	92,400	0	30,800	61,600
Note Payable, People's United Bank, 2014 Mack Truck, Principal Payments of \$34,725 Payable on January 24 Annually, Interest at 3.1%, Due January, 2020	173,620	0	34,725	138,895
Note Payable, People's United Bank, 2015 Ford F550, Principal Payments of \$16,000 Payable on February 10 Annually, Interest at 2.35%, Due February, 2020	80,000	0	16,000	64,000
Capital Lease Payable, Caterpillar Financial, 2015 Loader, Principal and Interest Payments of \$16,784 Payable on August 13 Annually, Interest at 2%, Due August, 2021	<u>0</u>	<u>110,800</u>	<u>16,784</u>	<u>94,016</u>
Total	<u>\$571,020</u>	<u>\$110,800</u>	<u>\$110,809</u>	<u>\$571,011</u>

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Changes in long-term liabilities during the year were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
General Obligation Bonds Payable	\$ 225,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,500	\$ 212,500	\$ 12,500
Notes Payable	346,020	0	81,525	264,495	81,525
Capital Leases Payable	0	110,800	16,784	94,016	16,784
Compensated Absences Payable	13,306	0	3,215	10,091	0
Net Pension Liability	11,129	82,956	0	94,085	0
Total Governmental Activities Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 595,455</u>	<u>\$ 193,756</u>	<u>\$ 114,024</u>	<u>\$ 675,187</u>	<u>\$ 110,809</u>

Compensated absences and required contributions to the pension plans are paid by the applicable fund where the employee is charged.

The change in the net pension liability is allocated to the function where the employee is charged.

Debt service requirements to maturity are anticipated to be as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Capital Leases
2017	\$ 94,025	\$ 13,906	\$ 16,784
2018	94,025	11,394	16,784
2019	63,225	8,882	16,784
2020	63,220	7,017	16,784
2021	12,500	5,153	16,784
2022-2026	62,500	19,580	16,784
2027-2031	62,500	9,275	0
2032-2036	25,000	824	0
Total	476,995	76,031	100,704
Less: Imputed Interest	0	0	(6,688)
Total	<u>\$ 476,995</u>	<u>\$ 76,031</u>	<u>\$ 94,016</u>

H. Fund Balances

GASB Statement No. 34, as amended by GASB Statement No. 54, requires fund balances reported on the governmental fund balance sheet to be classified using a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Governmental fund balances are to be classified as: nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Board of Selectmen's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

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Special revenue funds are created only to report a revenue source (or sources) that is restricted or committed to a specified purpose, and that the revenue source should constitute a substantial portion of the resources reported in that fund. Special revenue funds cannot be used to accumulate funds that are not restricted or committed. These amounts will have to be reflected in the General Fund.

Amounts constrained to stabilization (rainy-day funds) will be reported as restricted or committed fund balance in the General Fund if they meet the other criteria for those classifications. However, stabilization is regarded as a specified purpose only if the circumstances or conditions that signal the need for stabilization (a) are identified in sufficient detail and (b) are not expected to occur routinely. The Town does not have any stabilization arrangements.

Some governments create stabilization-like arrangements by establishing formal minimum fund balance policies. The Town does not have any minimum fund balance policies.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, it is the Town's policy to first consider restricted amounts to have been spent, followed by committed, assigned, and finally unassigned amounts.

The purpose for each major special revenue fund, including which specific revenues and other resources are authorized to be reported in each, are described in the following section.

The fund balances in the following funds are nonspendable as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Nonspendable Prepaid Expenses	\$18,927
Total Nonspendable Fund Balances	<u>\$18,927</u>

The fund balances in the following funds are restricted as follows:

Major Funds

General Fund:

Restricted for Tercentenary Expenses by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations)	\$ 310
Restricted for Tree Expenses by Grant Agreement (Source of Revenue is Grant Revenue)	1,276
Restricted for Newfane Hill Common Expenses by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations)	<u>2,929</u>
Total General Fund	<u>4,515</u>

Capital Projects Fund:

Restricted for Highway Improvement Expenditures by Unspent Bond Proceeds (Source of Revenue is Bond Proceeds)	<u>35,324</u>
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Records Restoration Fund:

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Restricted for Records Restoration Expenses by Statute (Source of Revenue is Restoration Fees)	\$ <u>2,020</u>
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Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds:

Restricted for Williamsville Hall Expenses by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations)	7,869
Restricted for Monument Upkeep Expenses by Donations (Source of Revenue is Donations)	2,100
Restricted for Historical Grant Expenses by Grant Agreement (Source of Revenue is Grant Revenue)	<u>4,072</u>

Total Non-Major Funds	<u>14,041</u>
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Total Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$55,900</u>
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The fund balances in the following funds are assigned as follows:

Major Funds

Capital Projects Fund:

Assigned for Capital Expenditures	\$112,038
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Reappraisal Fund:

Assigned for Reappraisal Expenses	<u>117,957</u>
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Total Assigned Fund Balances	<u>\$229,995</u>
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I. Restricted Net Position

The restricted net position of the Town as of June 30, 2016 consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

Restricted for Tercentenary Expenses by Donations	\$ 310
Restricted for Tree Expenses by Grant Agreement	1,276
Restricted for Newfane Hill Common Expenses by Donations	2,929
Restricted for Records Restoration Expenses by Statute	2,020
Restricted for Williamsville Hall Expenses by Donations	7,869
Restricted for Monument Upkeep Expenses by Donations	2,100
Restricted for Historical Grant Expenses by Grant Agreement	<u>4,072</u>

Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$20,576</u>
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The net position held in Trust in the Town's Private-Purpose Trust Fund as of June 30, 2016 consisted of the following:

Private-Purpose Trust Fund:

Restricted for Cemetery Expenses by Trust Agreements	<u>\$688</u>
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V. OTHER INFORMATION

A. PENSION PLAN

Defined Benefit Plan

Plan Description

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. It is designed for municipal and school district employees that work on a regular basis and also includes employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution's operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system. During the year ended June 30, 2016, the retirement system consisted of 436 participating employers.

The plan was established effective July 1, 1975, and is governed by Title 24, V.S.A. Chapter 125.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the retirement system for its members and their beneficiaries is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. They are the State Treasurer, two employee representatives elected by the membership of the system, and two employer representatives-one elected by the governing bodies of participating employers of the system, and one selected by the Governor from a list of four nominees. The list of four nominees is jointly submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont School Boards Association.

All assets are held in a single trust and are available to pay retirement benefits to all members. Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources

As of June 30, 2015, the measurement date selected by the State of Vermont, VMERS was funded at 87.42% and had a plan fiduciary net position of \$535,903,742 and a total pension liability of \$612,999,552 resulting in a net pension liability of \$77,095,810. As of June 30, 2016, the Town's proportionate share of this was .1220% resulting in a liability of \$94,085. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. As of June 30, 2015, the Town's proportion of .1220% was an increase of .0001% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Town recognized pension expense of \$26,211.

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As of June 30, 2016, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 2,974
Changes in assumptions	18,737
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	18,177
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,318
Town's required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>17,976</u>
	<u>\$ 59,182</u>

The deferred outflows of resources resulting from the Town's required employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$17,976 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending <u>June 30</u>	
2017	\$ 8,262
2018	8,262
2019	8,262
2020	<u>16,420</u>
Total	<u>\$41,206</u>

Summary of System Provisions

Membership: Full time employees of participating municipalities. The Town elected coverage under Group B provisions.

Creditable Service: Service as a member plus purchased service.

Average Final Compensation (AFC): Group B – Average annual compensation during highest three (3) consecutive years.

Service Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Group B – The earlier of age 62 with five (5) years of service or age 55 with thirty (30) years of service.

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Amount – Group B – 1.7% of AFC times service as a Group B member plus percentage earned as a Group A member times AFC.

Maximum benefit is 60% of AFC for Group B. The previous amounts include the portion of the allowance provided by member contributions.

Early Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Age 55 with five (5) years of service for Group B.

Amount – Normal allowance based on service and AFC at early retirement, reduced by 6% for each year commencement precedes normal retirement age for Group B members.

Vested Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Five (5) years of service.

Amount – Allowance beginning at normal retirement age based on AFC and service at termination. The AFC is to be adjusted annually by one-half of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, subject to the limits on “Post-Retirement Adjustments”.

Disability Retirement Allowance:

Eligibility – Five (5) years of service and disability as determined by Retirement Board.

Amount – Immediate allowance based on AFC and service to date of disability.

Death Benefit:

Eligibility – Death after five (5) years of service.

Amount – For Group B, reduced early retirement allowance under 100% survivor option commencing immediately or, if greater, survivor(s) benefit under disability annuity computed as of date of death.

Optional Benefit and Death after Retirement: For Group B, lifetime allowance or actuarially equivalent 50% or 100% joint and survivor allowance with refund of contribution guarantee.

Refund of Contribution: Upon termination, if the member so elects or if no other benefit is payable, the member’s accumulated contributions are refunded.

Post-Retirement Adjustments: Allowance in payment for at least one year increased on each January 1 by one-half of the percentage increase in Consumer Price Index but not more than 3% for Group B.

Member Contributions: Group B – 4.875% effective July 1, 2015 (increased from 4.75%)

Employer Contributions: Group B – 5.50% effective July 1, 2015 (increased from 5.375%)

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Retirement Stipend: \$25 per month payable at the option of the Board of Trustees.

Significant Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Interest Rate: A select-and-ultimate interest rate set, specified as follows. The interest rate set is restarted every year.

Year 1: 6.25%	Year 10: 8.50%
Year 2: 6.75%	Year 11: 8.50%
Year 3: 7.00%	Year 12: 8.50%
Year 4: 7.50%	Year 13: 8.50%
Year 5: 7.75%	Year 14: 8.50%
Year 6: 8.25%	Year 15: 8.50%
Year 7: 8.25%	Year 16: 8.75%
Year 8: 8.25%	Year 17 and later: 9.00%
Year 9: 8.50%	

Salary increases: 5% per year.

Deaths:

Active participants – 50% of the probabilities in the 1995 Buck Mortality Tables for males and females.

Non-disabled retirees and terminated vested participants – The 1995 Buck Mortality Tables with no set-back for males and one-year set-back for females.

Disabled retirees – RP-2000 Disabled Life Tables.

Beneficiaries – 1995 Buck Mortality Tables for males and females.

Spouse's Age: Husbands are assumed to be three years older than their wives.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments to Benefits of Terminated Vested and Retired Participants: Assumed to occur at the rate of 1.8% per annum for Group B members.

Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age Normal – Level Percentage of Pay.

Asset Valuation Method: Invested assets are reported at fair value.

Note – For funding purposes – A smoothing method is used, under which the value of assets for actuarial purposes equals market value less a five-year phase-in of the differences between actual and assumed investment return. The value of assets for actuarial purposes may not differ from the market value of assets by more than 20%.

Inflation: The separately stated assumptions for investment return, salary increases and cost of living adjustments are consistent with an expected annual inflation rate of 3.00% to 3.25% per year.

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Long-term Expected Rate of Return:

The long-term expected rate of return on investments was determined using best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) developed for each major asset class using an econometric model that forecasts a variety of economic environments and then calculates asset class returns based on functional relationships between the economic variable and the asset classes. These best estimate ranges were combined to produce forecasts of the short, intermediate, and longer term horizons by weighting the expected future nominal rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The various time horizons in the forecast are intended to capture more recent economic and capital market conditions as well as other plausible environments that could develop in the future over economic cycles.

Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Equity	8.61%
Fixed Income	1.91%
Alternatives	6.93%
Multi-strategy	4.88%

Nominal long-term expected rates of return for these asset classes are equal to the sum of the expected long-term real rates and the expected long-term inflation rate of 3.0%.

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.95%, a decrease from 8.23% in the prior year. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will continue to be made in accordance with the current funding policy. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current members. The assumed discount rate has been determined in accordance with the method prescribed by GASB 68.

Sensitivity of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.95 percent, as well as what the proportionate share would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower (6.95%) or one percent higher (8.95%):

<u>1% Decrease (6.95%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (7.95%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.95%)</u>
\$187,929	\$94,085	\$15,417

Additional Information

Additional information regarding the State of Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System, including the details of the Fiduciary Net Position, is available upon request from the State of Vermont.

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B. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains insurance coverage through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Town must remain a member for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty days notice. Fund underwriting and rate setting policies have been established after consultation with actuaries. Fund members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund's liabilities.

The Town is also a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Unemployment Insurance Trust. The Unemployment Trust is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide unemployment coverage for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating members. The agreement does not permit the Unemployment Trust to make additional assessments to its members.

C. PROPERTY TAXES

The Town is responsible for assessing and collecting its own property taxes, as well as education taxes for the State of Vermont. Property taxes are assessed based on property valuations as of April 1, the voter approved budgets and the State education property tax liability. Property taxes are collected four (4) times per year. During the tax year ended June 30, 2016, property taxes became due and payable on August 15, 2015, October 15, 2015, January 15, 2016 and April 15, 2016. The Town assesses an 8% penalty after the April 15 payment. Interest is assessed at one percent (1%) per month for the first three months and one and a half percent (1-1/2%) per month for each month thereafter. Unpaid taxes become an enforceable lien on the property, and such properties are subject to tax sale. The tax rates for 2016 were as follows:

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Non-Residential</u>
Education	1.5595	1.4983
Town	<u>0.4416</u>	<u>0.4416</u>
Total	<u>2.0011</u>	<u>1.9399</u>

D. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in a number of federally assisted and state grant programs that are subject to audits by the grantors or their representatives. Accordingly, compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2016

E. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One of the Selectboard members works for the Highway Department. The Selectboard member abstains from voting on matters involving the Highway Department.

Another Selectboard member is an owner of an excavating company which performed services for the Town during the year. The amount paid to his excavating company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 was \$195,568.

F. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On September 2, 2016, the Town refinanced the 2013 Mack Truck loan with People's United Bank in the amount of \$30,800 with an interest rate of 2% and a maturity date of September 1, 2017.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
VMERS DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN
JUNE 30, 2016

	2016	2015
Total Plan Net Pension Liability	\$ 77,095,810	\$ 9,126,613
Town's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.1220%	0.1219%
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 94,085	\$ 11,129
Town's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 326,830	\$ 317,360
Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Town's Covered Employee Payroll	28.7871%	3.5067%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	87.42%	98.32%

Notes to Schedule

Benefit Changes: None.

Changes in Assumptions: The discount rate used to measure the net pension liability was lowered from 8.23% to 7.95%, due to the adoption by the Board of Trustees of a 7.95% expected future rate of return on assets for funding purposes.

Fiscal year 2015 was the first year of implementation, therefore, only two years are shown.

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
 VMERS DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually Required Contribution (Actuarially Determined)	\$ 17,976	\$ 17,059
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	<u>17,976</u>	<u>17,059</u>
Contribution Excess/(Deficiency)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Town's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 326,830	\$ 317,360
Contributions as a Percentage of Town's Covered Employee Payroll	5.500%	5.375%

Notes to Schedule

Valuation Date: June 30, 2015

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 196,530	\$ 196,530	\$ 0
Proceeds from Long-term Debt	0	110,800	110,800
Interest	<u>100</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>5</u>
Total Revenues	<u>196,630</u>	<u>307,435</u>	<u>110,805</u>
Expenditures:			
Planned Acquisitions:			
Highway Equipment	20,000	110,800	(90,800)
Bridges	30,000	0	30,000
Highway Improvements	25,000	57,500	(32,500)
Town Buildings	<u>20,000</u>	<u>22,571</u>	<u>(2,571)</u>
Total Planned Acquisitions	<u>95,000</u>	<u>190,871</u>	<u>(95,871)</u>
Debt Service Payments:	<u>110,543</u>	<u>127,111</u>	<u>(16,568)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>205,543</u>	<u>317,982</u>	<u>(112,439)</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ <u>(8,913)</u>	(10,547)	\$ <u>(1,634)</u>
Fund Balance - July 1, 2015		<u>157,909</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2016		\$ <u>147,362</u>	

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds			
	Williamsville Hall Fund	Monument Upkeep Fund	Historical Grant Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 2,100	\$ 3,297	\$ 5,397
Due from Other Funds	<u>7,869</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>775</u>	<u>8,644</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,869</u>	<u>\$ 2,100</u>	<u>\$ 4,072</u>	<u>\$ 14,041</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Fund Balances:				
Restricted	<u>7,869</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>14,041</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>7,869</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>14,041</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 7,869</u>	<u>\$ 2,100</u>	<u>\$ 4,072</u>	<u>\$ 14,041</u>

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TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Special Revenue Funds			
	Williamsville Hall Fund	Monument Upkeep Fund	Historical Grant Fund	Total
Revenues:				
Investment Income	\$ 0	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 1
Donations	<u>4,551</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,551</u>
Total Revenues	<u>4,551</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,552</u>
Expenditures:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	4,551	1	0	4,552
Fund Balances - July 1, 2015	<u>3,318</u>	<u>2,099</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>9,489</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 7,869</u>	<u>\$ 2,100</u>	<u>\$ 4,072</u>	<u>\$ 14,041</u>

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial
Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an
Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with
"Government Auditing Standards"**

Board of Selectmen
Town of Newfane, Vermont
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We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newfane, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Newfane, Vermont's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Deficiencies in Internal Control, we identified certain deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town of Newfane, Vermont's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Deficiencies in Internal Control as Items 2016-1 and 2016-2 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Newfane, Vermont's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under "Government Auditing Standards".

We also noted certain other matters that we reported to the management of the Town of Newfane, Vermont in a separate letter dated November 15, 2016.

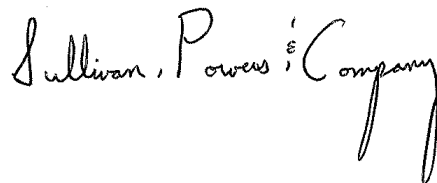
Town of Newfane, Vermont's Response to Deficiencies in Internal Control

The Town of Newfane, Vermont's response to the deficiencies in internal control identified in our audit is included with the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Deficiencies in Internal Control. The Town of Newfane, Vermont's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" in considering the Town of Newfane, Vermont's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

November 15, 2016
Montpelier, Vermont
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sullivan, Powers & Company". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized 'S' at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND DEFICIENCIES IN INTERNAL CONTROL
JUNE 30, 2016

Deficiencies in Internal Control:

Material Weaknesses:

2016-1 Reconciliation of Balance Sheet Accounts

Criteria:

Internal controls should be in place to provide for the reconciliation of all balance sheet accounts to supporting documentation on a monthly basis in order to detect and correct errors in account balances.

Condition:

A number of balance sheet accounts such as cash, prepaid expenses, accrued payroll and benefits payable and unearned revenue were not reconciled to the actual balances at year end which resulted in various adjustments to revenue and expenses.

Cause:

Unknown.

Effect:

The Town's account balances were incorrect.

Recommendation:

We recommend that all balance sheet accounts be reconciled to supporting documentation in order to detect and correct errors.

2016-2 Budgeted Transfers

Criteria:

Internal controls should be in place to review all budgeted transfers to determine whether intended transfers have been made.

Condition:

The annual appropriation to the Capital Projects Fund was not made during the year.

Cause:

Unknown.

TOWN OF NEWFANE, VERMONT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND DEFICIENCIES IN INTERNAL CONTROL
JUNE 30, 2016

Effect:

The Town's General Fund fund balance was overstated and the Capital Projects Fund fund balance was understated.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Town review all budgeted transfers and verify all intended transfers are made.



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RE: Town of Newfane, Audit June 30, 2015
Responses to Schedule of Findings and Deficiencies in Internal Control

Dear Jordon:

The Town of Newfane, Vermont is in receipt of Audit Report of June 30, 2016 and hereby responds to the Schedule of Findings and Deficiencies in Internal Control:

2016-1 Reconciliation of Balance Sheet Accounts:

The Town of Newfane recognizes the deficiency identified and recommendation made. The Town will continue to work on implementing corrective action to ensure that all balance sheet accounts are reconciled to supporting documentation at least monthly.

2016 -2 Budgeted Transfers

The Town of Newfane recognizes the deficiency identified and recommendation made. The Town will implement a method to ensure that all intended transfers are made.

Respectfully Submitted,


Shannon Meckle, Administrative Assistant

on Behalf of the Newfane Selectboard

NOTES

REPORTS OF
SOCIAL SERVICE
ORGANIZATIONS

&
EMERGENCY SERVICE
AGENCIES

AMERICAN RED CROSS

August 28, 2016 marked the five-year anniversary of Hurricane Irene and the devastation that the storm caused in our state. The Red Cross responded by setting up several shelters around the state, serving more than 15,000 meals, and thousands of bottles of water, and providing many other disaster relief items.

Just as we were there for Irene, we are there when there is a house fire and local families lose everything they own. We offer immediate relief in support in the hours and days immediately following a disaster, no matter its size. We prepare local volunteers to provide relief in the face of disasters. We teach people CPR and other lifesaving skills, and we canvass Vermont neighborhoods to install smoke alarms in an effort to reduce deaths and injuries from home fires. The Red Cross provides 40% of the nation's supply of blood and blood products. Through our Service to the Armed Forces, we support America's military families with a series of specialized programs. These are all the ways that we fill our humanitarian mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

All of our services are free and we receive no funding from federal or state governments. To provide these services, the American Red Cross reaches out to community partners like Newfane for support. That is why the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont respectfully requests a donation of \$500 for the upcoming fiscal year.

Last year, the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont provided the following services throughout our region:

Red Cross disaster volunteers responded to 256 local disasters, helping over 1,218 people.

We installed over 1,827 smoke detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.

303 Nurse Assistants and 28 Phlebotomists graduated from our trainings.

We held 5,039 blood drives and collected 950,196 units of blood.

We connected 628 military members with their families and loved ones with the help of our Service to the Armed Forces Department.

We currently have over 1,300 volunteers throughout the two states that help to make these services happen.

As we learned from Irene, a disaster or emergency can strike at any time with or without warning, and the American Red Cross is committed to being in the community to help its residents in times of need. Your donation will help to ensure that your residents receive the support they need when disaster strikes.

On behalf of the volunteers and staff throughout the New Hampshire and Vermont Red Cross region, thank you for considering our request to support our humanitarian work. While we hope that no disasters hit your area, rest assured that the American Red Cross will be there to help if they do.

AIDS PROJECT OF SOUTHERN VERMONT

The AIDS Project of Southern Vermont (APSV) located at 15 Grove Street in Brattleboro, is a nonprofit, community-based AIDS Service Organization. For 28 years APSV has provided direct services to people living with HIV/AIDS, their partners and family members including a nutritious food program. In addition, we provide anonymous HIV and Hep C testing as well as an evidence-based, health promotion intervention for people living with HIV or at high risk for contracting HIV, providing clients with the skills necessary to be able to make healthy choices for their lives.

In 2016, APSV served 82 people living with HIV/AIDS with medical case management. Our food program served 66 individuals and 42 family members with 19,189 pounds of frozen meat and vegetables, dairy products, fresh produce, and non-perishable food; and 2,270 household and personal care items.

Prevention staff and volunteers continue to provide HIV prevention services to those at higher risk for contracting HIV. In 2016, 517 individuals were reached through HIV presentations, community

outreach, intensive evidence-based intervention programming, and HIV testing.

ASPV also provided training to staff members of human service agencies in the region on HIV/AIDS issues and advocated for people living with or at risk for HIV in areas of social justice, policy, legal and ethical issues, and equal access to community resources.

Although APSV does serve Newfane residents through its direct services and prevention programs, we do not publish the numbers of HIV-positive people served in each town out of respect for confidentiality concerns.

For more information please call us at 254-4444 or visit aidsprojectsouthernvermont.org.

BRATTLEBORO DEVELOPMENT CREDIT CORPORATION/SeVEDS

Since 2012, Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) board and staff members have been invited to attend meetings with selectboards and town officials in towns throughout Southern Vermont. This has been a tremendous experience for us, and a great opportunity for towns to learn more about the progress of regional economic development efforts currently underway. Those efforts include: the growing success of our regional paid college internship program, our high school Fast Tracks to Success program which focuses on increasing students' awareness of the existing job opportunities in the region, Southern Vermont Young Professionals, and our rapidly growing Green Building and Services cluster analysis, also known as the Evocation Hub.

Earlier this year, the BDCC, on behalf of SeVEDS, accepted an award for Excellence in Economic Development, from the international Economic Development Council (IEDC) for implementing a Multi-Year Economic Development Program, the Windham Region S.M.A.R.T. CEDS. The IEDC Award comes on the heels of two Northeast Economic Developers Association awards for Project of the Year, the Windham Workforce Center of Excellence and Program of the Year for the GS Precision Expansion. These distinguished awards are

the result of the work by the boards, committees, municipalities and community members over the last eight years to strengthen the Windham Region's economy.

In support of the continuation of the regional efforts, SeVEDS is again requesting municipal funding for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. SeVEDS is an affiliate of Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), which grew from a 2008 grassroots effort whose mission is to reverse the economic decline of the Windham Region. Since submitting the Windham Region's federally recognized S.M.A.R.T. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the BDCC and SeVEDS have been working to implement the strategies highlighted in this economic development roadmap. SeVEDS receives funding from both the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the BDCC.

Since 2013, we have raised over \$150,000 in municipal funds from the following towns: Brattleboro, Dover, Londonderry, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Rockingham, Vernon, Weston, Westminster, and Wilmington. We are again asking all towns to contribute toward this regional economic development effort at the rate of \$3.00 per person, based on town population. We are asking the Town of Newfane to include in its budget or a separately warned article on its 2017 Town Meeting Warning to: appropriate \$5,178.00 (based on population of 1726) to support continued implementation of the Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies effort.

BRATTLEBORO AREA HOSPICE

Brattleboro Area Hospice provides non-medical, volunteer-staffed programs for dying and grieving community members. We recruit, train, place and support volunteers. We provide education and outreach to increase our community's understanding of and preparation to cope with the issues of death and dying.

Brattleboro Area Hospice is dedicated to the belief that each of us can offer companionship and support to those around us who are dying or grieving. Our volunteers provide wide-ranging support to clients

and their families regardless of whether a patient resides at home, is in a hospital, a long-term care facility or some other location. Hospice volunteers organize and participate in round-the-clock vigils when end of life is close and family can't be present. We offer bereavement support groups creating a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support and gaining insight into the grieving process. We publish a bereavement newsletter SEASONS, offer one-on-one grief counseling, and conduct an Annual Service of Remembrance at our Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park.

This year we began an Advance Care Planning Initiative, Taking Steps Brattleboro, with the goal to achieve a significant increase in the number of people in the Brattleboro area who have completed the Advance Care planning process. Brattleboro Area Hospice will offer trained volunteers to help people through the process of developing and registering Advance Directives.

One hundred percent of our funding is local - we receive no money from state, federal or insurance sources. All of our services are offered free of charge. We are grateful to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors, and grateful for the community's support which makes our work possible. Your financial support helps to make it possible.

In the past year, Brattleboro Area Hospice served **10** Newfane residents. **Four** Newfane residents served as volunteers. Please call us at 257-0775 with any questions on death or dying or visit us at www.brattleborohospice.org

CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT

The Current has been southern Windsor and Windham County's public transit provider since 2003. Our mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the communities we serve.

In 2015, The Current combined with Deerfield Valley Transit Association (DVTA), The MOOver, based in Wilmington to become Southeast Vermont Transit, Inc. (SEVT). This has strengthened both

companies and built a stronger foundation to improve transit service in southeastern Vermont. It has leveraged the strengths of each organization to improve service delivery and customer service; reduced duplicate tasks; and produced a stronger, more financially sustainable regional system.

In 2015, SEVT was awarded management of an earmark to build a park and ride facility off Exit 6, and to use the balance on an expansion to The Current's transit facility. The park and ride was completed in the fall of 2016, and the building addition is expected to be completed in late December 2017. This request, and all town appropriation requests, will not be used as match for this project, but rather to provide annual operating support for our routes.

The Current operates fixed route, Elderly and Disabled, and non-emergency medical transportation services through its fleet of 36 buses and network of over 70 volunteer drivers. Last year, the Current provided 968,068 rides over the course of 136,798 hours and 3,415,496 miles for a total cost of \$4,798,842.

Newfane residents received **864** rides at a cost of **\$21,162**. Newfane is served by a Dial-A-Ride service which includes medical rides for the elderly, disabled and/or children and families who receive Medicaid, and services connecting to other regional routes.

We operate on a blend of federal, state, and local funding. Newfane's \$750 contribution in 2016 was critical to providing the town our services because local funding allows us to draw down federal funds. We are asking Newfane to please consider a \$750 contribution for FY 2018.

All existing Current services and routes will operate as they are now. There will be no change to Newfane's service levels or the variety of transportation options The Current provides. Newfane's contribution will stay local to support its residents and visitors. Guaranteed.

We thank the town for their previous support and hope that you will support our 2017 funding request. Please contact us by mail (rgagnon@crtransit.org); (802) 460-7433, Ext. 201; or visit us at

www.crtransit.org to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.

EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES

Early Education Services (EES) is our region's Head Start, Early Head Start and Parent Child Center (PCC). Our services include: Head Start & Early Head Start classrooms, Early Head Start Home Visiting, the Welcome Baby Program, playgroups, the Dedicated Dads program, a monthly dental clinic for children 0-3, information and referral services to connect families with area resources, support groups, and parent education classes. We also partner with Vermont's Economic Services to provide Reach-Up case management to young families.

Early Head Start (0-3) and Head Start (3-5) classrooms provide high quality early childhood education to children at centers in Brattleboro and Westminster. Children and families also receive comprehensive services which includes support from a Family Support Specialist and on-site nutrition, dental, medical and behavioral support. Head Start centers offer classroom programming for 48 preschoolers in Brattleboro and 24 in Westminster. Early Head Start offers classroom programming for 48 infants and toddlers in Brattleboro and 24 in Westminster.

Early Head Start Home Visiting provides services to families from pregnancy to age 3. Home-based Family Support Specialists meet with families weekly to provide parenting support and education. They also help connect families with community resources. Families also have access to on-site nutrition, dental and medical support. 40 Early Head Start families participate in our home visiting program.

The Welcome Baby Program is open to any family in our region with an infant or young child. A Welcome Baby visit is an opportunity for families to connect with their community and receive valuable information on child development, health, safety and area resources. Welcome Baby bags were provided to 124 families in the 2016 fiscal year. This program also collaborates with area schools to provide the Teddy Bear Teas, open house events at 15 area

elementary schools every May. 437 children and adults attended the 2016 Teddy Bear Teas.

EES playgroups currently are provided in the communities of Townshend and Whitingham, but are open to families from any community. They are an opportunity for parents and children to connect, access resources and have fun!

The Dedicated Dads Program supports men who are fathers and want to make a positive difference in the lives of their children. At the weekly support group, they focus on learning skills to improve relationships, share different parenting strategies, and work to balance all that life demands while supporting each other. An average of 8-9 fathers attend Dedicated Dads on a weekly basis.

The monthly **EES Dental Clinic** is for children under three. The American Dental Association recommends that all children have a dental visit at age one. Unfortunately, most local dentists do not provide services to children under three. In partnership with Dr. Rediske, EES hosts this clinic to help fill a gap in young children's access to dental care in our region. There were 112 visits to the clinic in 2016.

EES is a place for parents to learn about area resources and how to access them. We are currently expanding these **information and referral services** by opening mobile sites in some rural communities in Windham County.

Parent Education Classes and Support Groups are open to any interested parent and cover a variety of parenting topics and concerns.

GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities residents of Windham County since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing

facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- nursing oversight;
- access to on-site counseling and occupational and physical therapists, podiatry and hairdresser;
- daily exercise program including tai-chi;
- recreation and social activities including expressive arts, poetry, and crafts;
- nutritious meals and snacks;
- personal care;
- outreach services;
- companionship;
- special events;
- access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments.

For questions, additional information or to schedule a tour please contact TFP at 802-254-6559, email info@gatheringplacevt.org or visit us on the web at <https://gatheringplacevt.org>.

GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL

Since 1949, Grace Cottage has existed for one purpose: to serve the health care needs of our rural community with competence and compassion. At Grace Cottage, our mission is to relieve suffering, restore health, and promote wellness.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for the convenience of those who choose to use Grace Cottage for their primary care, as over 7,000 residents of Windham County currently do. Primary care for your family, including physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, podiatry, urology, and mental health services are provided on a daily basis, and most of our 14 providers are accepting new patients.

Three years ago, through the Vermont Blueprint for Health Initiative, we created a Community Health Team at Grace Cottage Family Health. In 2015, we secured private funding to greatly expand this

department, which offers valuable, free services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, short-term mental health and substance abuse assessment, assistance with applying for health insurance and connecting to community resources, and more.

Grace Cottage's Rehabilitation Department continues to offer exceptional care to both hospital patients and outpatients with sixteen physical, occupational, and speech therapists. New services include lymphedema therapy and pediatric rehabilitation.

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a palliative care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. Thanks to donations made in 2016, a new room and an ultrasound with a cardiac probe were added to the Emergency Department.

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness in the region and encourages residents to take advantage of our low-cost or free classes and events. Weekly classes such as yoga and Strong Bones are held in the beautiful and serene Community Wellness Center. Programs such as Driver Safety and various support groups are held throughout the year; more information is at www.gracecottage.org

Messenger Valley Pharmacy, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment with expert advice. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter items, gifts and cards are also available.

Private donations and town appropriations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, thank you for your support. You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP

Green Mountain RSVP, part of the Corporation for National and Community Service - Senior Corps, is a nationwide program for people age 55 and older who want to contribute to their communities through volunteering. Volunteers donate their skills and knowledge, and provide meaningful services to

programs and nonprofits in the local area. Green Mountain RSVP believes that our senior population is our most valuable asset in keeping our communities strong.

Green Mountain RSVP helps local non-profit and civic organizations by recruiting and matching volunteers to meet vital community needs. Our goal is to ensure that volunteers contribute their time and talents to programs that have a significant, positive impact on the quality of life in Windham County. They address community concerns that are vital for our senior population and their neighbors. They include: supporting Healthy Futures and Aging in Place through food pantry support, meal delivery, and transportation. In our companionship & wellness programs, we offer 11 Bone Builder classes throughout Windham County, serving over 500 seniors around Southern Vermont.

Volunteers in Newfane have served hours that benefit local area nonprofits and benefit senior services. Our volunteers worked to support tax assistance, food pantries, transportation and meal delivery, blood drives, and mentoring in area schools. Other volunteers led Bone Builders classes and supported numerous other community priorities throughout Windham County. Green Mountain RSVP volunteers generously donated 13,100 hours in Windham County at 39 local nonprofits. Their service is valued at \$298,549 to the community. For every \$1.00 invested by the Windham County community, RSVP volunteers give back \$4.00 in service. RSVP will continue to build programming around support of Aging in Place and Healthy Futures in Windham County in the upcoming year. We always welcome new volunteers.

You are welcome to contact Steve Ovenden in our Windham office at (802) 254-7515 or the Bennington office at (802) 772-7875. We are happy to attend a town meeting to discuss the changes in our program and answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Day marked its 46th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up

Vermont, a nonprofit 501c3 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

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover seventeen percent of 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 is 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.

GROUNDWORKS COLLABORATIVE

Groundworks Collaborative was established in 2015 as a result of the merger of the Brattleboro Area Drop In Center and Morningside Shelter (having been in existence for 27 and 36 years respectively). Groundworks provides ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities in the greater Brattleboro area. The following are our direct service programs:

Groundworks Food Shelf - Open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (and Tuesday afternoons for seniors only), the food shelf provides emergency food for over 1,300 individuals (roughly 290 households) per month.

Groundworks Shelter - Our year-round 30-bed shelter for families and individuals offers an extended stay and provides all residents intensive case management. The Shelter operates at capacity throughout the year and maintains a waiting list for entry.

Groundworks Seasonal Overflow Shelter - Open from November - April, the SOS provides a warm place to sleep and a hot meal each night for those with nowhere else to go.

Groundworks Day Shelter - Groundworks provides a safe place where our neighbors experiencing homelessness can come in out of the weather and access services such as email, telephones, laundry, showers, donated clothing, coffee and snacks, lockers, and a kitchen to prepare a meal.

Housing Case Management - Our team of case managers work with people who are currently and formerly experiencing homelessness to help them find and/or maintain stable housing. Our case management model includes weekly home visits (once housed) to ensure that clients are settling and meeting goals to address the challenges that led to their homelessness.

Representative Payee Service - Provides financial management by serving as an intermediary between those receiving Social Security disability payments and their benefits. The program ensures that rent and basic living expenses are paid before spending money is disbursed to clients, which keeps participants in good financial standing, thereby preventing future threats of homelessness.

Mental Health Collaborative - Groundworks Shelter hosts an on-site Mental Health & Addiction Treatment Counselor from the Brattleboro Retreat for 16 hours each week keeping valuable connections to the Retreat's services available, even as residents leave the Shelter.

Vulnerable Population Care Coordinator - Beginning in the fall of 2016, the Day Shelter will host a Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Registered Nurse on-site for 16 hours each week.

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES (HCRS)

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$1,850.00 from the Town of Newfane at the 2017 Town Meeting to help defray the cost of services to its residents for the Mental Health Walk-In Clinic. In the year ending June 30, 2016, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 4,504 residents of Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the resident of your community are:

Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services: HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. Adult services include assessment, treatment including individual, group, couples, and family counseling, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. It is the philosophy of HCRS that people are resilient and therefore capable of overcoming difficult experiences and recovering from mental illness and substance abuse. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals and families of whom we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

Children, Youth, and Families Program: The Children's Division provides a comprehensive system of care for youth experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services for youth and their families including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite and case aid services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, crisis response and emergency respite services, a mental health program specifically for young children up to six years old, and an employment assistance program for youth in transition who have significant emotional disturbances.

Developmental Services (DS): The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person being served receives an individually written program to meet his or her needs. Children with a developmental disability are served through a collaboration with the Children's Division.

Residential Services: Residential Services offers residential care from short term crisis stabilization, to intensive residential care, to therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals the appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs. The Residential continuum of care is comprised of a total of 38 beds spanning five individual programs.

Emergency Services: The Emergency Services Team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, business, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Newfane for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY

The Historical Society of Windham County was founded in 1927 to preserve our County's history for present and future generations.

In 1936, the Museum was built in Newfane to house the extensive collection that came from all the towns in the County. This now contains over 8,000 artifacts which are displayed in changing interpretative exhibits. The Museum's archives of manuscripts and documents are also available for research or special interests. School visits are encouraged.

In 2014, the Historical Society purchased the 1880 Railroad Station in Newfane - one of ten depots along the West River Railroad which ran from Brattleboro to South Londonderry. The Historical Society plans to create a Museum of the West River Railroad an annex of the current Museum. Restoration of the Railroad Depot began in 2015 and is slated for completion in 2017. Look for announcements of the grand opening of the Museum in the fall of 2017!

We hope you share our belief that all our towns would be poorer if our rich local history was ever lost. Your support will help us to maintain the collection and continue our policy of free admission. We are open Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from noon to 5:00, from Memorial Day weekend until mid-October. Please visit our website for more information, the latest news and schedule of events: www.historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org.

LELAND & GRAY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Leland & Gray Educational Foundation wishes to thank all the residents of Newfane who unanimously supported our \$1,000 request at your 2016 Town Meeting. When combined with our own fundraising activities, the extra financial assistance from several valley towns helped us to continue awarding scholarships to needy and deserving graduates from the Leland & Gray community.

Our Foundation is a non-profit organization trying to help young people in the West River Valley become more educated and financially secure. We understand that education makes a significant difference in a young person's life. Since its inception in 1997, the Leland & Gray Educational Foundation (L&GEF) has provided scholarship assistance to 44 people from the towns of Windham, Wardsboro, Jamaica, Brookline, Townshend, Newfane, Dover and Winhall. To date, we have distributed over \$114,000.

Aside from assisting college bound students, the Foundation offers assistance to people who want to upgrade their occupational skills. Although all recipients are Leland & Gray Union High School graduates, not all are from the most recent graduating class. It is the Foundation's goal to support lifelong learning and encourages any Leland & Gray alumni

to further their education and apply for help via the foundation.

All applicants for aid must complete a written application, provide academic grade reports, show a financial need for assistance and interview with the entire L&GEF board.

The L&GEF has always relied on tax deductible contributions from individuals and corporations. It is because of their generosity that many hard working, qualified students from the West River Valley have received help financing their education. It is our hope that at the 2017 Town Meeting, once again, the citizens of Newfane will vote to support our request for a \$1,000 contribution to the Leland & Gray Educational Foundation.

NEWBROOK FIRE AND RESCUE

From September 2015 to September 2016, the NewBrook Fire & Rescue Department responded to 258 calls: 186 rescues, 61 fires, and 11 others. Regretfully, we lost three members: Bob Culver, Rick Kauffeld, and Trevor Moore. The membership grew by six members.

Major department expenses included \$18,900+ for insurance, and \$9,600+ in utilities (electric, heat and phones.) NewBrook received a new 3,000 gallon Pierce tanker truck in July. Other significant purchases included a gas meter, four pagers, eight tables, a portable pump and a storage trailer (rental). The apparatus bay floors were painted in May, which was a large project.

NewBrook benefitted as a recipient of a forestry grant, which allowed us to obtain six sets of firefighting gear. Plymouth, Massachusetts donated to us a “jaws of life” and a 1953 Diamond T tanker for forestry/brush fire calls. Vermont Yankee gave us various firefighting accessories and office supplies (tables, chairs, etc.).

This coming year, NewBrook has been advised to apply for two FEMA grants; one for 14 Scott air tanks and the other for a pumper truck. The odds for success are slim, but the work was done “in house” by two dedicated members. It should be noted that as

of this report, the 1983 Pierce pumper/tanker was sold for \$5,000.

This past year, Newfane’s support was \$20,000 and Brookline gifted us with \$9,000. Both towns also paid their share of the Mutual Aid dues that NewBrook had paid in previous years and these were not small amounts. Newbrook humbly requests level funding for this coming year. Thank you.

NEWFANE ANEW COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS (NACV)

Newfane Anew Community Volunteers continued to work for the vitality of Newfane, its three villages, two rivers, and one town.

Looking back over the year, NACV members faced the tragic fire at the Newfane Creamery and Café building with action to bring the community together and most importantly to support the businesses and employees of the destroyed building. On Sunday following the fire, NACV hosted a get-together with the wonderful support of the Four Columns Inn. The outpouring of concern and support was evident in the raising of over \$13,000, which went to those affected by the fire. Of course, all residents of Newfane and visitors to Newfane were affected by the loss. The Creamery and Café was a meeting place for residents and visitors, and is much missed.

In May we supported the West River Valley American Legion Post 16 and Auxiliary in putting up flags, decorating the Common, and providing the PA system (thanks to the Town itself). The Memorial Day weekend saw the parade and ceremony and a “Welcome to Summer” event sponsored by the Four Columns Inn, and pancake breakfast at the Newfane Congregational Church.

July involved NACV in the Moore Free Library’s community yard sale where we helped by setting up tables and selling baked goods. The first of the Concerts on the Common happened in July. One long-time resident of Newfane commented that he thought that the concerts were paid for by the Town in its municipal budget. Not true. Flags and concerts happen as community members and the public donate to NACV, a 501(c) (3) non-profit.

In August we sponsored a second concert, and we hope to add even a third this coming summer.

Another community event was visible on the Common for Halloween. Not only did NACV sponsor the pumpkin carving but with the amazing creative juices and skills of Bob McCandless, we displayed a 60-foot creation of silhouettes of Newfane “homes” and witches, bats, and spiders with a graveyard mingled in. (See the cover of the Town Report for a memory glimpse of the display.)

December brought back the light display on the Common and Winterfest. Over 100 children visited Santa in Union Hall where they received a gift, had some goodies to eat, and participated in a craft of their choice.

Several businesses in Newfane joined their efforts to bring a Newfane Welcome Center at the Four Columns Inn. This endeavor is well underway with approved signage from the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Stay tuned for developments.

Going back historically, it was through Newfane Anew Community Volunteers that Front Porch Forum (FPF) came into being in Newfane. Newfane’s FPF has been joined by Brookline and Townshend, and it provides a great means of communication with neighbors—free. Visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NewfaneAnew. We’re all about Newfane.

SENIOR SOLUTIONS

Senior Solutions - Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont offers support services to elders and their families. Our mission is to promote successful aging. This is a summary of services provided to Newfane in the last year (7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016.)

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered **133** calls from your town. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also detailed at www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org.

Health Insurance: We helped **29** residents with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plans enrollment.

Senior Nutrition: In partnership with other organizations and volunteers, congregate community meals were offered at the Congregational Church and **1,680** meals were delivered to **15** seniors at home.

Transportation: Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Case Management & Advocacy: We provided **13** elder residents with **167.5** hours in-home case management or other home based services to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization.

Special Assistance: We provide assistance through flexible funds for **1** client that includes respite assistance for care givers of those diagnosed with dementia and assistance with needs not covered by other funding.

Your contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our services. We do not charge for any of our services. Your town's support is greatly appreciated.

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION (SEVCA)

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardship of poverty, create sustainable self-sufficiency, reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Resolution (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Income Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Newfane, we have provided the following services during FY 2016:

Weatherization: One home (1 person) was weatherized at a cost of **\$44,425**.

Emergency Heating System Replacement: One home (1 person) received a furnace repair at a cost of **\$231**.

Tax Preparation: One household (2 people) received tax credits and services totaling **\$3,207**.

VT Health Connect Navigation: Twelve households (41 people) received assistance with enrolling in the Vermont Health Exchange, valued at **\$1,798**.

Family Services: Nine households (18 people) received **82** services (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services), valued at **\$455**.

Fuel & Utility Assistance: Ten households (22 people) received 13 assists, valued at **\$5,673**.

Housing Assistance: Six households (10 people) received **6** assists, valued at **\$2,159**.

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private and town funds allows us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Newfane for their continued support.

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT WATERSHED ALLIANCE (SeVWA)

What an amazing year for the Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance! As of this writing we are wrapping up a nearly flawless monitoring season. We are fortunate to have had the program coordinated for another year by Ryan O'Donnell assisted by Andrew Nyugen with Americor. We added a few new sites where previous monitoring or property owners had identified potential problems. The volunteers, new and old, were trained or refreshed in the protocols at the start of the season. And, we were excited to launch a water temperature monitoring program in the Brattleboro area courtesy of a grant and with the support of the Environmental Protection Agency as

part of the Federal Clean Water Act. This new endeavor was warmly received by the community and volunteers stepped forward to record the results. Thanks to Ryan's efforts, the temperature monitoring will be able to continue and expand next season through a special grant from the LaRosa Program.

The aftermath of Hurricane Irene continues to plague the area. Most apparent is the erosion that has left river banks unstable and heavy rains turn the rivers muddy. In some areas, invasive species have taken root in the newly deposited soil. The work of addressing these issues will continue for years to come.

Each year we must raise the funds to continue the important work of keeping records of the water quality and monitoring the health of our local rivers. Six times during the summer season, over 30 volunteers collect samples that are tested for ecoli, phosphates, nitrates, conductivity and turbidity.

2016 has been a hot, dry summer and all the favorite river swimming holes have seen heavy use. SeVWA is proud to be able to provide the local communities with bi-weekly data on the safety of their local rivers.

We want to thank the Town of Newfane for supporting the program. SeVWA has been part of the discussion for the restoration of the Adams Hill Brook to help riparian life.

In addition, this year we are asking townspeople to share information about the Southeastern Vermont Watershed Alliance with their friends and associates. We need your help to spread the word about our work and to build our base of support. One easy way is to "like" and "share" our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SeVWA> and to share our website: www.sevwa.org.

SOUTH NEWFANE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The South Newfane Community Association requests a \$2000 contribution from the Town of Newfane in fiscal year 2017, in support of the South Newfane Schoolhouse.

The funds received from the Town are vitally important in helping us maintain the historic Schoolhouse in South Newfane village center.

Many local people used the Schoolhouse this past year for a variety of activities including painting classes, birthday and card parties, the annual Rock River Artists event, music practice, civic meetings, concerts, Tai Chi classes, and theater production.

We would greatly appreciate the Town of Newfane continuing to support us in maintaining the Schoolhouse and keeping it open for local use.

Thank you for your consideration.

RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY JUSTICE OF SOUTHERN VERMONT

Overview

Restorative Community Justice of Southern Vermont is an organization of dedicated local residents who volunteer their time to introduce and provide restorative practices to the community.

The Need

The West River Valley is a sparsely populated region with high rates of poverty. It is located in Windham County, which has the third-lowest median income in the state. Job opportunities are limited and residents are struggling to get by. In the recent past, there has been a double murder and a murder suicide in this area. In both cases, substance abuse played a role. Large segments of the population have been traumatized by drug addiction and its related ills, and municipalities offer few services to help them deal with these difficulties. There is no service that helps people work through conflict with their families or with neighbors. While we are currently based in the West River Valley, we serve anyone in the region.

Restorative Justice

Our mission is to promote restorative practices: to prevent, address and change behaviors that hurt individuals, families, schools and communities. These practices focus on repairing harm and reintegrating those involved in conflict back into the community by talking about important issues,

improving relationships, creating a peaceable climate and nurturing critical awareness of each person's valued place in their community. We will create opportunities and provide resources for people to achieve these goals.

Restorative justice is the most effective way to develop student empowerment on disciplinary issues and to create a peaceable school environment. For example:

The Minnesota Department of Education reported that schools implementing restorative justice practices reduced suspensions by 30 to 50 percent.

Student disrespect toward teachers and classroom misbehavior were cut by two-thirds after restorative justice became the practice in Pennsylvania's Springfield Township High School.

Victims expressed greater satisfaction (79 percent vs 57 percent) after having engaged in mediation with the offender than were those who participated in traditional court proceedings.

Offenders who mediated with victims far more frequently completed the restitution requirements than those who did not (81 percent vs. 58 percent).

In two high schools studied, inappropriate behavior, classroom disruptions, and disrespect toward teachers were reduced by more than two-thirds; and detentions, disciplinary referrals and out-of-school suspensions declined by 40 percent or more.

If a person is in crisis or in a situation that is not good and not likely to improve, s/he becomes vulnerable to sinking slowly into a state of being unable to function. Support from family and friends, helps that person to become better able to take stock of the situation and get through the difficulties without things growing worse.

The Vision

Restorative Community Justice of Southern Vermont (RCJSV) seeks to provide a range of assistance and solutions for people facing conflicts and disagreements. RCJSV currently has one trained restorative justice practitioner with six years' experience, and two volunteers who, through training

sessions and Restorative Practice observations are learning to facilitate restorative practices.

We offer family and community circles, free of charge, to members of the community. To date we have conducted three family circles involving some 20 community members. To further our reach, we have started to do community outreach so that all who need our help will know about this service. We have held two public meetings and have met more than a dozen times with local community groups, churches and local law enforcement to publicize our work.

We are establishing partnerships with the local high school, libraries and several churches, not only to spread the word, but also to provide venues for circles and meetings. We are working with a newly formed Community Hope and Action, a group that is also trying to improve life in the valley. We have initiated a community appeal/compassionate letter/personal visit campaign to a local reputed drug dealer to persuade him to help us make a positive change in the community.

RCJSV volunteers gather family, friends and allies to assist a vulnerable person. We start by speaking with the person and asking them to list everyone in their life who has any connection with them. We then speak with each of those people, asking them: 1) Whether they would be willing/able to help the person in any way, and; 2) Who else might be included in this circle who may be willing to think about helping out the person in need.

Once we establish who is willing to think about the problem, we facilitate a meeting of everyone involved to talk about possible solutions/assistance for the person. Our role is not to suggest or impose solutions, but to help the family/community circle to devise a solution based on their own unique understanding of the person and situation. Once a solution has been suggested, we would work to help the solution be implemented, and to connect folks to resources that might help them. There would also be follow up to help ensure that the goals are being met as well as possible.

There is no cost to any of this process. It is in everyone's interest to have healthy and happy

neighbors. This work is simply an attempt to serve our community.

Budget and Deliverables

When fully operational, RCJSV will offer ongoing restorative practice training, both for volunteer facilitators and for community members who could benefit by incorporating restorative practices into their lives. We will provide access to trained restorative justice practitioners to conduct circles and mediation free of charge to anyone who needs them. We will have an ongoing community outreach program with the ultimate goal to inculcate restorative practices into the cultural fabric of the West River Valley and Southern Vermont.

With initial funding of \$65,000 per year for a two-year period, RCJSV will hire a full-time director who will cultivate financial support (including grant proposals and other donations) to cover the cost for the training and restorative practices that we provide; serve as liaison with all other community groups and organizations to promote free services; and establish the infrastructure to ensure that WRCJ will become self-sustaining.

In our first year, we will:

- Secure 501(c)(3) nonprofit status
- Convene a board of directors
- Secure a physical presence in the West River Valley
- Begin outreach work for our free restorative practice services.
- Begin training volunteers
- Provide free restorative services to the community on a limited basis

By the end of the second year, RCJSV will have a robust program of restorative justice training which will be provided free to community members. We will have a team of thirty-five trained volunteers conducting restorative circles, family circles and other practices in the community. In addition to working with all possible relevant groups and organizations in the West River Valley, we will also be doing outreach to the growing number of other restorative practitioners and organizations currently working in Vermont.

In the ensuing years, RCJSV would have the option of pursuing a relationship with the Vermont Department of Corrections or the Vermont Attorney General's office. This would expand our work to include restorative panels for court diversions, and re-entry work for Vermonters leaving the criminal justice system. Such a relationship would be funded by the afore-mentioned State entities and would be a parallel enterprise, not affecting the primary, local community and family orientation of RCJSV. In addition, RCJSV will act as a mentor and fiscal agents for other groups who want to start their own community Restorative Practice organizations. Just as the state of Vermont has recognized the value of restorative practices within the judicial and corrections system in the state, RCJSV will help the state to expand those practices so that more Vermonters can avoid the criminal justice system entirely.

TIMSON HILL PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTER

Timson Hill Preschool and Children's Center is a fully state licensed, five star Vermont program, and is the only nationally accredited center-based early care and education center of the greater Newfane area. The school has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) since 2001. Timson Hill Preschool and Children's Center is a non-profit organization that educates young children before they enter the public school system. The school offers morning, afternoon, before care, after care, and after school programs that are dedicated to providing a solid foundation for our community children's future.

Founded in 1989, Timson Hill continues to serve Williamsville, South Newfane, Newfane, and neighboring communities. Our morning and afternoon program currently serves 24 families with most children ranging between 3 to 5 years of age. Children usually attend one to two years of preschool before kindergarten, and Timson Hill has fulfilled that need for hundreds of families over the years.

This funding request reflects many pressing needs as identified by the Timson Hill Board and staff. In order to continue the school's quality programs, we feel we need to build a broader base of resources for

quality enhancement, professional development, operating costs, and defraying tuition costs. We are also aware of the schoolhouse's historic importance to the community. Often, we must make improvements to the building. Our financial resources are often stretched in keeping with the wishes of the Williamsville Historic Preservation Society and state regulators.

We remain grateful for your past support of Timson Hill, and hope that you will support this request.

TOWNSHEND COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

The Townshend Community Food Shelf serves the West River Valley including many residents of Newfane. TCFS needs your help to continue serving the people of Newfane. In the past we have received generous support from the Town of Newfane and hope to continue with that in the upcoming budget. The Townshend Community Food Shelf needs funds to provide much needed food on a weekly basis to residents of Newfane and the West River Valley.

The Townshend Community Food Shelf is open every Monday from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. To learn more about our services please contact Joseph Winrich at (802) 365-4348.

VALLEY CARES, INC.

This year Valley Cares, Inc. turned 10 years old! So much has happened in those 10 years, largely thanks to caring folks such as your community members. People like you created our organization, work at our organization and volunteer countless services to support our mission. Your contribution of good will, time and financial support help Valley Cares bring so much good to older adults in your community!

Our West River Valley Senior Housing community provides affordable housing and options for supportive services for up to 72 seniors. While we charge for housing, meals, and care programming, we must subsidize a portion of all of our services to make them affordable to low-to-moderate-income elders. Half of our independent living units receive rental subsidies so that the resident only pays 30% of their income in rent. Likewise, two out of three of the

assisted living residents receive either public or private support to help make the cost of care more affordable. Because we realize seniors are on fixed budgets, we charge less than the government specified “fair market rent” for ALL of our apartments.

In addition to our housing, our other free community services continue to benefit members of the Newfane community. The Newfane route of our Meals on Wheels program continues to be a busy one, delivering meals to homebound residents at no expected charge to them. The medical equipment lending program has benefitted numerous local residents this year by providing free walkers, commodes, shower chairs, and other equipment to anyone in need of such assistance. Our newest program, SASH (Support and Services at Home) is free to anyone eligible for Medicare. This program benefits several older residents of Newfane by providing a little added support to help them remain safe, healthy and happy at home.

Valley Cares, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization committed to providing affordable housing and supportive services to seniors of the West River Valley and surrounding communities. We provide affordable assisted living, supportive living and independent living at West River Valley Senior Housing, as well as services for seniors in the greater community.

Meals on Wheels

2,030 Meals on Wheels meals for the Newfane Route prepared and delivered at a cost of **\$12,322** to Valley Cares.

Reimbursements received for meals = **\$8,688**

Savings to Newfane residents = \$3,634

West River Valley Assisted and Independent Living

2 out of 3 of our current residents receive some form of assistance to help pay for rent, meals and/or care.

19 of our residents in the past year were either residents of Newfane or have relatives who currently live in Newfane.

Value of services provided to Newfane residents in 2016 = **\$660,314**

Rents and fees collected from Newfane residents and/or subsidies received for Newfane residents in 2016 = **\$551,429**

Free care and services provided to Newfane residents in 2016 = \$108,885

Total savings Valley Cares provided to Newfane residents in 2016 = \$112,519

To help cover some of our costs, we are requesting \$1.55 per capita from your community. This amounts to \$2,675.

VERMONT ADULT LEARNING

Vermont Adult Learning is a state-wide, private non-profit corporation with a public mission to provide basic education and literacy skills for Vermonters. The Windham County, Brattleboro based Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) Center instructors provide free adult education and literacy services to residents 16 and older who are not enrolled in school who want to earn a high school diploma, prepare for the Accuplacer Exam or math and literacy skills for the workplace. VAL instructors and educational advisors work personally with adult learners to determine the best way for learners to achieve educational and career goals. In addition, we provide English as a second language classes. Students are referred to VAL by local high schools, Community College of Vermont and local employers. In addition, students self-refer for our services, or are referred to VAL by various Vermont State agencies.

In FY 16, the Brattleboro VAL Center provided **151** hours of instruction to **four** Newfane residents

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY 16 (10/2015 - 9/2016), VCIL responded to over **2,711** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **360** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **24** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **196** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **95** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **92** individuals with information on assistive technology; **35** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **559** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. VCIL is now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **35** people and provided **23** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Also new this year, our Windham County office now houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) (previously under the Vermont Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY 16, **three** residents of Newfane received services from the following programs:

- Equipment Distribution Program (EDP) (**\$455.00** spent on communications equipment).
- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (IR&A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: 1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 18 years of the program, 1,015 grants totaling \$2.2 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

Over the past three years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's 14 Natural Resources Conservation Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program in recent years, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. In 2014, we increased the maximum grant award amount from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per project, and made repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing rural water supply systems eligible for grant funding

on an ongoing basis. In 2015, we began considering applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year, rather than just once a year.

The annual budget of the Rural Fire Protection Program is \$190,000 per year, \$110,000 of which is awarded in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your 2018 budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received over \$9,000 in town appropriations from almost 100 towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

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

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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 the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, VNH made **624** homecare visits to **24** Newfane residents. This included approximately **\$20,760** in unreimbursed care to Newfane Residents

Home Health Care: **208** home visits to **16** residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Long-Term Care: **273** home visits to **2** residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: **143** home visits to **6** residents who were in the final stages of his/her life

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low-and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Newfane's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

WILLIAMSVILLE SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The Williamsville School, one of Newfane's historic schoolhouses, is owned and maintained by the Williamsville School Preservation Society, Inc. A volunteer board oversees the use of the School as a community center. Built in 1883, the school building is a sound vernacular Greek Revival structure.

The Society leases the first floor of the building to Timson Hill Preschool and Childcare Center, a Vermont-licensed preschool serving area children, many residing in Newfane.

The Board continues its attention on building and grounds maintenance with an eye towards energy efficiency where possible. This year, we will pay down the costs of our new copper roof and repaired weathervane on the building's cupola. Other projects include: new bathroom flooring and lighting, and fence restoration.

We thank Newfane citizens for continued support in the preservation of this building and its programs. The Board requests \$1,000 from the Town towards our efforts.

WINDHAM CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

The Windham Child Care Association (WCCA) has been a vital part of the early childhood system in Windham County for 35 years. We envision a world where all children, families and communities have what they need to thrive and be successful. WCCA helps families locate and pay for high quality early care and education programs that fit their children's needs.

Our community based programs provide education, advocacy, partnerships, and access to services and are uniquely effective in helping families and young children in our region. Specifically, the services that we will continue to provide to the families of Newfane include: visits from Early Learning Express bookmobile, Child Care Referral, Child Care Financial Assistance, food access through the Child and Adult Care Food program, and Professional Development opportunities available to early care and education providers. Last year, our services included:

3 children from 2 families receiving child care financial assistance services;

10 children from 7 families receiving personalized child care referrals and consumer education;

12 children and 2 early care and education providers enjoying visits from the Early Learning Express bookmobile.

3 children from 3 families provided specialized support services through the Children's Integrated Services Program.

Providing access to high quality child care is a key part of building an economically strong and sustainable community. Parents are able to build upon their careers while securing child care they can trust. We also provide opportunities for individuals who may be interested in becoming child care professionals and work with them to improve upon the quality of early care and education programs in the region.

WINDHAM COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Description of Services:

The Windham County Humane Society (WCHS) is a non-profit organization serving all residents of the towns of Windham County, Vermont. The mission of WCHS is to ensure the safety and well-being of animals as well as enhancing the relationship between individuals and pets through adoption, education, advocacy, compassion and promotion of animal welfare.

Animal Intake and Outcome numbers

1,013 animals came in to WCHS:

307 animals were surrendered by their owners

15 animals were seized by law enforcement

315 animals were brought in as strays

301 animals came in as transports from other regions of the country were the euthanasia rate is 50% or higher

75 animals that were adopted out were returned to WCHS

Outcomes

745 animals were adopted

105 animals were reunited with their owner

45 animals were euthanized for health or behavior issues. (That's a euthanasia rate of 5%. The average euthanasia rate in the US is 50%). WCHS does not euthanize for time or space.

33 Animals were euthanized for owners who could not afford veterinary clinic fees for this service

13 animals died in care

50 animals were transferred to other animal welfare organizations

1 animal was dead on arrival (killed by a car)

The average length of stay for animals was under 20 days.

Total expenses for WCHS in 2015-2016 was \$454,300.

Spay/Neuter

WCHS hosts low-cost spay/neuter clinics every month. The WCHS provides financial assistance to applicants who cannot afford the fees, and free spay/neuter for feral/un-owned cats. In 2015 the WCHS spayed/neutered 549 public animals and provided \$9,390 in financial aid. All WCHS animals are spayed/neutered prior to adoption.

Pet Care Assistance

This program provides basic preventative care and vaccines, at low-to-no cost to low-income pet owners. Pet owners must apply and provide proof of residency in Windham County and proof of financial need.

In the first 6 months of 2016, the WCHS provided to over 200 pet owners:

- 118 rabies vaccines, subsidized 47% by the WCHS
- 121 distemper vaccines, subsidized 55% by the WCHS
- 195 doses of parasite prevention, subsidized 20% by the WCHS
- 21 animals received diagnostic tests, subsidized 46% by the WCHS
- 8 pet owners purchased prescribed medications at cost
- 6 animals were micro-chipped at cost

The WCHS served **Newfane** residents as follows:

31 people adopted pets from the WCHS

3 people used the Pet Care Assistance for affordable euthanasia

11 residents used Pet Care assistance for affordable vaccines and wellness care

4 residents used the low cost spay/neuter clinic to spay/neuter 6 cats and 1 dog

13 stray animals came in from Newfane, **8** were reunited with their owners

22 pet owners surrendered their pet to the WCHS

We are grateful for your past support and look forward to continued support from the Town of Newfane.

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The WRC is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Newfane is currently represented by Piet van Loon and Jodi French. Each Commissioner represents their town's best interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard bylaw assistance; natural resources including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; town energy planning; transportation, including

traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), Road Foreman training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by us.

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns can choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a 2-year process is developed in consultation with our towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 22 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. We convened stakeholders and coordinated planning in support of an application for funds for fixed route transit service on Route 30. We developed evacuation planning templates for towns, and a model bylaw that integrates both flood hazard and river corridor requirements. We were successful in our application for an additional \$750,000 for our Brownfields program to assess and

cleanup sites throughout the region. We've helped towns understand how the state Clean Water Initiative affects them, including town applications for grants to conduct road erosion inventories. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our home page.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$3,789. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2017, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services

advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the Freedom Center worked with a total of 524 survivors and their 471 children and responded to 1,622 crisis telephone calls, figures that include 7 survivors and their 9 children from Newfane. In addition, we provided access to legal representation, community education, school presentations and workshops, outreach, and emergency advocacy throughout Windham County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Services was established in 1972. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and development for young people and families in Windham County Communities. We assist over 1,000 children, youth and families annually. We help youth and young adults living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Our broad array of program services include:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters one-to-one mentoring
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community

while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law

- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Career development focused groups and one-on-one mentoring for high school students with behavioral and learning disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention and intervention for youth and adults
- Supervised visitation and Child Advocacy services.

This year, we respectfully request \$1,660 from the Town of Newfane to help fund our agency's services. We served 7 residents from Newfane during Fiscal Year 2016 and remain available to provide services in the future. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information, please see our new website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call 802-257-0361 or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

NOTES

SCHOOL BUDGET & REPORTS

NEWFANE SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

MARCH, 2017

To Our Fellow Newfane Residents:

For many, 2016 was a year of uncertainty. Leading into 2017, the national and international outlook may still seem far from certain, but I urge you to drill down and look closer to home for solace. Look at our brave little state of Vermont, which recently retained the title of #1 safest state in the union, and is still one of the best states to raise a family. Drill deeper down to the town of Newfane, where I'm certain you have friends and family that you can trust. And finally, drill all the way down to the beating heart of our little town: NewBrook Elementary School.

As a parent of a kindergartner at NewBrook, and as a 3-year veteran of the school board, I can tell you with 100% certainty that within these walls, the future looks bright. From the monthly All-School Sings -- where students are recognized for acts of kindness and academic accomplishments -- to field trips, to quality afterschool programs, to monthly Milk & Cookies & Stories readings for local pre-k children, NewBrook Elementary students are engaged, safe and respectful. Please see Principal Tabachnick's letter later in this mailer for a full account.

I will not pretend, however, that we can sit back and kick up our feet. While our school is making the best use possible of its resources to serve our children, there are big questions both locally and at the state level. Act 46, the state law that requires towns to consider school district consolidation, has many residents anxious about the future of our region's smallest schools. Many have questions about what consolidation would mean for Newfane taxpayers.

The good news is that all your questions -- about Act 46, about the proposed 2018 school budget, about the NewBrook solar project -- can be answered.

A special committee made up of local volunteer residents, has been meeting twice a month since August, 2016, to draft a plan for the consolidation of school governance to meet the goals of Act 46. At Town Meeting Day on Tuesday, March 7, voters in Newfane will be presented with a proposal to consolidate, or merge, the governance of the school districts of Newfane, Brookline, Townshend, Jamaica, Windham and Leland & Gray Union Districts. This does NOT mean that schools themselves will merge, or that any schools in these towns will close down. The Committee has created a website at www.wcsu-lgtowns.blogspot.com with much more information in advance of the Town Meeting Day vote.

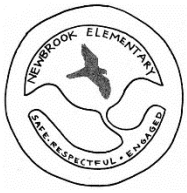
Have questions about the proposed 2018 NewBrook Elementary School budget? Please join us at the informational meeting on February 8, 2017.

I, my fellow board members, school administrators, supervisory union staff, Act 46 Committee members, your local legislators and your town office are all standing by to answer your questions. Thank you for entrusting us.

Sincerely,



Luke Q. Stafford
Parent, 1st Grade Soccer Coach, Newfane Board Member



NewBrook Elementary Principal's Report

December 23, 2016

Introduction

I have been the principal at NewBrook Elementary School for the past two-and-a-half school years. I love working at NewBrook; I enjoy forming relationships with our students and staff and the families that make up our community. NewBrook students are thoughtful, kind and fun and their families are supportive and involved in their school life.

As members of the NewBrook staff, we work together with purpose. We enjoy our students and make decisions with the children in mind. I am thankful for the support and feedback that members of the NewBrook staff have offered me and for the relationships that they form and maintain with one another and with the children and families that we together serve. I feel very lucky to be working in a school and supervisory union that attracts such high quality and student-centered staff. I also am thankful to work in the beautiful West River Valley.

Staffing, Professional Development and Curriculum

We hired some excellent **new staff** this year: Mr. Brady Andersen, our new Special Educator, Mr. Andrew Worden, our new physical education teacher and Ms. Marisa Pisani, our new classroom para-educator. Mr. Worden has been accepted into an officer training program in the United States Marine Core, and though we will miss him, we are all very proud of him and thankful for his service to country. Gia Casella, our after-school program coordinator, will be facilitating our physical education classes for the balance of the school year. Mr. Ryan Cutting will also be joining us in January of 2017. He will be our new Academic Support teacher, working part time to help us to appropriately intervene with every student we serve.

Last spring, the NewBrook Leadership Team recommended that we re-assign one of our upper level teachers to the first grade in order to better serve our **large first grade** class of 23 children. We formed two balanced groups of our first graders and both classrooms are inviting places for the children to learn and grow together. Ms. Paradis took on this challenging re-assignment with delight.

We are very proud of our 2016-17 **master schedule**, which we developed over the second half of the last school year. Our schedule includes **skills blocks** for all grade levels. We dedicate these blocks of time to intervention and enrichment. Vertical teams were created in order to allow staff to best serve our students in our skills blocks, clustered in grade bands, as follows: K-1, 2-3, 4 and 5-6. Our staff benefit from weekly **common planning time** in order to plan for appropriate groupings for enrichment and intervention, using a "all hands on deck" approach, including the classroom teachers, our special education staff and our interventionists.

On the supervisory union level, we have made some fundamental changes in our **WCSU office staff**. Mr. Bill Anton is our new superintendent. Mr. Anton was Principal of the Year while working at The Dover School and as our superintendent is continuing to illustrate his dedication to providing all children and educators with opportunities to grow and be successful. Ms. Jen McKusick is our new WCSU Director of Curriculum. In this new position, Ms. McKusick is working as a support for our schools as we work to improve our service to children. Our new WCSU Business Manager, Ms. Laurie Garland, hit the ground running and has been a great support to NewBrook as we planned our budget, our kitchen renovation project and our solar project. Mr. Anton and his staff are hard at work to further unify the WCSU member schools, creating efficiencies and supporting our structures for professional learning, while recognizing the individual goals and personalities of the communities to which each member school is in service.

Communication and Technology

We are continuing to find new ways to utilize technology in order to enhance instruction and to support communication. Universal computer access (**1:1 computing**) allows NewBrook teachers to utilize web-based lessons and software, **Gmail** communication and age-appropriate, cloud-based editing processes. Hoping to improve communication with our community, we continue to update the NewBrook School website and **FaceBook** page regularly with posts that include celebrations, announcements, photos and other important dates.

Our use of the **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium** (SBAC) web-based assessment continues to evolve. Vermont joined with a group of other states to develop the next generation of educational tests for both Literacy and Mathematics. The **SBAC** is aligned with the Common Core State Standards, uses the latest computer adaptive testing technologies and will provide a range of summative, interim and formative tools that we will be able to use for a variety of educational purposes. For the past two years, we have utilized the interim SBAC assessment with our students as part of our WCSU-wide assessment plan. Our staff uses this formative data, along with other local and nationally normed assessments, as a tool to create their student groupings and to track each student's progress. Along with these nationally-normed assessments, NewBrook staff regularly offer our students a wide array of ways that they can show what they have learned, appealing to our broad group of learners.

We are planning two **technology safety trainings** this spring, one for our elder students and one in the evening for families and community members.

School Climate and Enrichment Programs

The staff at NewBrook is dedicated to maintaining a school climate in which all children are comfortable and available to learn. Our **school-wide expectations** are clear: *We are Safe, We are Engaged, We are Respectful*. By focusing upon these three simple guiding principles, we all measure our behaviors and attitudes accordingly. At NewBrook, we regularly acknowledge students and teachers for their accomplishments, while providing varied opportunities for parents, families and community members to take part in our programming on a regular basis.

During our monthly **All-School Sings**, we take the time to acknowledge our students. We read the names of all of the students who have been given *Falcon Awards* during the month. *Falcon Awards* are mailed home in recognition of students for their acts of kindness or their academic accomplishments. During our All-School Sings, we also recognize our *Student of the Month*, chosen by our staff. Each of our specials teachers award students who have been especially engaged in our broad range of enriching opportunities. We even award a classroom with the *Golden Plunger*, as a thanks for their exceptional tidiness. I give the *Principal's Award* as well, in acknowledgement of student leadership and service to school. For staff, our *Golden Apple* is a peer recognition award that is passed monthly between staff. Parents, guardians and members of the community are welcome to attend our **All-School Sings**, which are posted outside the school, on our website and on our Facebook page.

We plan our eight week **Winter Sports Program** on Wednesdays beginning in January. We offer ice skating in Brattleboro, skiing/snowboarding at Stratton, cross-country skiing at Grafton and snowshoeing and rock climbing at NewBrook. This year, some of our youngest students will be taking part in nature activities led by visiting staff from the Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center. Children who take part in the Stratton program receive a season lift pass at Stratton and ALL NewBrook students are eligible for a free season pass at Mount Snow!

Our **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports** work continues. **PBiS** is a proactive, school-wide, systems approach to improving social and academic competence for all students. We plan school-wide incentives and celebrations for our students and collect behavioral data to allow pre-emptive decision-making.

We also teach our students the specifics of the **Bullying, Hazing & Harassment** law in our classrooms every fall.

We are planning our annual **Diversity Week** in January, our school-wide theme week intended to encourage our students to consider a wide range of issues surrounding human difference in our country. Ms. Suzanne Paugh, our art teacher, wrote a grant and hired an artist in residence to work with our students on a project that will become a permanent installation at NewBrook. We will have many small-group sessions, run by school staff and guests. Ms. Anderberg, our school chef, is planning to widen our palates with foods from around the world. As we have for the past two years, Diversity Week will culminate with a student drumming performance led by a guest musician and educator, Mr. Todd Roach.

Our fifth graders spend a week at **Keewaydin Environmental Education Center** (KEEC) every spring. This five day, four night trip is paid for with local funds. KEEC offers hands-on, experiential learning in a variety of natural habitats, all within only a few miles of their campus in Salisbury, Vermont.

Our sixth graders fund raise all year to pay for their **Sixth Grade Trip**, which is a two night three day educational experience in beautiful Montreal. Thanks to Ms. VanPamelen for all of her efforts to make this wonderful experience happen for our students.

Our **Spelling Bee Team** always participates effectively and competitively in the WCSU spelling bee!

A Twenty-First Century Grant funds the majority of our after school program, **L'AFTER**, which is a critical part of our school's programming. We offer a healthy snack, guided homework support and a wide variety of educational and enriching activities and programming. **L'AFTER** activities are taught by community members and school staff.

Our **Educational Support Team** is a voluntary committee whose goal is to support struggling students, their families and their teachers. We meet weekly to create immediately actionable plans, to pair students with outside supports and to brainstorm and share practices.

Community

Our annual **Open House and Potluck Dinner**, on September 29, was well-attended and solely positive. Staff relayed information about communications, homework and classwork expectations. Teachers shared student work and elaborated on units in progress and curricular information. The people of Brookline and Newfane are excellent cooks!

Our Farm to School Committee planned our third annual **Community Farm and Field Day** on November 4, 2016. Our students learned about the origins of our food, composting, vermiculture, and the history of food preservation. They tasted a wide variety of foods, created art projects and played field games. Our students played a waste-sorting relay race with a member of the Windham Solid Waste Management District staff. Community members volunteered to bake pizzas in the adobe pizza oven that we built two years ago. We celebrated at the end of the day singing together.

Our fourth annual **Harvest Celebration and Art Show**, on November 17, was very well-attended and super-fun. We packed the multi-purpose room with our students, their families and friends. Our staff made soup, our PTO provided desserts and we listened to live music while featuring our students' art work.

We are hosting monthly **Milk & Cookies & Stories** events with Brookline and Newfane children who are not yet attending Kindergarten. We meet in the NewBrook Elementary School Library and enjoy milk and cookies and a story read by the school Principal! Our intention is to encourage these families to build relationships with one another and to invite new families into our educational community.

NewBrook students reach out to the community by taking part in a **Food Drive** for the Townshend Food Shelf and Project Feed the Thousands. Our **UNICEF** fundraising was a huge success as well.

Energy Committee Update

On October 23, 2014, the Brookline and Newfane voters passed two articles that “give the Brookline/Newfane Joint Board the ability (1) to enter into a Solar Net Metering Credit Purchase Agreement for up to 20 years and (2) to install a new air-to-air heat pump system financed through a municipal loan of up to \$330,000.” Our progress is as follows:

HVAC Project

- ARC Mechanical installed 23 air-to-air heat pump units and the necessary piping, control wiring and electric. They installed 4 condenser units, two to the south of the building and two to the east of the building as well as two fresh air units on the eastern slope of our roof line.
- In February of 2016, we began heating our building with these new units and then took the edge off of the humid summer air in June.

Solar Project

A contract with SunEdison was signed on October 2, 2015. However, as you may be aware, SunEdison declared bankruptcy in April and is currently restructuring. On November 9, 2016 the members of the NewBrook Energy Committee met with a representative of Vesco Energy Services, based in South Burlington, whom SunEdison has contracted to oversee our permitting process. We are excited to report that SunEdison expects our solar project will proceed according to the following timeline:

November, 2016 - 45 Day Notice filed
December, 2016 - CPG Application Submitted
March, 2017 - Permits Approved
April, 2017 - Construction Start
May 2017 - Modules on Site
July 2017 - Interim Completion and Interconnection Approved
August 2017 - Final Closing

Kitchen Improvements and Offering

We are in the process of developing a kitchen facility improvement plan. We plan to work within our budget and capital savings to make the kitchen improvements necessary to enable us to purchase and process more local foods and to further reduce our non-recyclable waste. We are collaborating with a local design company who is working with us to create a phased plan to expand and improve our kitchen. We are considering leasing a small, commercial dishwasher and purchasing an additional prep sink and prep table.

For the third year in a row we were awarded a **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program USDA Grant** for the 2015-2016 school year. This money allows us to provide a daily fresh fruit and vegetable snack to every student, at no cost to families during our morning snack time. We serve breakfast and lunch as well.

2017-18 Budget

The administration proposed this FY18 budget in order to continue to create a school experience for every NewBrook student that will results in their academic, social and emotional progress. The request would provide us with the ability to meet the needs of each child while caring for the investments that have been made in the past.

I would like to highlight the following:

- Our budget includes an increase for our high quality afterschool program, L'AFTER. Our 21st Century Grant funding is waning and we are responsible for additional local funding this year.
- The new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) includes more specific direction around the spending of our federal Title I grant funds. To be compliant, we need to fund our Information Technology (IT) position with local funds and hire a .5 FTE licensed Academic Support teacher to be paid with our Title I funding.
- Our Special Education spending has increased due to our growing case load. We hired a second Special Educator for FY17 and have budgeted for the position again in FY18.
- With the passing of Act 148 all Special Education revenues will be paid to the central office. The expense that you see in the NewBrook budget is a "net" cost of special education. NewBrook's total Special Education expenses for FY 18 are estimated to be a 31% increase from FY 17.
- In order to be compliant with Act 166, we are proposing \$93,000 for FY18 to cover the cost of 10 hours of pre-K per week for the three and four year olds in Brookline and Newfane.
- The mandated waste management program is costing us an extra \$2,000 per year. We need to have a compost dumpster along with our trash and recycling dumpsters.

Closing Statement

Again, I would like to thank the entire NewBrook community for all of the support I have received as your Principal. We are all quite proud of our smooth opening to the 2016-17 school year and we will continue to move forward as a school, providing our students with the essential skills for success in today's world. The proposed budget will allow us to deliver our balanced, skill-based curriculum while supporting the essential and enriching initiatives already in place.

Please visit our website (newbrookschoool.org) or our Facebook page for regular updates, event notices and news items. If you can, please join us for one of our monthly All-School Sings to get a flavor for the great things that NewBrook has to offer. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me to set up an appointment if you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to tour the building. I have time for you!

The school staff and I are looking forward to a wonderful second semester with the children of Brookline and Newfane. Thank you all for your support as we work with the children that you entrust to us.

Sincerely,



Scotty Tabachnick
School Principal



Please  us on FaceBook for updates!

www.newbrookschoool.org

Board Approved 1-5-2017

REVENUE	FY18					
	FY 16 Budget	FY16 Actual (unaudited)	FY17 Budget	Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance (+/-)	%Variance (+/-)
Local Revenue						
Interest Income	\$ 41	\$ 95	\$ 65	\$ 67	\$ 2	
Rent	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
Misc Local Donations	\$ 8,370	\$ 380		\$ -	\$ -	
Subtotal	\$ 8,411	\$ 475	\$ 65	\$ 67	\$ 2	3%
Subgrants from WCSU						
Sub Grant CFP	\$ 18,641	\$ -	\$ 18,973	\$ 33,727	\$ 14,754	
Sub Grant Medicaid	\$ 7,127	\$ -	\$ 8,352	\$ 13,847	\$ 5,495	
Subtotal	\$ 25,768	\$ -	\$ 27,325	\$ 47,574	\$ 20,249	74.1%
State Revenue						
General State Aid	\$1,179,122	\$1,192,772	\$1,217,169	\$ 1,343,888	\$ 126,719	
Small Schools Grant	\$ -	\$ 10,779		\$ -	\$ -	
Transportation	\$ 18,830	\$ 18,830	\$ 18,223	\$ 18,892	\$ 669	
Subtotal	\$1,197,952	\$1,222,381	\$1,235,392	\$ 1,362,780	\$ 127,388	10.3%
Special Education State Revenue						
Special Ed Block Grant	\$ 32,495	\$ 32,495	\$ 31,132	\$ -	\$ (31,132)	
Special Ed Intensive Aid	\$ 92,228	\$ 87,887	\$ 76,932	\$ 11,469	\$ (65,463)	
Central Early Ed Aid	\$ 14,480	\$ 14,480	\$ 10,971	\$ -	\$ (10,971)	
Subtotal	\$ 139,203	\$ 134,862	\$ 119,035	\$ 11,469	\$ (107,566)	-90.4%
State and Local Food Program Revenue						
Local Food Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,585	\$ 7,564	\$ (1,021)	
Sub Grant Federal Food Pro	\$ 32,037	\$ 23,423	\$ 29,810	\$ 23,558	\$ (6,252)	
Subtotal	\$ 32,037	\$ 23,423	\$ 38,395	\$ 31,122	\$ (7,273)	\$ (0.2)
Total	\$1,403,371	\$1,381,141	\$1,420,212	\$ 1,453,012	\$ 32,800	2.3%

EXPENDITURES	FY18					
	FY 16 Budget	FY16 Actual (unaudited)	FY17 Budget	Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance (+/-)	%Variance (+/-)
Transfer to NewBrook	\$1,403,371	\$1,316,642	\$1,420,212	\$ 1,453,012	\$ 32,800	2.3%
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -	\$ 64,499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

District: **Newfane**
County: **Windham****T137**
Windham CentralProperty dollar
equivalent yield**10,076**Homestead tax rate
per \$10,076 of
spending per
equalized pupil**1.00**Income dollar equivalent yield per
2.0% of household income**11,875****Expenditures**

		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,436,201	\$1,402,950	\$1,420,212	\$1,453,012	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,436,201	\$1,402,950	\$1,420,212	\$1,453,012	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$1,436,201	\$1,402,950	\$1,420,212	\$1,453,012	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.

Revenues

10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$318,060	\$210,178	\$203,043	\$109,124	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$318,060	\$210,178	\$203,043	\$109,124	13.

14.	Education Spending	\$1,118,141	\$1,192,772	\$1,217,169	\$1,343,888	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	90.76	86.42	83.80	88.80	15.

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16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$12,319.76	\$13,802.04	\$14,524.69	\$15,133.87	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	18.
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 eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	-	-	-	24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$16,166 \$16,166.00	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth \$14,098.78	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$12,320	\$13,802	\$14,525	\$15,133.87	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	132.685% based on \$9,285	145.914% based on \$9,285	149.724% based on yield \$9,701	150.197% based on yield \$10,076	28.

Prorating the local tax rate

29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$15,133.87 ÷ (\$10,076.00 / \$1.000)]	\$1.3003 based on \$0.98	\$1.4445 based on \$0.99	\$1.4972 based on \$1.00	\$1.5020 based on \$1.00	29.
30.	Percent of Newfane equalized pupils not in a union school district	45.28%	44.02%	44.43%	46.88%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (46.88% x \$1.50)	\$0.5888	\$0.6359	\$0.6652	\$0.7041	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	102.26%	102.45%	108.05%	107.81%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.7041 / 107.81%)	\$0.5758 based on \$0.98	\$0.6207 based on \$0.99	\$0.6156 based on \$1.00	\$0.6531 based on \$1.00	33.

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) [(15,133.87 ÷ \$11,875) x 2.00%]	2.39% based on 1.80%	2.63% based on 1.80%	2.67% based on 2.00%	2.55% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (46.88% x 2.55%)	1.08% based on 1.80%	1.16% based on 1.80%	1.19% based on 2.00%	1.20% based on 0.00%	35.
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at Leland And Gray UHSD #34	54.72%	55.98%	55.57%	53.12%	36.
37.		-	-	-	-	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%.

Windham Central Supervisory Union Superintendent's Letter 2017

The Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) is in the midst of great challenge and opportunity. All school district members and community representatives in the WCSU have participated in our two Act 46 Study Committees. One committee created Articles of Agreement and a report for the Leland and Gray towns (Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend, and Windham). The other committee created Articles of Agreement and a report for the towns of Dover, Marlboro, and Wardsboro. All the members of the study committee worked diligently to ask tough questions, seek answers, and ultimately create a new governance structure on which citizens of each town will vote on March 7th.

With declining enrollment statewide, as well as in many of the towns in the WCSU, creating sustainable structures for the future of education in our communities is difficult. However, we are all up to the task. With these real challenges comes opportunity and the potential for evolution.

There is a sense of excitement and positivity about the direction our schools and our supervisory union are currently taking. Many changes have already occurred. We have a new Superintendent, a new Business Manager, a new Director of Curriculum, a new Information Technology Director, a retiring Special Education Director, a new Middle/High School principal, a new elementary principal, a new teaching principal and three retiring elementary principals. The collaboration between this influx of new people and our existing staff has created a synergy of talent, dedication and wisdom. We are showing our respect and appreciation for our foundation while moving forward to build our future. We are fortunate to have so much support from all of our communities.

The WCSU has been selected to participate in a grant opportunity offered by the Vermont Agency of Education. We will be receiving consulting services and an audit of our Special Education Services. We believe this study will provide us with data that will help us strategically deploy resources in a more effective manner.

I encourage everyone to participate in the information sessions for current budgets and the proposed new governance structures. No one can be sure where the WCSU will land on March 8th, but I am confident that the leadership of the individual school boards, the WCSU board, our principals, and the teachers and staff of the WCSU are ready to embrace the challenge.

Thank you for supporting our schools.

William Anton, WCSU Superintendent of Schools

Windham Central Supervisory Union

Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget

Account Description	FY18					
	FY 16 Budget	FY 16 Actual (unaudited)	FY17 Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-
REVENUES						
Interest Income	\$ 200	\$ 512	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	0%
Erate Income	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,269	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0%
	\$ 6,200	\$ 7,781	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	\$ -	0%
ASSESSMENTS						
DOVER	\$ 81,574	\$ 81,574	\$ 83,008	\$ 85,518	\$ 2,510	3.02%
JAMAICA	\$ 55,108	\$ 55,108	\$ 62,806	\$ 61,304	\$ (1,502)	-2.39%
MARLBORO	\$ 65,259	\$ 65,260	\$ 70,919	\$ 75,457	\$ 4,538	6.40%
NEWBROOK	\$ 115,304	\$ 115,304	\$ 138,356	\$ 145,596	\$ 7,240	5.23%
STRATTON	\$ 11,022	\$ 11,022	\$ 10,923	\$ 11,494	\$ 571	5.23%
TOWNSHEND	\$ 66,978	\$ 66,978	\$ 75,550	\$ 78,545	\$ 2,995	3.96%
WARDSBORO	\$ 49,174	\$ 49,173	\$ 52,794	\$ 50,767	\$ (2,027)	-3.84%
WINDHAM	\$ 16,956	\$ 16,956	\$ 17,294	\$ 18,199	\$ 905	5.24%
LELAND AND GRAY	\$ 297,586	\$ 297,586	\$ 289,455	\$ 345,645	\$ 56,189	19.41%
	\$ 758,961	\$ 758,961	\$ 801,105	\$ 872,525	\$ 71,419	8.92%
SU Admin						
FY18						
	FY 16 Budget	FY 16 Actual (unaudited)	FY17 Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-
SU Superintendent	\$ 211,860	\$ 213,912	\$ 214,000	\$ 122,500	\$ (91,500)	-43%
SU Director of Curriculum/Tech	\$ 77,431	\$ 67,173	\$ 77,431	\$ 44,430	\$ (33,001)	-43%
SU Admin Assistant Salary	\$ 39,780	\$ 42,070	\$ 41,700	\$ 41,840	\$ 140	0.3%
SU Health	\$ 46,019	\$ 51,063	\$ 64,273	\$ 47,657	\$ (16,617)	-26%
SU Dental	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,936	\$ 3,982	\$ 2,612	\$ (1,370)	-34%
SU FICA	\$ 25,174	\$ 24,017	\$ 25,485	\$ 15,971	\$ (9,514)	-37%
SU Life/Disab Insurance	\$ 3,516	\$ 1,103	\$ 1,110	\$ 1,110	\$ -	0%
SU Municipal Retirement	\$ 7,466	\$ 7,461	\$ 7,618	\$ 4,472	\$ (3,146)	-41%
SU Workers Comp	\$ 3,291	\$ 1,550	\$ 3,331	\$ 2,088	\$ (1,243)	-37%
SU Unemployment	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,766	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,728	\$ 678	65%
SU Professional Services	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,596	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0%
SU Information System Services	\$ 22,441	\$ 20,300	\$ 22,500	\$ 25,500	\$ 3,000	13%
SU Curriculum Dev	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
SU Professional Development	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,902	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0%
SU Legal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
SU Insurance Bond & Prof Liability	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0%
SU Telephone/Internet	\$ 6,270	\$ 10,840	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0%
SU Postage	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,944	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ (500)	-14%
SU Advertising	\$ 3,000	\$ 679	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%
SU Travel	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,255	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0%
SU Conference Expense	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,077	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	11%
SU Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,902	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0%
SU Equipment	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,253	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%
SU Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,535	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,500	\$ 100	2%
SU Miscellaneous	\$ 100	\$ 1,499	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ (100)	-100%
SU Audit Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0
Subtotal of - SU Admin	\$ 503,948	\$ 497,830	\$ 526,480	\$ 373,907	\$ (152,573)	-29.0%
Business						
Business Salary	\$ 121,774	\$ 127,643	\$ 132,577	\$ 280,961	\$ 148,384	112%
Business Human Resources Salary	\$ 29,500	\$ 28,900	\$ 29,500	\$ 49,725	\$ 20,225	69%
Business Health	\$ 44,573	\$ 46,573	\$ 51,331	\$ 75,522	\$ 24,191	47%
Business Dental	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,084	\$ 3,084	\$ 3,815	\$ 731	24%
Business FICA	\$ 11,572	\$ 11,536	\$ 12,399	\$ 25,297	\$ 12,898	104%
Business Office Life/Disa	\$ 1,515	\$ -	\$ 1,538	\$ 1,323	\$ (215)	-14%
Business Municipal Retirement	\$ 7,753	\$ 8,288	\$ 8,914	\$ 18,188	\$ 9,274	104%
Business Workers Comp	\$ 1,513	\$ 1,566	\$ 1,621	\$ 3,307	\$ 1,686	104%
Business Unemployment	\$ 1,562	\$ 2,491	\$ 1,312	\$ 2,880	\$ 1,568	120%
Business Equipment Repair	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	0%
Business Professional Dev	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ -	0%
Business Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0%
Business Conference Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0%
Business Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,427	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0%

Windham Central Supervisory Union
Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget

Account Description	FY 16 Actual		FY17 Adopted		FY18	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-
	FY 16 Budget	(unaudited)	Budget	Budget	Proposed Budget		
Business Equipment	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,668	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%
Bank Fees	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,683	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ -	0%
					\$ -	\$ -	
Subtotal - Business	\$ 231,862	\$ 243,859	\$ 254,676	\$ 477,418	\$ 222,742		87.5%
Property Services - Custodial	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,250	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 750	23%
Property Serv Maint & Repair	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,907	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%
Building Rent	\$ 14,800	\$ 15,167	\$ 14,800	\$ 14,800	\$ 14,800	\$ -	0%
Building Electric	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,206	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ -	0%
Building Fuel Oil	\$ 5,400	\$ 1,987	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200	\$ -	0%
Building Equipment	\$ 2,000	\$ 417	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%
					\$ -	\$ -	0%
Subtotal of - Operation & Maintenance	\$ 29,350	\$ 26,284	\$ 26,150	\$ 27,400	\$ 1,250		4.8%
Total Superintendent/Business Office	\$ 765,160	\$ 767,973	\$ 807,306	\$ 878,725	\$ 71,419		8.85%
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 1	\$ (1,231)	\$ (1)	\$ -	\$ -		

TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES

2016 ANNUAL NEWFANE TOWN MEETING
UNION HALL
MARCH 1, 2016

At 9 a.m. Town Moderator, Deborah Luskin, invited Carol Hatcher, Vice-Chair of the Newfane Selectboard, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Hatcher then opened the Town Meeting.

At 9:01 a.m. Presiding Officer of Elections, Gloria Cristelli, opened the polls.

The Moderator welcomed BCTV, related that the sixth grade class was selling refreshments to raise funds for their Montreal trip as well as their having a “Kiss the Pig” donation box. The Moderator took care of other housekeeping announcements.

The Moderator recognized Greg Record as the person to whom the Town Report was dedicated. Due to work obligations, Mr. Record was not present. There was a warm round of applause for him. The Moderator also pointed out that on page 28 of the Town Report is a list of all of those who served Newfane in one capacity or another. There was a warm round of applause for those individuals.

At 9:10 a.m. the Moderator recognized Newfane’s State Legislators, and each spoke about her special focus in the legislature. Emily Long, Windham 5 Representative, Becca Balint and Jeannette White, Senators spoke.

The Moderator asked the voters if there were any objection to amending Roberts Rules of Order to allow those not from Newfane to speak. There was no objection so the rules were amended to allow those people to vote.

The Moderator read the warning as follows:

The legal voters of the Town of Newfane, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned that pursuant to Title 17 V.S.A. Section 2655, they are to meet at the Union Hall in Newfane, Vermont on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to act upon the articles below.

ARTICLE 1:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane elect all Newfane Town Officers as required by law for the ensuing year? (Voting on this article to be by Australian Ballot from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.)

Constable	1-year term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1-year term
Lister	3-year term
Moderator – Town	1-year term
Selectboard Member	3-year term
Selectboard Member	1-year terms (Two Positions)

Town Agent	1-year term
Town Clerk	1-year term
Town Treasurer	1-year term

The Town Moderator recessed the Town Meeting at 9:27 a.m. for the Newfane School District Annual Meeting. The Newfane School District directors took their seats.

See separate document for School District Meeting minutes.

The Moderator reconvened the Town Meeting at 9:37 a.m.

ARTICLE 2:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane pay taxes for the ensuing year on a quarterly basis, due on the 15th of August, October, January and April; the late charge for interest being at the maximum legal rate of 1% per month for the current fiscal year and 1.5% per month for each month thereafter until paid?

Jim Russell moved Article 2, and Gary Delius seconded the motion.

Article 2 passed.

ARTICLE 3:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Selectboard to sell or otherwise convey property acquired through tax sale proceedings?

Myra Fassler moved the article and Tom Bedell seconded the motion.

Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane exempt from taxation all real property of the South Newfane Community Association building and land (½ acre +/-) for a period of five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840?

Lynn Forrest moved Article 4, Maureen Albert-Piascik seconded the motion. Dennis Wiswall spoke to the article saying that for nonprofits, town tax exemption comes to the voters every five (5) years with this being the year for reconsideration. Richard Marek spoke to the fact that there are discretionary and statutory exemptions.

Article 4 passed.

ARTICLE 5:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane exempt from taxation all real property of the NewBrook Volunteer Fire Association building and land (1.6 acres +/-) for a period of five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840?

Bruce Hesselback moved Article 5, and Joyce Van Pamelen seconded the motion.

Article 5 passed.

ARTICLE 6:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane exempt from taxation all real property of the South Newfane/Williamsville Fire Department building and land (¼ acre +/-) for a period of five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840?

Tammy Mace moved the article, and Joyce Van Pamelan seconded the motion.

Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane exempt from taxation all real property of the Williamsville School Preservation Society building and land (½ acre +/-) for a period of five years, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3832(6)?

Margaret Wimberger moved Article 7, and Nancy Riege seconded the motion. Joan Weir spoke to the motion. Williamsville School Preservation Society has a \$10,000 budget to pay for expenses. Without the town's support, the building would not have its upkeep. The Town of Newfane owned the building, and if the Preservation Society cannot maintain it, the building will revert to the Town. The upstairs office space was used by the Windham Central Supervisory District for six years, and when the offices were moved, there have been no others who want to rent the space. As there is no sprinkler system, only adults can rent the space, and rental would be year round.

Article 7 passed.

ARTICLE 8:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire? [Currently in the Budget.]

Gunther Garbe moved Article 8, and Tom Bedell seconded the motion. Gunther Garbe spoke to the article. Newfane had 814 cases handled by Visiting Nurse and Hospice last year, and because of the U.S.'s healthcare system for the elderly, the organization incurred \$25,000 of nonreimbursable expenses. Dion Eleftherakas commented how helpful the organization was for her in caring for her husband.

Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane vote to authorize capital fund expenditures in the amount of \$503,312 as proposed in the Capital Needs Plan for Fiscal Year 2017?

Gary Delius moved the article, and Tim Shafer seconded the motion. Gary Delius pointed out that page 19 in the Town Report has the details for the line items.

Article 9 passed.

At this point, the Moderator made several announcements. The annual Talent Show is April 2, 2016 in the Williamsville Hall in the village of Williamsville, Town of Newfane from 7 to 10 p.m. Rock River Players will present *You Can't Take It with You* May 5-8 also in Williamsville Hall.

March 20, 2016, the Historical Society of Windham County will have its second annual Soup Fest and silent auction at NewBrook Fire Department to raise funds for the restoration of Newfane's Railroad Station. Doors open at 4 p.m. and close at 5:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 10:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Selectboard to raise the amount of \$203,112 for Fiscal Year 2017 capital needs?

Gary Delius moved Article 10, and Tim Shafer seconded the motion. Mr. Delius pointed out that the details for the motion are on pages 19-21 in the Town Report.

Article 10 passed.

ARTICLE 11:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$180,000 for Fiscal Year 2017 capital needs?

Fred Bacon moved Article 11, and Ken McFadden seconded the motion.

Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane vote to raise the amount of \$100,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund to be solely dedicated for future capital needs?

Ken McFadden moved Article 12, and Tom Bedell seconded the motion. Dan DeWalt asked if the capital funds were earmarked for a specific project. Dennis Wiswall spoke to the article by saying that \$120,000 was coming out of capital reserve to pay for the new town truck and the \$100,000 is to rebuild the capital, possibly for use on the replacement of the Arch Bridge.

Article 12 passed.

ARTICLE 13:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize Town and Highway operational expenditures in the amount of \$1,328,587?

Gary Delius moved the article, and Gloria Cristelli seconded it. Mr. Delius focused the voters' attention to pages 13-16 in the Town Report. Gloria Cristelli asked why there had been a new line item added to pay for Mutual Aid's expenses in addition to what is already budgeted for the fire departments. Her main interest was why that new line item had not been an article to be voted on at Town Meeting. She also expressed her concern that the Town spends only \$10,000 in law enforcement of which between \$5,000 and \$6,000 is collected in judicial fines. Why budget so little? Neil Pelsue said that the communication tower for Mutual Aid is on his property and there have been expensive upgrades in equipment. Ann Landenberger asked how we could request additional funds for policing with continued concern about speeding through the villages.

Kim Friedman moved to amend Article 13 to add \$1,900 for Early Education and \$500 for Vermont Adult Learning, raising the total budget to \$1,330,987. Tim Shafer seconded the motion. Ms. Friedman explained that nonprofits are run by volunteers, and unfortunately someone did not get the request for funds to the Selectboard. Discussion ensued, including

the deadline for requests, and the importance of supporting organizations that work with lots of people because of poverty and opiate problems.

Tom Bedell called the question, and Tristram Johnson seconded the motion. There was a two-thirds majority. The Moderator read the amendment. To add to the budget \$1,900 for Early Education and \$500 for Vermont Adult Learning, raising the total budget to \$1,330,987.

The motion to amend Article 13 passed.

The Moderator read Article 13 as amended:

Shall the voters of the Town of Newfane authorize Town and Highway operational expenditures in the amount of \$1,330,987?

Discussion ensued with clarification that Mutual Aid receives the 911 calls and dispatches the appropriate emergency services: fire departments and rescue services. Newfane has a line item and pays Rescue, Inc. according to their division of budget for all of the towns. Sally Topitzer praised Mutual Aid for their services when a house burned to the ground on Railroad Lane.

Luke Stafford asked about what is done with savings in the highway budget when we have a winter such as this. Maureen Albert-Piascik stated that although we didn't have snow, the road crew has had overtime because of all the icy conditions.

Ken McFadden moved to end debate, and Lynn Forrest seconded that motion. The motion passed with a two-thirds majority.

Article 13 as amended passed.

The Moderator made additional announcements. An Animal Clinic is to be held on March 19, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at NewBrook Fire Department. The Town Clerk will be present to license dogs.

ARTICLE 14:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Dan DeWalt moved in a nonbinding motion, "Shall the voters of the town of Newfane support the effort to divest Vermont funds from coal and fossil fuel?" Kim Friedman seconded the motion. Mr. DeWalt said that the State Treasurer says that it is her responsibility to invest the State's money, part of which is the retirement funds of about \$1.6 million. Discussion ensued with James Russell pointing out that the State Legislature cannot determine how retirement funds are invested; the members of those whose retirement funds are being used differently from what they may wish are the ones to meet and send their displeasure.

The nonbinding motion passed.

Margaret Wimberger made a plug to encourage anyone to volunteer to be an advocate for children from birth to age 18 with the Department of Children Services. The number of cases of children being taken out of their homes goes up and up.

Neil Pelsue expressed his and Carleen's appreciation to and for the road crew.

Doris Knechtel indicated that the Town of Newfane is in the process of reappraisal. She also said that there was a handout with information and pictures of the two reappraisers for property owners to take.

Lynn Forrest indicated that there is a need for Planning Commission members so that the Planning Commission can continue. Pat Weisbrich is going off the Commission, leaving only Lynn Forrest and Tim Cawrse. Ms. Forrest talked about Village Center designation and the need to revise the Town Plan.

Mention was made that this is Vermont's 225th birthday.

Gloria Cristelli asked for voters to consider a change of venue for Town Meeting: Union Hall has heat but inadequate lighting, and Williamsville Hall cannot be heated enough for those serving as election officials to be in the cold for 12-16 hours. Ms. Cristelli also suggested that Newfane create a committee to prepare for Newfane's 250th birthday in 2024.

Bud Bergmann indicated two horrible planning applications at Exit 1 on Interstate 89. If the proposal receives Act 250 approval, in his opinion, it will destroy the whole concept of environmental responsibility.

Gary Delius moved to adjourn. Lynn Forrest seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Deborah Luskin, Town Moderator

Gloria J. Cristelli, Town Clerk

2016 ANNUAL NEWFANE SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
UNION HALL
MARCH 1, 2016

The School Moderator, Kim Friedman, called the School District Annual Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The Moderator indicated that much of the school business had already been taken care of with the budget vote where the proposed budget was passed on February 10th.

The Moderator asked to amend the rule of no non-resident speaking. As there was no objection, Principal Scotty Tabachnick was given permission to speak.

The Moderator read the warning as follows:

The legal voters of the Town of Newfane, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Union Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. to consider and act upon the following articles:

Article I: To elect all Newfane School District Officers as required by law for the ensuing year. (Voting on this article to be by Australian Ballot from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.)

Newfane School District Moderator	1 year term ending in 2017
Newfane School District Treasurer	1 year term ending in 2017
Newfane School District Director	1 year term ending in 2017
Leland & Gray School district Director	3 year term ending in 2019

Tom Bedell moved Article I, Myra Fassler seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Article I passed.

The Moderator gave a shout out to Shannon Meckle, Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard, for preparation of the Town Report. There was a warm round of applause.

Article II: To compensate the Directors of the Newfane School District \$200 each.

Tim Shafer moved the article, and Joyce Van Pamelen seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Article II passed.

Article III: To set the date of the Annual Meeting of the Newfane School District for the first Tuesday of March in the year 2017.

Tom Bedell moved Article III and Myra Fassler seconded the motion. Gloria Cristelli pointed out that the State Statutes designate Town Meeting day to be the first Tuesday of March. There was no further discussion.

Article III passed.

Article IV: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Deborah Luskin moved the article, and Lynn Bedell seconded the motion.

Article IV passed.

Deborah Luskin spoke to how wonderful the elementary school is, especially with the farm-to-school program that generates a lot of excitement on the part of the students.

Kenneth McFadden, Chair of the Newfane District School Board, shared that the air-to-air heating has been installed and is now functional, distributing the warmth throughout the building as intended.

Scotty Tabachnick highly commended Patrick Mace on his role in prodding the heat project along. Without his prodding, the project would not be progressing as well as it is.

The Chair outlined some of the changes that occurred after his letter in the Town Report was sent in. Newfane's school has the second lowest student cost on January 30th, but then changes were made from the State after his report went to press.

Ken McFadden moved to adjourn the meeting, and Myra Fassler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Kenneth McFadden, School Board Chair

Gloria J. Cristelli, Town Clerk

NOTES

VITAL STATISTICS

Births in 2016

Date	Name	Parents
January 29, 2016	Ivy Kathleen Scull	Nathaniel English Scull & Amanda Renee Scull
March 31, 2016	Ida Vivian Arnold	Carson Wesley Arnold & Jocelyn Danielle Peknik
June 30, 2016	Delilah Rose Carr	Henry Thomas Carr & Juliette Rachel Carr
August 10, 2016	Mason William Rosa	Nicholas Rosa & Jessica Lei Mowrey
August 20, 2016	Judah Michael Matyas	Adam Michael Matyas & Jessica Grace Spinella`
August 22, 2016	Braelyn Marie Bell	Dylan Robert Bell & Crystal Ann Richter
September 13, 2016	Tayquon Hunter Wright	Zameica Shianne Wright
October 1, 2016	Gavin Leon Overman	Lucas Despres Overman & Sheila Ellen Overman
November 22, 2016	Jaycee Grace Leno	Christopher David Leno & Rachael Ann Lawley

Marriages in 2016

Date	Names	Residence
January 1, 2016	Gregory Kevin Root & Leah Marie Loretta	Newfane, VT
February 14, 2016	Rocky Harland Morrison & Gerry Lynn Hamilton	Newfane, VT
April 9, 2016	Eric Jeffrey Matthews & Monique Marie Tyminski	Worcester, MA
April 30, 2016	Dylan Robert Bell & Crystal Ann Richter	South Newfane, VT
June 11, 2016	Jayne Elizabeth Van Oot & Luke Spiro Morse	Seattle, WA
June 20, 2016	Timothy George Taylor & Jennifer Amy Sadler	Newfane, VT
June 25, 2016	Charles Stewart Sliter, III & Louisa Esme Sandes	Rye, NY
August 20, 2016	Charles Tyler Van Kirk & Kerri Catherine Lowe	Brooklyn, NY
August 20, 2016	Alice Ann Gay & Benjamin David Moore	Williamsville, VT
August 27, 2016	Samantha Elizabeth Wilson & Frederick David Harlow	Newfane, VT
September 13, 2016	Camden Harrison Brace & Jiaqi Ma	Dorchester, MA
September 8, 2016	Kendra Lauren Dias & Richard James Burke	Newfane, VT
September 24, 2016	Elizabeth Marie Carey & Tadeusz Smith-Jamiolkowski	Woodside, NY
October 19, 2016	Brandon Frederick Ward & David Jeffrey Vendetti	Boston, MA

Deaths in 2016

Date	Name	Age	Residence
January 10, 2016	Robert Adams Culver	86	Newfane
January 22, 2016	Frederick G. Kauffeld	68	Newfane
January 27, 2016	Johnathan Mark Sargent	31	Newfane
February 16, 2016	Esther Amy Robinson	100	Newfane
March 16, 2016	Leonard Clyde Randall	92	Williamsville
March 29, 2016	Gertrude Frances Costelloe	90	Williamsville
April 24, 2016	Leon Elmer Knapp, Jr.	57	Williamsville
May (?) 2016	Jane L. Kent	73	Newfane
June 10, 2016	Carleton "Red" Chaffee	100	Newfane
June 19, 2016	Lin Marie Hozempa	66	Newfane
August 13, 2016	Edward F. Nelson	83	Newfane
August 17, 2016	Shirley Ann Neathawk	67	Newfane
August 28, 2016	Henry Ellis Turner, Jr.	91	South Newfane
September 12, 2016	Mark Thomas Topitzer	56	Newfane
October 11, 2016	Jean Anne Druke	85	Newfane
November 5, 2016	Richard Dennis Hickey	71	South Newfane
December 4, 2016	Gideon Spence Applegate	89	South Newfane
December 26, 2016	Pauline Lyman Wright	84	Newfane

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR TOWN SERVICES AND LOCAL AGENCIES

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICES

<u>Emergency:</u>	Enhanced 911.....	911
<u>Fire:</u>	Mutual Aid, Keene, NH.....	(603) 352-1100
<u>Ambulance:</u>	Rescue, Inc., Brattleboro, VT	254-2010
<u>Police:</u>	Windham County Sheriff's Dept., Newfane – EMERGENCY	365-4949
	WCSD – Non-Emergency	365-4942
	Vermont State Police	254-2382
<u>Mental Health:</u>	HCRS (Health Care & Rehabilitation Services)	(800) 622-4235
<u>Domestic Violence:</u>	Women's Freedom Center	(800) 773-0689
<u>General:</u>	United Way - INFORMATION.....	257-7989
	Vermont 211	211
<u>Runaway:</u>	Youth Services of Windham County	257-0361
<u>Temporary Shelter:</u>	Morningside Shelter.....	257-0066

TOWN GOVERNMENT

<u>Town Garage:</u>	(Depot Road, Williamsville).....	348-7949
<u>Newfane Town Office:</u>	365-7772
	555 Route 30	
	P.O. Box 296	
	Newfane, VT 05345	

Town Clerk: 555 Route 30
P.O. Box 36
Newfane, Vermont 05345
(802) 365-7772, Ext. 0 tclerknewfane@svcable.net
Available to the Public: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. *Closed Fridays*
Services: Records & Information, Voter Registration, Motor Vehicle **renewal** Registration
Dog Registration: January 1 – April 1 – Requires a certificate of vaccination against rabies.

**Town Treasurer/
Tax Collector:** 555 Route 30
P.O. Box 36
Newfane, Vermont 05345
(802) 365-7772, Ext. 2 newfanetreasurer@svcable.net
Available to the Public: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 – 3:30 p.m. Tax Due Dates open until 4:00 p.m.
Taxes: Current Taxes Due Quarterly: 8/15, 10/15, 1/15, 4/15
Current year taxes payable by mail to address above, or in person at the town office.

Delinquent taxes payable by mail to:
Maureen Albert-Piascik, c/o Town of Newfane, P.O. Box 36, Newfane, Vermont 05345

**Administrative Asst.
To the Selectboard:** P.O. Box 296
Newfane, Vermont 05345
(802) 365-7772, Ext. 4 tnewfane@svcable.net
Website: www.newfanevt.com (Compliments of Bahman Mahdavi)

Zoning Administrator: Merle Tessier, (802) 365-7772 – Ext. 3 – zanewfane@svcable.net
Available to the Public: Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Thursday, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Listers: **Available to the Public:**
Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(802) 365-7775, Ext. 1
newfanelisters@svcable.net

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

Hours: Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.,
 Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Permits: Available for purchase at the Solid Waste District257-0272

SCHOOLS:

Windham Central Supervisory Union Office.....365-9510
NewBrook Elementary, Principal's Office365-7536
Leland & Gray Union High School, Office365-7355

LIBRARY:

Moore Free Library, West St., Newfane365-7948

OTHER AGENCIES:

Valley Cares, Inc.....365-7725
Grace Cottage Hospital (Office)365-7920
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT & NH 1-800-575-5162
Vermont Department of Health.....254-2880
Retired Senior Volunteer Program.....254-7515
Senior Solutions 1-800-642-5119
Windham Regional Commission257-4547

ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS IN EFFECT:

(All Ordinances are available for review and/or purchase at the Town Office.)

Newfane Town Plan
Newfane Zoning Bylaw
Newfane Subdivision Regulations
Access/Right of Way Policy and Permit
Animal Control Ordinance
Newfane Traffic Ordinance
Town Road Specifications
Ordinance for the Control of Litter
Ordinance Regulating Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles
Ordinance Regulating Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
Regulation Governing Newfane's Antique Cemeteries

For assistance contact the Zoning Administrator, Administrative Assistant, or the Selectboard.

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Opportunities for Involvement in Newfane

1. Sign up to receive town notices for meetings, minutes and more on Newfane's website:
www.newfanevt.com
2. Sign up for Front Porch Forum, a free community bulletin board, to interact with your neighbors: www.frontporchforum.com
3. Check out and become active in Newfane Anew Community Volunteers. We're about supporting our town! Check us out and contact us at <https://www.facebook.com/NewfaneAnew>

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