

Annual Town Report
for
Hancock, Vermont



Philadelphia Peak

Town Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Town Meeting to be held at the Town Hall
Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 10:00 AM

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

We have examined and prepared the reports of the Town Officers for the 2017–2018 Fiscal Year as presented to us and verify them to be correct to the best of our knowledge. We also thank Janet Jesso and Roger Comes for their assistance.

Geraldine Twitchell, Chair; Elsie Carden; and Rose Juliano

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An Invitation

To All Townspeople and to Any Other Interested Parties

Please join us on historic Town Meeting day. The annual Town Meeting will be held at the Hancock Town Hall on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. The meeting will be called to order at 10:00 AM. Because the annual School Meeting will no longer take place after Town Meeting and our time together will thus be shortened, coffee, sandwiches, and pastries will be served throughout the meeting in lieu of the lunch buffet (donations benefit the local food shelf and the Honor Roll fund).

Only legal voters of the Town of Hancock are able to vote, but any and all are welcome to meet with your neighbors, discuss your views, and become better acquainted with your local municipal body.

For any questions, please contact the Town Office at 767-3660. Or visit us at 1027 VT RT 100 to become a registered voter.

Town of Hancock

Informational Sheet

Town Office Hours

3–6 p.m. 1st and 3rd Monday; 1–3 Tuesday; 9–noon Wednesday
(other times by appointment)

Select Board Meetings

6 p.m. 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Town Office

Tax Deadlines for FY 18–19

August 15, November 15, February 15, May 15

Contact Information

Town Clerk & Town Treasurer 767-3660

Email: townclerk@hancockvt.org

Recycling

Company: ABLE Waste Management, 802-672-3569

Location of Dropoff: Next to Hancock Building Supply/Town Sand Pile

Time/Date of Dropoff: 11 a.m.–1 p.m., 2nd and 4th Saturdays

Town Website

www.hancockvt.org

Please visit our Town Website to keep up to date with agendas, meeting minutes, contact information, and forms.

**TOWN OFFICERS OF HANCOCK, VT
2018-2019**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

***Agent to Convey Real Estate
(1 year)***

James Leno

Auditors (3 year)

First, expires 2019

Elsie Carden

Second, expires 2020

Geraldine K. Twitchell

Third, expires 2021

Rose Juliano (appointed)

Budget Committee (3year)

First, expires 2019

Marjorie Ross

Second, expires 2020

Eva Jesso

Third, expires 2021

Maurice Eaton

Cemetery Commission (3 year)

First, expires 2019

Geraldine K. Twitchell

Second, expires 2020

Maurice Eaton

Third, expires 2021

Larry Bettis

Constable (1 year)

VACANT

Delinquent Tax Collector (1 year)

Jaime Morin

Grand Juror (1 year)

John Ross

Justices of the Peace

Roger Comes

Maurice Eaton

John Ross

Marjorie Ross

Monica Collins

Library Trustees (5 year)

First, expires 2019

Gretchen Perera

Second, expires 2020

Rose Juliano

Third, expires 2021

Eva Jesso

Fourth, expires 2022

Jody Troumbley

Fifth, expires 2023

Margaret Rogal

Listers (3 year)

First, expires 2019

Don Crickard

Second, expires 2020

Marge Ross

Third, expires 2021

Wendell Thurston

Moderator (1 Year)

James Leno

Road Commissioner (1 year)

Kenneth Troumbley (appointed)

GHUD School Board (3 year)

First, expires 2019

Stacey Peters

Second, expires 2020

Kenneth Troumbley

Third, expires 2021

Samantha Sheehan

Select Board (3 year)

First, expires 2019

Second, expires 2020

Third, expires 2021

Town Agent (1 year)**Town Clerk (3 year) expires 2019****Town Treasurer (3 year) expires 2019****WRVA Board Member (1 year)**

Monica Collins

John Ross

Daniel Perera

Daniel Perera

Janet Jesso

Janet Jesso

John Ross

APPOINTED OFFICIALS**E-911 Coordinator****Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer****Asst. Town Clerks****Civil Defense****Emergency Management****Energy Coordinator****Fence Viewers**

John Ross

Roger Comes

Eva Jesso and Jody Troumbley

James Leno

Jacques Veilleux

VACANT

Daniel Perera

John Ross

VACANT

Jonathan Deering

Shelley Twitchell

John Ross

Monica Collins

Daniel Perera

Fire Warden**Health Officer****Deputy Health Officers****Inspector of Wood, Shingles & Lumber****Animal Control Officer****Septic/Sewage Officer****Solid Waste/Recycle Coordinator****Stagecoach Board Member****Town Service Member****Tree Warden****Weigher of Coal****Planning Commission****(6 years)**

Thomas Patterson

Janet Jesso

Richard Andrews

VACANT

Wendell Thurston

VACANT

Garrett Troumbley

John Ross

Monica Collins

Forrest Patterson

Kenneth Troumbley

Samantha Sheehan

VACANT

Monica Collins

TRORC**EC Fiber****Representatives**

Stacey Peters

Scott Gillette

**WARNING OF
ANNUAL MEETING
TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2019**

The legal voters of the Town of Hancock, VT, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 5, AD 2019, at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business, viz.

Article 1: To elect a moderator for the next year ensuing.

Article 2: To elect all officers as required by law:

- Town Clerk—three-year term (by ballot)
- Town Treasurer—three-year term (by ballot)
- Select Board Member—three-year term (by ballot)
- Lister—three-year term (by ballot)
- Auditor—three-year term (by ballot)
- Constable—one-year term
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes—one-year term
- Grand Juror—one-year term
- Town Agent—one-year term
- Cemetery Commissioner—three-year term
- Road Commissioner—one-year term (by ballot)
- Library Trustee—five-year term (by ballot)
- Advisory Budget Committee—three-year term
- Planning Commission—2 seats; six-year term
- Agent to Convey Real Estate—one-year term
- White River Valley Ambulance Representative—one-year term

Article 3: Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$29,838.00 to the following social service agencies pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691:

Green-Up Vermont	\$50
Vermont Adult Learning	\$115
WomenSafe	\$500
John Graham Shelter	\$350
Valley Food Shelf	\$500
Stagecoach	\$508
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$800
Park House	\$500
Clara Martin Center	\$595
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT/NH, Inc.	\$1,475
Quin-Town Senior Center	\$2,716
White River Valley Ambulance (\$63 per capita)	\$20,349

Granville Volunteer Fire Dept. First Responders (\$3.96 per capita)	\$1,280
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100

- Article 4: To hear and act upon the reports of the Hancock Town Officers.
- Article 5: Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to apply the proceeds of the sale of the former Town Office, estimated at \$15,500 less fees, to the purchase of a generator for the Town Hall, a designated Red Cross emergency shelter.
- Article 6: Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to apply the remaining balance in the General Fund of FY 17–18 to reducing the next fiscal year’s amount to be raised by taxes.
- Article 7: Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791, and, if so, to set the payment dates. The dates being of four equal installments dated August 15, 2019; November 15, 2019; February 15, 2020; and May 15, 2020.
- Article 8: Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow funds in anticipation of taxes to be received to meet the expenses of said town.
- Article 9: Shall the Town of Hancock appropriate the sum of \$380,059.00 to pay the current expenses for the general and highway funds for the ensuing twelve months, with 2019–2020 taxes becoming delinquent after May 15th, 2020, and with the County and State taxes to be paid from the general fund.
- Article 10: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before said meeting.

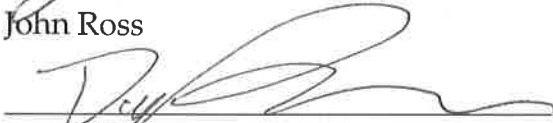
Hancock Select Board:



Monica Collins, Chair



John Ross



Daniel Perera

PROPOSED HANCOCK TOWN BUDGET - JULY 01, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

	July 01, 2017 - June 30, 2018	July 01, 2017 - June 30, 2018	July 01, 2018 - June 30, 2019	July 01, 2019 - June 30, 2020
ITEM	BUDGET	SPENT	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ 889.70	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Outside Audit (one year)	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Appropriations:				
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 115.00	\$ -	\$ 115.00	\$ -
WomenSafe	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Clara Martin Center	\$ 595.00	\$ -	\$ 595.00	\$ -
Valley Food Shelf	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Stagecoach	\$ 508.00	\$ 508.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Capstone	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Central VT Council on Aging *	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
Park House	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Quin-Town Senior Center	\$ 2,587.00	\$ 2,587.00	\$ 2,587.00	\$ -
Visiting Nurses of VT/NH	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ -
WRVA	\$ 19,380.00	\$ 19,386.48	\$ 20,349.00	\$ -
John Graham Emerg. Shelter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ -
Fire Protection	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Addison Restorative Justice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ -
Gran. Vol. F.D. 1st Responders	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,280.00	\$ -
Work Comp Ins.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,769.62	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,800.00
Cemetery Commission	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,811.96	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Computer	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,112.95	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00
Copier Lease	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,463.70	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Fire Department	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Insurance	\$ 18,700.00	\$ 18,985.63	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,736.20	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Library	\$ 19,350.00	\$ 19,505.66	\$ 19,350.00	\$ 19,900.00
Emergency Mngmt Co-ord Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Building Maint. Cap. Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Membership Dues:				
Homeward Bound	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Two-Rivers Ottaquechee	\$ 455.00	\$ 455.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 481.00
VT League of Cities & Towns	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,355.00	\$ 1,408.00
VT Mun. Clerks&Treas Assoc.	\$ 65.00	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 200.00	\$ 128.08	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
Municipal Buildings/Lighting:				
Electricity	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,993.59	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,300.00
Street Lights	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,924.70	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,200.00
Phone	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,728.44	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Fuel Oil	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 10,772.95	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Maintenance/Repairs/Wtr Testing	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 33,647.64	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Office Equipment	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 202.66	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Office Supplies/Records Restoration	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,014.17	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,000.00
Postage	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,315.85	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,600.00
Printing	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 598.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 700.00
Highway Capitol Project Fund	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Flood Loan	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Fire Station Loan Repayment	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	\$ 222,570.00	\$ 253,652.98	\$ 200,659.00	\$ 176,109.00

PROPOSED HANCOCK TOWN BUDGET - JULY 01, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

	July 01, 2017 - June 30, 2018	July 01, 2017 - June 30, 2018	July 01, 2018 - June 30, 2019	July 01, 2019 - June 30, 2020
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENT</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PROPOSED BUDGET</u>
Rubbish Removal:				
Trash	\$ 250.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00
Recycle	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,494.50	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00
Bethel/Royalton Landfill	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,578.79	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,600.00
Service Contracts/Tech Support	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 367.36	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Special Officer/Sheriff's Patrol	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,606.53	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Summer Mowing Contract	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,200.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,136.81	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,670.71	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Health Officer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Town Employees:				
Asst. Town Clerk & Treas.	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,568.75	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Land/Vital Records Organization	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Auditors	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,892.50	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Ballot Clerks/Moderator	\$ 500.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 300.00
Laborers	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 9,682.50	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Listers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,657.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Animal Control	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Selectboard	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
Selectboard Clerk/Grant Clerk	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 513.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00
Flood Plain Administrator	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Town Clerk & Treasurer	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 22,258.41	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 23,500.00
Reappraisal	\$ -	\$ 3,831.80	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Winter Roads	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,124.50	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Sand Pit Rental	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Town Hall Renovation	\$ -	\$ 48,083.52	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$ 149,900.00</i>	<i>\$ 197,107.93</i>	<i>\$ 155,550.00</i>	<i>\$ 158,950.00</i>
<i>Sub Total Both Pages</i>	<i>\$ 372,470.00</i>	<i>\$ 450,760.91</i>	<i>\$ 356,209.00</i>	<i>\$ 335,059.00</i>
** Road Commissioner	<u>\$45,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 32,053.65</u>	<u>\$45,000.00</u>	<u>\$45,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 417,470.00	\$ 482,814.56	\$ 401,209.00	\$ 380,059.00
* CVCOA returned \$1000.00 FY 18-19.				
** Road Commissioner Budget is funded by the Forestry Receipts and State Transportation Aid only.				
No Tax Dollars are/were used in the funding of this budget amount.				

**ANTICIPATED INCOME REPORT
JULY 01, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020**

Estimated Beginning Balance 07/01/19

Quin Town Rent	\$ 3,000.00
Delinquent Taxes/Int. on Delinquent Taxes	\$ 50,000.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 500.00
Interest from Bank Accounts	\$ 100.00
Liquor Licenses	\$ 440.00
Special Police Patrol	\$ 6,000.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$ 5,000.00
Town Hall Rentals	\$ 400.00
TOTAL:	\$ 65,440.00

Anticipated Budget July 01, 2020	\$ 380,059.00
Anticipated Income July 01, 2020	\$ 65,440.00

Estimated Amount to be Raised by Taxes **\$ 314,619.00**

Forestry Receipts & Transportation Aid Fund Road Commissioner Budget	
Forestry Receipts	\$ 45,000.00
Transportaion Aid	\$ 11,000.00

Statement of Taxes Raised for Year Ending - June 30, 2019

	Grand List:	Tax Rate:	Total:
Municipal	\$356,478.00	\$0.9993	\$ 356,228.47
School-Homestead	\$130,810.00	\$1.6325	\$ 213,547.33
School-Non-Homestead	\$207,617.70	\$1.5905	<u>\$ 330,215.95</u>
Total Taxes to be Raised			\$ 899,991.74

Total 18-19 Tax Rate: \$2.63 Homestead
Total 18-19 Tax Rate: \$2.59 Non-Homestead

Selectboard Expenses for Fiscal Year July 01, 2017 - June 30, 2018

ACCOUNT:	AMOUNT:
<i>Salaries:</i>	
Ass't Town Clerk	\$ 2,568.75
Auditors	\$ 3,892.50
Ballot Clerks/Moderator	\$ 105.00
School Directors Stipend	\$ 1,500.00
School Treasurer Stipend	\$ 400.00
Listers	\$ 1,657.50
Selectboard Salary	\$ 4,800.00
Animal Control	\$ 100.00
Selectboard Grant/Clerk	\$ 513.75
Town Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 22,258.41
Town Laborers	\$ 9,682.50
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$ 7,213.37
Advertising	\$ 889.70
Appropriations	\$ 25,806.48
Audit (Financials, Work. Comp.)	\$ 16,500.00
Copier Lease	\$ 1,463.70
<i>Electricity:</i>	
Fire Department	\$ 1,205.98
Hancock School Town Clerk/Library	\$ 1,271.26
Hancock Historical Society (Old Library)	\$ 250.90
Old Town Clerk	\$ 343.95
Town Hall	\$ 2,921.50
Street Lights	\$ 3,924.70
<i>*Fuel Oil:</i>	
Firehouse	\$ 1,479.89
Hancock School	\$ 3,715.26
Hancock Historical Society (Old Library)	\$ 505.06
Old Town Clerk	\$ -
Town Hall	\$ 5,072.74
Granville Vol. Fire Dept. First Responders	\$ 1,000.00
In and Out (Reimbursements)	\$ 635.00
<i>Insurance:</i>	
Buildings/Contents	\$ 18,985.63
Insurance-other	\$ -
Health/Workmans Comp.	\$ 2,769.62
Legal Fees/Surveys	\$ 1,736.20
Bank Fees	\$ 65.00
Highway Capital Project Payment	\$ 3,000.00
Building Maintenance Capital Project Payment	\$ 10,000.00
<i>Maintenance/Repairs:</i>	
Firehouse	\$ 811.44
Hancock School	\$ 24,734.92
Library	\$ 967.75
Old Town Clerk	\$ 2,753.21
Town Hall	\$ 2,868.25
Munic. Buildings - Other	\$ 1,312.07
<i>Membership Dues:</i>	
Addison County Humane Society	\$ -
Two Rivers Ottauquechee	\$ 455.00
VT Municipal Clerks/Treasurer's Association	\$ -
VT League of Cities and Towns-PACIF	\$ 1,290.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 128.08
Miscellaneous Supplies (incl. cleaning sply's.)	\$ 674.37

SELECTBOARD EXPENSES RPT. CONT'D.			
Office Equipment		\$	202.66
Office Supplies		\$	2,342.97
Petty Cash		\$	13.04
<i>Phone</i>			
Town Clerk (internet also)		\$	2,007.39
Fire Department		\$	721.05
Postage		\$	1,315.85
Printing Charges		\$	598.00
Property Tax Refund		\$	4,747.09
<i>Rubbish Removal:</i>			
Rubbish Removal		\$	65.00
Bethel/Royalton Landfill		\$	3,578.79
Rubbish/Recycle Contract		\$	6,494.50
<i>Service Contracts/Tech Support:</i>			
Cannon Financial Services Inc.-Yrly. Fee		\$	367.36
Connecting Solutions of Vermont		\$	3,308.14
Intuit		\$	646.60
NEMRC		\$	2,158.21
Sheriff		\$	5,608.53
Summer Mowing		\$	4,200.00
<i>Taxes:</i>			
Taxes - Penalties & Interest		\$	1,101.96
Addison County Tax		\$	1,332.96
Town Portion of School Payment		\$	606,011.06
Training		\$	370.00
Payroll Taxes		\$	6,136.81
Sand Pit Rental		\$	-
Winter Roads		\$	70,124.50
Fire Department Line of Credit Repayment-Fire Truck		\$	31,102.67
Loan Payment - Fire Department		\$	19,000.00
<i>Lister's Expenses:</i>			
Computer/Program		\$	716.50
Mileage		\$	208.74
Tax Mapping		\$	1,525.00
Training		\$	-
Misc. Supplies		\$	81.56
Contract Labor		\$	1,300.00
Honor Roll Fund Expense		\$	208.25
Fire Department Pumper/Tanker Purchase		\$	35,000.00
Paving Project-Village School		\$	1,246.25
Town Hall Renovation		\$	48,083.52
Flood Loan-Mascoma		\$	25,000.00
Churchville Culvert Project		\$	431,295.32
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$	1,512,449.72

LIBRARY REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$ 4,057.86

Income Received:

Town Of Hancock (Budgeted)	\$ 19,350.00
Transfer from Restricted Account	\$ 3,050.00

Total Income: \$ 22,400.00

Expenses:

Librarian Salary	\$ 11,358.11
Computer	\$ 569.77
Computer Purchase	\$ -
Telephone	\$ 418.34
Digital Media	\$ 194.13
Digital Conversion	\$ 3,050.00
Library Supplies	\$ 951.56
Petty Cash/Postage, etc.	\$ 483.83
Programs	\$ 288.00
Travel Reimbursement	\$ 343.75
Workshops/Conferences	\$ 540.00
Books	\$ 734.17
Other/Passes/Mem.	\$ 574.00

Total Expenses: \$ 19,505.66

ENDING BALANCE: \$ 6,952.20

ROAD COMMISSIONER MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR**JULY 01, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018**

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$	59,636.29
Income Received:		
Forestry Receipts	\$	-
State of VT Trans. Aid	\$	12,724.34
Interest	\$	67.72
Total Income:	\$	72,428.35
Expensed out:		
Transferred to Gen. Fund for Road Comm Exp's.	\$	32,053.65
Draw off Balance to Deposit to Hwy. Cap. Acct.	\$	39,370.89
Total Expenses:	\$	71,424.54
ENDING BALANCE:	\$	1,003.81

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$	-
Income Received:		
Transferred in from Road Comm. MMA for expenses	\$	32,053.65
Total Income:	\$	32,053.65
Expenses:		
Road Maintenance	\$	2,040.00
Equipment Rental	\$	309.00
Equipment & Supplies	\$	469.65
Flood Damage	\$	3,905.00
Labor	\$	2,175.00
Grading Roads	\$	3,332.50
Road Improvements	\$	19,822.50
Total Expenses:	\$	32,053.65
ENDING BALANCE:	\$	-

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

Income Received:		
Town of Hancock (Budgeted)	\$	10,000.00
Remaining Bal of Line of Credit for Pumper Truck	\$	20,000.00
Sale of old Fire Truck	\$	3,000.00
Total Income:	\$	33,000.00
Expenses:		
911 Phone Charges	\$	2,445.98
Attendance	\$	845.00
Fire School	\$	-
Gas/Repairs	\$	4,327.53
Equip/Supplies	\$	23,090.19
Radio/Radio Repairs	\$	1,535.74
Misc.	\$	755.56
Sub Total	\$	33,000.00
Fire Dept. Bldg./Equip. Fund Draw off	\$	-
Total Expenses:	\$	33,000.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$	-

CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

Income Received:

Town of Hancock (Budgeted)	\$ 5,500.00	
Reimbursement from Cemetery Comm.	<u>\$ -</u>	
Total Income:		\$ 5,500.00

Expenses:

Equipment Rental	\$ 1,023.75	
Gasoline	\$ -	
Maintenance	\$ 350.00	
Misc. Supplies	\$ 110.46	
Stone repair/cleaning	\$ -	
Labor	\$ 3,327.75	
Total Expenses:		<u>\$ 4,811.96</u>

ENDING BALANCE		\$ 688.04
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CEMETERY TRUST FUND REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 2017 - JUNE 2018

Certificate of Deposit:

Beginning Balance 07/01/16	\$ 13,136.29
Interest Accumulated	<u>\$ 132.03</u>
Ending Balance 06/30/17	\$ 13,268.32

Savings Account:

Beginning Balance 07/01/16	\$ 1,011.74
Perpetual Care	\$ -
Cemetery Lot	\$ -
Interest Accumulated	\$ 2.87
Donation from Church	\$ 3,000.00
Dormant Fees Service Charges	<u>\$ (30.00)</u>
Ending Balance 06/30/17	\$ 3,984.61

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$	3,232.35
Income: Interest Earned	\$	1.61
Expenses:	\$	-
Ending Balance:	\$	3,233.96

HONOR ROLL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$	1,684.17
Income: Interest Earned	\$	2.06
Deposit	\$	354.25
Expenses: Withdrawl	\$	(26.25)
Ending Balance:	\$	2,014.23

LIBRARY FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$	3,359.07
Income: Interest Earned	\$	1.68
Deposit Grant for Auto Graphics	\$	3,050.00
Grant for Reading Program	\$	200.00
Expenses:		
Transfer to Library Account	\$	(3,050.00)
Ending Balance:	\$	3,560.75

STOVE ACCOUNT FOR FY JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$	4,000.00
Income: Interest Earned	\$	3.71
Expenses:	\$	-
Ending Balance:	\$	4,003.71

SANCTUARY ACCOUNT FOR FY JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

Beginning Balance:	\$	2,600.00
Income: Interest Earned	\$	2.41
Expenses:	\$	-
Ending Balance:	\$	2,602.41

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS for FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

Highway Capital Project Fund:

Beginning Balance 07/01/17	\$ 130,445.69
Interest Accumulated	\$ 81.11
Town Contribution	\$ 3,000.00
Churchville Culvert Project	\$ 50,714.85
RD Comm drawoff	\$ 39,370.89
Withdrawal	\$ (119,774.85)
Ending Balance 06/30/18	\$ 103,837.69

Hancock Reappraisal Money Market:

Beginning Balance 07/01/17	\$ 4,292.33
Interest Accumulated	\$ 2.40
Deposit	\$ 2,201.50
Service Charges	\$ -
Ending Balance 06/30/18	\$ 6,496.23

Building Maintenance Fund:

Beginning Balance 07/01/17	\$ 24,561.05
Interest Accumulated	\$ 31.19
Town Contribution	\$ 10,000.00
Ending Balance 06/30/18	\$ 34,592.24

Hancock Scholarship Fund:

Beginning Balance 07/01/17	\$ 659.18
Interest Accumulated	\$ 0.66
Ending Balance 06/30/18	\$ 659.84

Fire Dept. Building/Equipment Fund

Beginning Balance 07/01/17	\$ 6,705.09
Interest Accumulated	\$ 5.72
Draw off Bal. per Art. 10 03/01/05 Withdrawl	\$ (5,000.00)
Ending Balance 06/30/18	\$ 1,710.81

Hancock Tax Mapping

Beginning Balance 07/01/17	\$ 1,791.00
Expenses	\$ (1,525.00)
Ending Balance 06/30/18	\$ 266.00

DOG LICENSE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 01, 2017 - JUNE 30, 2018

Dogs Licensed by April 1st, 2018

46 dogs @ \$9.00/ea.	\$ 414.00
6 dog @ \$12.00 (unneutered)	\$ 72.00
19 Late Fees Collected	<u>\$ 55.00</u>

Total: \$ 541.00

\$3.00 per dog refunded to State of Vermont for rabies Fund



GOVERNMENT BONDS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 2017-JUNE 2018

Series HH Bonds:

D3963456HH	\$ 500.00
D3963457HH	\$ 500.00

Currency:	\$ 7.50
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As authorized by the selectboard the principal amount of the matured bonds has been reinvested into a CD at the Randolph National Bank. The interest earned being deposited into the Money Market Account.

Hancock's U. S. GOVERNMENT BONDS: a short history

Up until 1965 the following paragraph was included with the bonds report giving a short explanation of how they came into being -

"Because all, or parts, of various lease lots have been sold to the federal government to be incorporated in the Green Mt. National Forest, the selectmen have seen fit to set up the following trust fund. The revenue received from this fund is expected to reimburse the town for the loss of the annual lease money."

The funds began around 1940. The cash balance shown above also comes from the sale of the lease lots.

SURETY BONDS FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 2017-JUNE 2018

Through the Town's insurance policy with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, all town officials and town employees are covered under a blanket policy for up to \$500,000.00 for the fiscal year of July 2016 through June 2017.

TOWN OF HANCOCK VITAL STATISTICS

July 1, 2017—June 30, 2018

MARRIAGES

<u>Name of Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Name of Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Kristen Elizabeth Gendron	Hancock	Robert Slater Kyle	Hancock	Oct. 28, 2017
Samantha Julia Sheehan	Hancock	Matthew Douglas DelRoss	Hancock	Mar. 7, 2018

BIRTHS

<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Born At</u>
Brynlee Marie Needham	F	Nov. 18, 2017	Kelsey Marie Needham	Jakup T. Needham	Randolph
Harley Edward Schattenkerk	M	Mar. 30, 2018	Shania Lynn Campbell	Richard Allen Schattenkerk	Middlebury

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Age</u>
Janet Kittredge	F	Dec. 30, 2017	Hancock	71
Jeanne F. Moulton	F	Mar. 18, 2018	Pittsfield	88
Kate E. Nicholson	F	Apr. 9, 2018	Middlebury	35

Delinquent Taxes '17-'18

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TOWN HALL FINAL PROJECT BUDGET REPORT

PROJECT: Hancock Town Hall Renovation

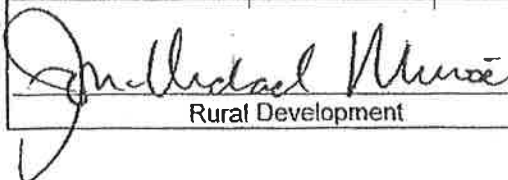
DATE: 12/12/2018

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Earned to Date	Requested This Month	Total Earned to Date	Balance to Finish
Administrative				-	-	-
Interest				-	-	-
Legal					-	-
Engineering:						
Preliminary				-	-	-
Final	-	1,648.00		1,648.00	1,648.00	-
Construction				-	-	-
Land				-	-	-
Contract:						
	-			-	-	-
Structural Repairs/	-	-		-	-	-
Flooring	69,698	93,511.52		93,511.52	93,511.52	-
Painting	52,280	54,780.00		54,780.00	54,780.00	-
	-					-
Contingency		-			-	-
Total	121,978	149,940	-	149,939.52	149,939.52	-

FUNDING SOURCES

Rural Development					-	-
Grant	40,700	40,700.00		40,700.00	40,700.00	-
Applicant	109,240	109,240.00		109,240.00	109,240.00	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
Total	149,940	149,940.00	-	149,940.00	149,940.00	-

Approved for payment of \$ 40700.00


Rural Development

Date: 12-13-18

SELECT BOARD REPORT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Another busy year is behind us. This year we welcomed Dan Perera as a new member of the Select Board. Along with our Town Clerk, Janet Jesso, Assistant Town Clerks Roger Comes and Eva Jesso, and Delinquent Tax Collector Jamie Morin, we have worked hard to keep Hancock moving forward. Many thanks to all of them for their hard work.

Although we had no large projects this year as we have in recent years, the highlights of the accomplishments include:

- The professional audit we started last year was completed and the new software has been installed and is now in use. We are implementing best practices recommended by both the auditing firm and our software provider, NEMRC.
- Thanks to Ken Troumbley for taking on the role of Road Commissioner.
- Thanks to Linda Anderson and the rest of the new Hancock Recreation Committee for creating a new initiative to work with families and youths in our community.
- The Planning Commission is currently working with Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Planning Commission to update the Town Plan. Two Rivers will also be helping us to update the only zoning regulations we have, our Flood Hazard Area Regulations, to comply with current state requirements.

Once again, as you can see from our list of Town Officials here in the report, we have vacant offices. We would appreciate more volunteers for these positions. For quite a while there's been a core group of folks who have been generous with their time and have taken on multiple positions due to a lack of volunteers. We'd love to have more people be part of the process. Please contact the Town Clerk or a Select Board member if you're interested.

As always, Select Board meetings are open to all and are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 6 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office, and we look forward to having you share your concerns and ideas with us. If you can't make the meeting, please contact us to share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Hancock Select Board—Monica Collins, Chair; John Ross; and Daniel Perera

TOWN CLERK REPORT

The town office has seen many changes and much progress over the past year! We began the fiscal year with new accounting software—NEMRC fund accounting. We continued to operate with a crossover of the two systems (the old and new) for the first month of the fiscal year so as to avoid downtime. This presented a number of issues at the outset, but the transition to a system created specifically for municipal accounting will result in transparent financial records, something that in the past was sadly absent. The financial reports you hold in your hands with this town report will be the final reports generated from the old system. Going forward, our methods and reporting mechanisms will be on par with most other towns in the state. We are still in the process of learning the ins and outs (and benefits!) of this software and are excited regarding the town's move toward advanced accounting practices.

In an attempt to reclaim the vault, we have spent hours wading through the aftermath of the past few years of neglect that presents itself daily. Several years of irrational filing techniques and improper office procedures, coupled with a rushed move and piles of randomly discarded documents, serve as an ever-present reminder of the legal liability present in the vault. The organization and recovery of our land and town records have come a long way over the past year as evidenced by compliments from several attorneys who have watched our progress intently, but we still have a substantial amount of work ahead of us in terms of sorting, organizing, and filing . . . as well as discovering what other issues remain lurking. On this note, it is imperative that we continue our concerted, uninterrupted efforts to restore the veracity of the vault's legal documents and historical artifacts to avoid possible litigation resulting from improperly categorized and poorly maintained records. This task is presently under way with a clear path and plan for the coming year.

Our town Facebook page is once again active, and the town website is now up and running! Select board meeting minutes are posted regularly on the website, as are meeting dates, due dates, and town news and happenings. Each group in town has their own section, allowing all of our hardworking, dedicated boards and organizations to post their individual news and events. Please visit the site now and again to find out about the town's events and activities!

We can all be proud of what our small community has to offer. So here's to an upcoming year full of continued positive efforts!

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Jesso

HANCOCK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

We've been in our new space for more than a year now, which has enabled us to hold many more programs and events.

The Library is a member of the Interlibrary Loan system CLOVER. Interlibrary loans are made through this program for any resources that we don't have at the HFPL. We also belong to the Green Mountain Consortium and have access to Listen Up! Vermont, an online service for e-books and audiobooks. Come into the Library to sign up for your access number to begin using this free service.

The Library has many free and discounted passes to area museums around Vermont. Stop by and ask about how you can borrow them for your next museum visit!

In conjunction with the Friends of the HFPL, during the past year we have had a Group Drumming Storytelling program with Saragail Benjamin, beading workshops, painting classes, a young readers book club, a children's soap carving workshop, and a book giveaway at the Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween. Our newest endeavor is a monthly Knit 'n' Stitch gathering the first Thursday of every month from 6-7 p.m. at the Library.

In cooperation with the Hancock Recreation Committee, we are sponsoring monthly STEM programs the first Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

Watch the *Herald of Randolph* for additions to our collection of books and digital media.

The Library is open Wednesday 12:30-5:30 p.m.; Thursday 12:30-6:30 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon.

Hancock Library Trustees:
Eva Jesso, Chair
Jody Troumbley, Treasurer
Gretchen Perera, Secretary
Rose Juliano
Margi Rogal

Caroline Meagher,
Librarian

FRIENDS OF THE HANCOCK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

The Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library was formed in 2012 to support the Hancock Free Public Library (HFPL). During the past seven years we've done that in a variety of ways, including holding programs and events, buying books and materials, and assisting with the move to the new space.

In 2018, the Friends applied for and received the Vermont Humanities Council Vermont Reads 2018 grant for the book *Bread and Roses, Too*. This statewide one-book community reading program was a launching point for several community programs. The Friends partnered with the Quin-Town Center for Seniors and held a presentation by a local resident with a background in labor history who did a talk about working conditions in Vermont. The presentation was done during the day for the seniors and at night for the community; both were well received.

In November, the Friends sponsored a free soap carving program for children by the Birds of Vermont Museum in Huntington, VT. This program was very popular.

If you'd like to help support the Friends, there are many avenues to do so.

- The Friends sponsor a book-sale cart with books in all genres at the Library. The money raised goes toward adding to the collection and supports programs and events.
- Our book discussion group, Valley Readers, has been going strong for six years. The group meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., and anyone is welcome to join.
- Our Adopt an Author program is in its second year and is a fun way to expand the collection. Ask at the HFPL how you can take part.
- A nice way to remember a loved one, or honor a friend or family member, is to make a donation in his or her name to the Friends. The money is used for books and programs to support the HFPL. Friends is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library has a Facebook page with information on events and activities, so please "like" the page to keep up with the latest happenings.
- Consider joining the Friends group. Donation levels start as low as \$10/year.

If you'd like more information on the Friends, please contact Jill Jesso-White, President, at 767-4128.

HANCOCK TOWN PRIDE REPORT

Formed in 2012, Hancock Town Pride continues to work toward its three goals of beautifying the town, holding events and activities, and fostering community spirit. In April, we hosted our annual Coffeehouse. It was well attended and a fun evening. Donations from the event help us buy flowers for the barrels around town and help pay for the summer concert series.

We continued our annual tradition of distributing sunflower seeds to anyone interested at the Memorial Day parade. Thanks to Ross Parker and Denise Chapin for the donation of seeds. We also handed out sunflower seedlings that were planted and donated by Meg Brown—a big thanks to her as well. We planted the beautiful planters at the base of the bandstand and the wooden barrels with flowers at various locations around town. Thanks to all our volunteer waterers who helped with the flowers all summer.

Hancock Town Pride's Summer Concert Series on the Town Green was a big success, opening on July 12 with a return engagement by the Starline Rhythm Boys and their popular rockabilly sound. They were followed on July 19 by the Fried Dough Boys, an accomplished string band featuring fiddle, guitar, bass, and vocals. The stage was shared on July 26 by the Three Sues, vocalists with a sweet and upbeat sound, and the Aaron Marcus trio from Montpelier featuring lively guitar, concertina, fiddle, and clogging. August brought a return of the Pete Seeger Memorial Concert in which Camp Killooleet musicians shared the stage with local musicians in a concert celebrating Pete Seeger's legacy. Our final concert was opened by the Hancock Coffeehouse Musicians, which features a mix of strong vocals and instrumentals. They were followed by the 30-voice women's a cappella group, Maiden Vermont, whose beautifully blended sound brought the 2018 concert season to a close.

Musicians performed in the bandstand on the scenic Hancock Town Green, and many concertgoers enjoyed picnics as they listened to toe-tapping music. Refreshments were provided at every concert by the Hancock Recreation Committee, and the Hancock Fire Department made their rest room available during the evening. All summer concerts are free, supported entirely by funds raised by Hancock Town Pride. We are fortunate to have our beautiful bandstand and Town Green, surrounded by the Green Mountains, as a gathering place for our community.

We again put together a crew of volunteers in August to provide support to the runners of the 100 on 100 Relay Race at their stop on Route 100 in Hancock. We received a donation for providing this service, and it's another way by which we raise needed funds.

In early December we gathered to make evergreen sprays to hang on our municipal buildings, the bandstand, and the Fire Department. They looked very festive through the holiday season.

We always welcome new members to join us! We'd love to hear your ideas and feedback as we work toward adding to the beauty and community spirit of our town.

Respectfully submitted,
Hancock Town Pride

HANCOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

Since its reorganization in 2016, the Hancock Historical Society (HHS) has become an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The society moved into the former Hancock Free Public Library building on Rt. 125 in 2017. The HHS members cleaned out the building and sorted the historical artifacts into categories and organized the new space. Of course, this is an ongoing job!

The outside of the building was given a facelift with a new coat of paint this past summer with funds from the Town, Hancock Town Pride, and HHS.

An Open House was held on October 6, 2018, that focused on schools. We enjoyed a nice attendance, and people were excited about future exhibits.

We invite everyone to come to meetings and events or just visit the society to see our collection and follow our progress. To keep track of the HHS meetings and activities, like our Facebook page.

Officers for the HHS,

Eva Jesso, President

Gretchen Perera, Vice President

Jody Troumbley, Secretary

Roger Comes, Treasurer

2018 Hancock Recreation Committee Town Report

On July 3, 2018 the Hancock Select Board adopted the Hancock Recreation Committee. The Hancock Recreation Committee believes that recreation is crucial to people's quality of life, improving both physical and social health and strengthening communities. We sincerely appreciate the assistance and support of the Hancock Fire Department, The Hancock Free Public Library, Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library, and Hancock Town Pride. We hope to encourage more community members to join us in 2019 to get to know your neighbors and help build up our community all while having some fun. In 2018 we held:

- **Pick-up Soccer Games** – late July – August we had several adults and up to 8 children come out to join us.
- **Kick-off Event: End of Summer Bash** – On Saturday August 25th we had more than 60 community members, adults & children, join us for a bounce house, face painting, a bbq and more.
- **Valley Story Hour** – On Sunday October 21, 2018 we held the first Valley Story Hour. 9 community children joined us on a very cold, snowy day to listen to stories around town. They voted on their favorite stories which were donated to the Hancock Free Public Library for others to enjoy!
- **Trunk or Treat** – the cold wet weather didn't stop community members from coming out and celebrating Halloween together. We had approximately 12 cars and over 40 children trick-or-treating. The Hancock Free Public Library gave away books. This event was headed by Renee Veilleux and there was a lot of help from the Hancock Fire Department.
- **Caroling Party** – On Sunday December 16th around 6 adults and 9 children caroled at Johnson's Care home, and around town. After, we made gingerbread houses, decorations, ate cookies, drank cocoa and had a visit from Santa!
- **STEM Days at the Hancock Free Public Library** – probably one of the most exciting programs are the STEM Days which are a collaborate effort between the Rec Committee and the Hancock Free Public Library. In December we explored Snowflake Science with 11 community children and their families.

The committee worked on a number of fundraisers in 2018 including refreshment sales at the Hancock Town Pride summer concert series and the White River Valley Players fall production. We were very grateful for the opportunities. We held a two Dinners which were not very well attended but committee members had a lot of fun working together to pull them off. Committee volunteers and local businesses have provided many donations to make these events a reality. We couldn't do any of this without their support.

In 2019 we have a number of upcoming events we hope community members will join us for:

- **STEM Days at the Hancock Free Public Library** – the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 – 10:30. January will be balloon powered race cars, February – Spaghetti Bridges, March – Lego Day, April – Easter Eggs & the history of Dye, May – Physical Reactions vs. Chemical Reactions, June – Egg Drop.
- **February 2** – Community Game Night Pot Luck from 5:00 – 7:00, we invite community members to join us for a pot luck and an evening of their favorite board games.
- **April 7** – Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 8:00 – 10:00. Breakfast by donataion.
- **May 4** – Cultural Diversity Pot Luck Dinner 5:00 – 7:00. We invite community members to bring a dish representing their heritage.
- **June 1** – Murder Mystery Chicken Pie Supper Fundraiser. We invite community members to join us for dinner followed by a group game based on the board game Clue! Dinner by donation.

The committee meets at the Hancock Fire Department the first Sunday of the month from 6:00 – 7:30. The meeting schedule is subject to change to accommodate committee members' schedules. Meeting schedules are warned monthly and information can be found on the Facebook page under Hancock Recreation Committee. People seeking up to date information are also encouraged to join the Hancock Recreation Committee e-mail list. To contact the Hancock Recreation Committee e-mail us at hancockreccommittee@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Anderson, Hancock Recreation Committee Chair



Vermont Adult Learning

a member of *Learning Works*
Vermont's Adult Education
& Literacy System

TOWN FUNDS REQUEST

AGENCY NAME: Vermont Adult Learning – Addison

ADDRESS: John V. Craven Community Services Center
282 Boardman Street
Middlebury, Vermont 05753

CONTACT PERSON: David Roberts, Regional Director

CONTACT INFORMATION: droberts@vtadulthoodlearning.org
802-388-4392, ext. 1011

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: We provide adults with basic skills instruction in reading, writing and math, GED prep and testing, a high school diploma program, and classes for English Language Learners.

AMOUNT REQUESTED FY16: \$115.00
AMOUNT REQUESTED FY17: \$115.00

HANCOCK RESIDENTS SERVED: 1

TOTAL SERVED STATEWIDE: 1581

SOURCES OF INCOME/EXPENSES IN PERCENTAGES* (Fiscal Year 2018: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018):

Sources of Income	\$494,229	Major Expenses	\$494,229
Rec'd from federal taxes:	6.96%	Salaries and benefits	81.05%
Rec'd from state taxes:	89.08%	Office expenses	1.10%
Rec'd from municipal tax:	2.22%	Facilities	8.41%
Rec'd from donations:	0.01%	Programs	9.42%
Rec'd from United Way	1.30%	Other	0.01%
Rec'd from grants & other:	0.42%		
TOTAL	100.00%	TOTAL	100.00%

*This data pertains to the Middlebury site only, not VAL as a whole.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL) offers a variety of learning opportunities to help adults achieve their educational goals and enhance their quality of life. We work with each student to develop an individualized learning plan that includes a transition to further education or employment. We offer GED testing, programs for completing a high school diploma, basic skills instruction in reading, writing, and math and classes for English Language Learners (ELL). Instruction is also available to students who need skill preparation for college or employment purposes.

VAL also offers WorkKeys® certification, a nationally recognized career readiness certificate based on “real world” skills that employers look for in employees. In addition, we are contracted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families to place and support Reach-Up participants in unsubsidized work experiences. Our programs are free and confidential.

We are grateful to the townspeople of Hancock for supporting the services we provide.

WomenSafe, Inc.

Kerri Duquette-Hoffman, Executive Director

Last year **WomenSafe** staff and volunteers provided the following services:

- 5,769 in-person meetings and phone calls to 529 women, children and men who accessed services.
- Worked with relatives and caregivers of a total of 376 children affected by the violence in their lives.
- 345 supervised visits for 26 children needing increased safety during parent-child contacts through The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe.
- WomenSafe's Transitional Housing Program funded through the Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) assisted 29 families find and maintain secure, stable housing.
- The Training & Education Program reached 1,641 adults and youth through 255 presentations, trainings and community outreach events that covered healthy relationships, preventing child sexual abuse, sexual harassment and consent.
- Seventy-five volunteers contributed 9,270 hours by providing services such as: staffing the 24-hour hotline, in-person office support, court accompaniment and administrative support.
- WomenSafe honored Valerie Ortiz of Shoreham as the 2018 recipient of the Kimberly Krans Women Who Change the World Award.

Hancock: WomenSafe provided direct services to at least **3*** Hancock residents including the parents of at least **4** children who were exposed to violence.

* For their safety some people do not share their town of residence.

Contact Information:

Advocacy services are Free and Confidential.

24-hour Hotline: 802-388-4205 or 800-388-4205

The Supervised Visitation Program @ WomenSafe: 802-388-6783

Business: 802-388-9180

Fax: 802-388-3438

E-mail: info@womensafe.net

Web: www.womensafe.net



JOHN GRAHAM SHELTER

69 Main Street, Vergennes, VT

802-877-2677

www.johngrahamshelter.org

September 2018

Dear Hancock Selectboard,

This year the John Graham Shelter located in Vergennes, marks 38 years of service to Addison County's homeless families and individuals. We are writing to ask for your continued support at Town Meeting 2019 in the form of a \$350 allocation. Mindful of the impact on property taxes, we have not increased our request for many years.

In 2018, with generous help from Addison County municipalities the John Graham Shelter:

- Provided more than 16,000 bed nights of food, shelter, services and hope to more than 250 people, many of whom were children;
- Provided rapid rehousing to families at our own buildings in Vergennes, Middlebury and Bristol and at many scattered sites;
- Provided counseling, case management and support services that help people take the next step in their lives.

Who are Vermont's homeless? It used to be a single man, out of work and down on his luck, struggling to overcome alcohol or drug addictions.

But today the face of homelessness is likely to be a senior with physical or mental disabilities, a young person, or a mother striving to balance a job while caring for her young children. Nearly everyone we work with at John Graham is employed!

Again this year, the number of people in Addison County who were literally homeless increased. And the number of homeless school-aged children increased, making families with children one of the fastest growing segments of the homeless population. We see each day how homeless children are more likely to be sick, hungry, exposed to violence and at risk of school failure. The John Graham Shelter provided housing to more than 100 families with children this year.

We are grateful for your many years of assistance to our homeless neighbors. Now, in these difficult financial times, your ongoing support is needed more than ever!

Peter Kellerman and Kate Schirmer-Smith, Co-Directors



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September 26, 2018

Hancock Selectboard
PO Box 100
Hancock, VT 05748

Dear Selectboard Members,

On behalf of Stagecoach Transportation Services, I am writing to thank you for the Town of Hancock's generous support last year. **In FY18, your support helped us provide 112,899 rides including 1,174 door-to-door trips for Hancock Residents.**

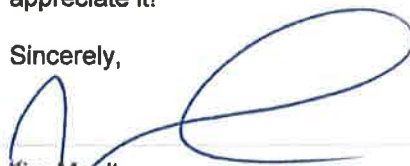
The state and federal grants which primarily fund these rides require us to raise up to 20% of the cost of the programs through "local match" dollars. Stagecoach's requests of towns account for less than 1/4 of the 20% requirement. **To help us meet this requirement, we respectfully request funding of \$508 for FY20 to be placed before the Hancock voters for consideration.**

We are requesting this contribution because:

1. Hancock residents can access bus services to employment and shopping centers in Montpelier, Randolph, White River Junction, and Hanover-Lebanon NH;
2. Hancock residents can utilize transportation alternatives that Stagecoach provides for seniors, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations to access a variety of destinations including grocery shopping, medical appointments, errands, and social events;
3. Stagecoach provides transportation to Senior Citizens from their home in Hancock to Gifford Adult Day the Quin-Town Senior Center for meals and social events.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request – we greatly appreciate it!

Sincerely,



Jim Moulton,
Executive Director

STAGECOACH TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC.
A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

**Central Vermont Council on Aging
Report of Services to Hancock FY18
November 20, 2018**

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities.

For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters aged 60 and up to remain independent for as long as possible. We connect the elders in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income or resources.

Mission Statement:

CVCOA supports older Vermonters to live with dignity and choice.

Amount of Request: \$1800 — (Level Funding)

Date: November 20, 2018

Central Vermont Council on Aging is the primary agency serving older Vermonters aged 60 and over as well as their families and caregivers throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. We are a private nonprofit that assists these elders to remain independent for as long as possible. All services are made available to our clients at no charge, without regard to health, income or other resources.

The funding provided by the 54 Central Vermont towns we serve is essential to Central Vermont Council on Aging, and directly serves its mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting seniors to a wide array of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive.

The financial support from the town of Hancock helps to ensure that the resources are available to support the well-being of older Vermonters in the town of Hancock. Please review the report of services that accompanies this request for a list of some of the many services that we make available to the seniors in your town.

All of us at CVCOA thank the residents of Hancock for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.

Some of the options we make available include:

- Senior Help Line - (800) 642-5119 - has the answers to hundreds of common questions from elders, families and caregivers.
- Information & Assistance staff counsel elders and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, and more.
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Services oversees the menu development for home-delivered and community meals and provides the largest source of funding for the 14 meal sites that prepare and deliver these meals.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, group training, and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Support promotes the well-being of the family members who help to make it possible for seniors to remain in their home.

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more of the above services to 36 Hancock residents. Case Manager Kathryn Schenkman is designated to work directly with the seniors in Hancock. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 391 hours of service to Hancock seniors.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of Hancock for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont communities what they are today.



PARK HOUSE

Rochester Community Care Home, Inc.

16 Park Row #4

Rochester, VT 05767-9445

Telephone (802) 767-3416

E-mail director@parkhousevt.org

Dear Friends in Hancock,

John Pinder, after his first few months as Pastor of the Federated Church of Rochester, observed the need for elder housing in the Valley. John expressed this need at the 1985 Rochester Town Meeting, a fact that when older people became too frail or disabled to remain in their own homes, there was no place in the community for them to go. They not only had to give up their homes, but had to leave the Valley where, in many cases, they had lived all their lives.

The Park House Mission Statement; To provide and operate a congregate home in our 5 town area for seniors and other qualifying adults where they can live independently with dignity in a safe, pleasant and positive environment.

This Mission, would not be possible without the generous support of the 5 towns. This support allows Park House to start monthly rates at \$1,055, which includes 3 meals a day and light housekeeping. Project Based Vouchers are still available for eligible seniors through the State of Vermont for rental assistance. Close bonds are formed among the residents, staff and Board of Trustees, creating an atmosphere of personalized service. But above all, Park House is a home to up to 16 residents. Park House has maintained its commitment, to provide affordable housing in our community, since John Pinder first recognized a need for it back in 1985.

The Board of Trustees thank you for the generous support of Park House. It is our privilege to help the residents of the 5 towns receive affordable housing, meals and support. With your support, we will continue to make Park House a place they call home. We are hopeful the Town of Hancock will again contribute \$500 in funding to help us keep our home affordable.

Diane Teetsel

For the Residents, Board and Staff of Park House

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

Child and Family Services
Ayers Brook., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

Community Support Services
24 South Main St., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-6000

Adult and Children Outpatient Services
1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

Farmhouse
P O Box 278, Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

East Valley Academy
579 VT Rte. 14 So., East Randolph, VT 05041
(802) 728-3896

Central VT Substance Abuse Services (CVSAS)
100 Hospitality Drive, Berlin, VT 05601
(802) 223-4156

Safe Haven
4 Highland Ave., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-5233

Regional Alternative Program
Norwich Avenue, Wilder, VT 05088
(802) 295-8628

Wilder
PO Box 816, Wilder VT 05088
(802) 295-1311

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Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. We also offer psychiatric consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

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| ➤ Outpatient Counseling | ➤ Hospital Diversion |
| ➤ Psychiatric Services | ➤ Walk-in Clinic |
| ➤ Short-term crisis intervention | ➤ Vocational Services |
| ➤ School and Home-based services | ➤ Alcohol and other drug treatment |
| ➤ Education for families | ➤ Respite Care |
| ➤ Community resource assistance | ➤ 24-hour emergency system |

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to the greater Orange County area for the last 50 years.

Clara Martin Center's broad range of programs serve children, families, couples and individuals. Services are confidential and include counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, school and home-based services, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, community resource assistance, hospital diversion, respite care, housing, vocational services, alcohol and other drug treatment, a walk-in clinic and 24 hour emergency services.

With 50 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to rise to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Recent events in our communities have spotlighted opiate use, where Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem. Anyone can get help through our Substance Abuse programming by simply walking through our doors, or calling 728-4466.

Prevention programming for at-risk teens through Clara Martin Center's TAY (Transition Age Youth) puts clinicians out on the street to engage and connect with youth in order to intervene and/or treat substance abuse and mental health issues that impact their ability to thrive in the world. This program aims to reduce the risk factors for youth by helping them to obtain and keep stable housing, jobs, and build skills to achieve long term success in their lives for themselves and others.

For more information about Clara Martin Center services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

FY18 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED Hancock	
Children & Family Services	534	Children & Family Services	4
School Services	103	School Services	0
JOBS	104	JOBS	0
Adult Services	595	Adult Services	1
CSP Services	170	CSP Services	0
Supportive & Transitional Housing	31	Supportive & Transitional Housing	0
Substance Abuse Services	537	Substance Abuse Services	1
Corrections Services	60	Corrections Services	0
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	460	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	2
Access	1179	Access	7
Total Served - unduplicated	2234	Total seen:	8
CVSAS	632	CVSAS	0

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Hancock, VT

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for 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, 2017 and June 30, 2018 VNH made 83 homecare visits to 7 Hancock residents. This included approximately \$5,481 in unreimbursed care to Hancock residents.

- Home Health Care: 80 home visits to 6 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- Skilled Pediatric Care: 3 home visits to 1 resident for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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.

Hancock'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.

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens
PO Box 113
1097 Route 100
Hancock, VT 05748

802-767-3763
quintownsnrcrtr@myfairpoint.net

November 26, 2018

To the Town of Hancock Select Board/Budget Committee:

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is based in Hancock and since 1972 has given the senior citizens in our valley a place to go for onsite meals on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon. We also provide nutritionally balanced meals delivered to homebound members through our Meals on Wheels program. But the much-appreciated reimbursement we receive from the Central Vermont Council on Aging just isn't enough to meet our needs.

The Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens is requesting a donation from each of the surrounding towns that comprise Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens. Our request from Hancock is **\$2716.00** for the coming year. We have supplied nearly 5,000 meals this past year to seniors at the center and through our Meals on Wheels program. Our doors are open to meet our seniors' needs. We create a warm and inviting atmosphere for our seniors to socialize, we serve local foods as much as possible, and we provide nutrition information and education. Our Meals on Wheels program not only provides healthy meals to seniors but also provides us with an opportunity to perform a wellness check for our senior neighbors. If our Meals on Wheels clients are not home or don't answer the door when we attempt to deliver their meals, we follow up with them later in the day and/or call their emergency contact so they can check in as well.

Our donation request will cover a portion of our operating budget not reimbursed by our contract with the Central Vermont Council on Aging. Therefore, each contributing town and its citizens become participants in the successful operation of our program, which provides quality meals and social enrichment for our aging neighbors and relatives within our five communities.

We continue to supplement our funds with a very successful annual appeal each fall and have increased our search for grants and other fundraising events. We would be glad to meet with you if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support in the past and for considering our current request.

Sincerely,

Quin-Town Board of Directors

Board of Directors

~ Natalie Clook, President ~ Kent Butterfield, Vice President & Treasurer ~

Members: Annette West, Bev Allen, Marjorie Foley

Staff

~ Jody Troumbley, Executive Director ~ Brigitte Smith, Assistant Cook ~ Marjorie Foley, Dishwasher ~



WHITE RIVER VALLEY

AMBULANCE, INC

WHAT WE DO MAY INTEREST YOU.

We are a professional ambulance service, with 10 full-time employees, and multiple part-time staff.

We staff two Paramedic level ambulance crews 24/7, 365 days a year.

We provide primary 911 ambulance service to 10 communities, covering an area over 500 square miles in size.

We respond to more than 1,200 calls for help every year.

We transport more than 200 patients from Gifford Medical Center to other healthcare facilities each year, often providing Critical Care level transport services.

We are a regional American Heart Association Training Center, providing CPR and First Aid courses to community members across central Vermont.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, emergency medical service and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge. We depend on billing income and the municipal contributions from your communities to provide quality emergency ambulance response in our region.

White River Valley Ambulance is designated as a Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service, the highest licensure level the state issues. This allows us to operate with an advanced skill set, which improves the outcome of our patients in our rural community. White River Valley Ambulance maintains two Paramedic level staffed ambulances 24/7, 365 days a year.

Over the past year we have held two EMT classes to help increase the number of qualified responders in our communities with First Response squads. We hosted school field trips throughout the year to show and explain how Emergency Medical Services operate. We have held numerous CPR and First Aid courses throughout the past year as well.

From January 1, 2018 through November 1, 2018 White River Valley Ambulance responded to 969 emergency calls and Transfers. They were as follows: Barnard 47, Bethel 95, Braintree 38, Brookfield 29, Gifford Hospital 199, Granville 10, Hancock 17, Menig Nursing Home 18, Other 73 (Towns and Hospitals), Pittsfield 34, Randolph 294, Rochester 77, Stockbridge 38.

In 2019, we will continue to push the boundaries of what is possible in rural, pre-hospital medicine by incorporating continuous quality improvement and excellence in education. We are also accepting more transfers from other medical facilities throughout the state. This will increase our volume and help control the per capita rate, which will remain at \$63.00.

Let us enter 2019 by expressing how thankful we are for the numerous first responders who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for help. For that, we can never thank you enough.



GRANVILLE VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT

5051 VT Route 100
 Granville, VT 05747
 Tel.: (802) 767-3033



"Proudly serving Granville, Vermont and the surrounding communities since 1951"

Incident Response Statistics July 2017 - June 2018			
Structure Fires	1		
Chimney Fires	0		
Outside/Wildland Fires	2		
Motor Vehicle Collisions	17		
Tree/Power Lines Down	0		
Flooding/Traffic Control	1		
Fire Alarm Activations	2	Granville	20
Emergency Medical	112	Hancock	23
Service Calls	3	Rochester	95
HAZ-MAT	0	Total Calls	138

Emergency Response Roster		
Danial Sargeant, Fire Chief/EMR	Drake Hill	William Wood
Brian Sargeant, Assistant Chief	Gregory Millard, EMR	Nicholas Beattie
Theodore Smith, 2 nd Assistant Chief	Nancy Shaw, EMT	Kayla Stone
Harley Vadnais, Captain	Victor Ribaud, EMR	Rebecca Yon
Kira Sargeant, Lieutenant	Brennan Bordonaro, EMT	Semous Doyle
Kerin Vadnais, Treasurer/EMT	Brianna Roussell	
Auxiliary Fire Department		
Dave Winborn, EMT	James Parrish	Victoria Crowne
Tammi Beattie	Douglas Fuller	Lyndsay Sargeant, EMT
Luke McSweeney	Nathan Reinhold	



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
14 Crab Apple Ridge, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com | www.vacd.org

November 15, 2018

Re: Request for Town Appropriation, Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

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 Grant 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 20+ years of the program, nearly 1100 grants totaling \$2.5 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 several 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 fourteen 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 a number of 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. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per project. New Rural Fire Protection systems along with repair, replacement, relocation, and upgrades of existing RFP systems are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year. In 2019, we will accept application for "drafting site" facilities.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2018 was \$211,600, of which \$111,864 was paid 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 town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received nearly \$10,000 in town appropriations from almost 100 towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support.

214 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.

Enclosed please find a summary report for the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case it is required. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom MacLay, Chair
Rural Fire Protection Task Force
(802) 426-3265 | 83creamercyst@fairpoint.net

Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person Town Appropriation business
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

Jill Arace, Executive Director
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
(802) 496-5162 | jill.arace@vacd.org

Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Tom MacLay, Chair, Marshfield VFD
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
Bill Barry, Berlin VFD
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Christine Kaiser, Stowe VT

ECFiber 2018 REPORT

The Town of Hancock is a member of ECFiber, the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, Vermont's first Communications Union District. ECFiber is owned by its 24 member towns and is financially self-sustaining, meaning that, by law, local taxpayer funds cannot be used to subsidize the District's operations.

At the end of 2018, 775 miles of fiber-optic network have been built and "lit" in parts of 21 member towns, serving over 3200 customers, including 19 as of this writing in Hancock.

Construction of the ECFiber network in Hancock was scheduled to be complete in 2018. There have been significant delays to this construction, and as of this writing, none of the planned construction is complete- the only parts of Hancock with service available remain the areas directly adjacent to the utility lines on RT100 and RT125. This delay is a big disappointment and means that much of Hancock still has no service that qualifies as 'broadband' under current FCC guidelines.

The main driver of these delays continues to be 'make ready' work by the utilities that own the utility poles. In Hancock's case, this is Green Mountain Power. 'Make ready' is the process via which utilities other than the pole owner apply to lease space on the utility pole for their cables, and space is then made on the poles for the new utility. Green Mountain Power failed to make their poles ready for ECFiber in a timely fashion, as laid out in Vermont's Public Utility Commission's Rule 3.700, which governs how make ready work is to proceed. This has been an ongoing problem with Green Mountain Power and Consolidated Communications Inc (formerly Fairpoint). Efforts are being made in the legislature to amend the make ready rules to have penalties for failing to complete make ready work according to the schedules laid out in PUC rule 3.700.

The second factor is weather damage related repairs to the existing network pulling the construction crews away from the new construction work.

The third factor continues to be the challenge of finding labor to install the network. ValleyNet, the not-for-profit organization that operates the ECFiber network, struggles to hire and retain qualified outside plant technicians and installers. Wages for skilled labor in Vermont trail those of the surrounding states, despite roughly equivalent or lower cost of living, yet the decline of the working age demographic in Vermont remains mysterious.

In 2019, ECFiber will raise its basic service offerings to 25, 50, 200 and 700 Mbps symmetrical – again raising speeds without raising prices. ECFiber also plans to continue to raise capital through the municipal bond market in 2019 and beyond in order to complete 1400 miles of network covering all underserved locations in its 24 towns by 2022.

ECFiber is pleased to offer:

- Reliable high Internet speeds, which are symmetrical (the same in each direction) and are not "up to" as offered by other providers.
- Simple, stable pricing with no contracts, fine print, or data caps.
- Local and personable customer service with phones answered by an employee during business hours without an automated queue.
- Local ownership and control - Governing Board members meet monthly to set policy and are actively involved in promoting ECFiber within the community.
- Valued community services. For example, ECFiber offers over 25 community anchor institutions (schools, town facilities, and libraries) its highest level of service for its lowest monthly fee.

For additional information please contact one of your ECFiber Representatives at hancock@ecfiber.net or to subscribe go directly to ECFiber.net.

Scott Gillette and Stacey Peters



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

White River Junction VA Medical Center
215 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05009
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

November 29, 2018

Dear Veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Laura Miraldi
Acting Medical Center Director

TRORC 2018 YEAR-END REPORT

The Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the Region's quality of life. The following are highlights from 2018:

Technical Assistance

Our staff provided technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, bylaws and studies, and assisted towns with Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) applications.

Creative Economy and Public Health

This year, TRORC received a USDA Rural Development Grant to support the Region's creative economy. Staff hosted several Cornerstone Creative Community of Vermont (3CVT) steering committee meetings, as well as informational and networking events. TRORC also worked on several public health projects, including health planning and food access.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC conducted a Hazardous Materials Statewide Commodity Flow Study to inform and update emergency response plans, hazard analysis, and response procedures. Our Local Emergency Planning Committee efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the Region. TRORC has been preparing the final municipal Hazard Mitigation Plans in the TRO Region. Staff participated in developing municipal Local Emergency Management Plans.

Municipal Energy Plans

During this second year of energy plan funding, TRORC assisted five more towns on Enhanced Energy Plans to further the state energy goals to meet 90% of Vermont's energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. Towns meeting Energy Planning Standards receive a Determination of Energy Compliance and receive Substantial Deference on their input under the Section 248 review process for electricity generation facilities.

Transportation

TRORC is managing the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)'s Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid program in our Region. This provides funding for towns to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) on municipal roads ahead of the state's forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) provisions. We have 29/32 municipalities participating with \$460,000 grant funding in the Region to construct projects including grass and stone-lined ditches, improvement and replacement of culverts, and stabilizing catch basin outlets. TRORC continues to seek and obtain VTrans grants under many state grant programs.

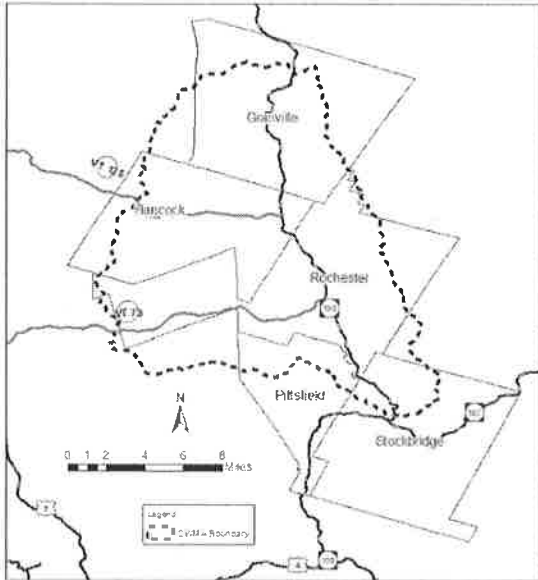
Specifically in Hancock this past year, we assisted in updating your Town Plan, completed a road erosion inventory per the DEC's MRGP standards, and reported completion of Shampeny Hill Road ditching for the DEC's Municipal Roads Grants in Aid program.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

*Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
Jerry Fredrickson, Chairperson, Barnard*

Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association 2018 Report to the Town of Hancock

2018 was the seventh year that the Upper White River Cooperative Weed Management Association conducted non-native invasive plant surveys, outreach and control projects along town roads and trails located in the Upper White River watershed. See map showing the project area boundary, below.



CWMA partners include the **Green Mountain National Forest, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Town of Rochester, and White River Partnership.**

The members are working together to raise awareness about and manage non-native invasive plants.

Non-native invasive plants are plants that are not originally from this area that have exhibited invasive tendencies, spreading rapidly and taking away habitat that native plants need to thrive. They have the potential to negatively impact land and water resources, recreational opportunities, biodiversity, wildlife, and property values. However, the community at large can play a hand in controlling invasives on their own properties and community roads through early detection and rapid response activities.

2018 Summary:

CWMA Coordination: A coordinator was hired with funding through a grant from the National Forest Foundation.

Monitoring and Control:

The coordinator monitored 21 small infestations of non-native invasive plants, 14 of which were previously controlled as part of an Early Detection/Rapid Response effort in Granville, Hancock, Rochester, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield. Of the 14 previously controlled, one was almost eradicated, six were noticeably smaller, two appeared the same in size, and five had gotten worse. Manual removal occurred at 17 of the 21 infestations monitored. Other infestations were controlled by staff and volunteers. While these infestations represent only a fraction of known infestations, and many more are unmapped, they were chosen because they are in strategic locations or because they are relatively more feasible to control than others. In Hancock, a previously controlled infestation of wild chervil is now considered too large to tackle, but an infestation on Churchville Road was controlled again this year.

Education & outreach:

On June 16th, the CWMA Coordinator delivered a presentation at the Rochester Public Library about non-native invasive species in the Upper White River Valley, after which private landowners were encouraged to organize volunteer control project on their own properties, with CWMA support.

Interested landowners are encouraged to take action to control non-native invasive plants on their own properties, or to get involved with the Cooperative Weed Management Association. To get involved locally, contact MaryBeth Deller at the Green Mountain National Forest at mdeller@fs.fed.us or 802-767-4261 x 5524. To learn more about invasives in Vermont, visit the Vermont Invasives website: <http://vtinvasives.org>

The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.**

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

For text of Act 46, go to

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2018/Docs/ACTS/ACT046/ACT046%20As%20Enacted.pdf>

**MINUTES OF
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT
MARCH 6, 2018**

James Leno opens the meeting at 10:01, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Peter Conlon asks to speak about a propos topics of the current Legislative Session (property tax and education, shifts and breaks; gun safety; Rural Economic Development; consumer protection); granted. Discussion ensues.

The Town Meeting and School Meeting were both warned for 10:00. The School Directors request that the School Meeting take place first. The School Meeting is called to order at 10:13.

The School Meeting adjourns at 10:26.

James Leno opens the Town Meeting again at 10:30 and speaks about the Pledge and Red Skelton. All recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

James Leno reads the Warning after reminding non-registered voters that they are welcome to attend the meeting but may not speak unless granted permission.

The legal voters of the Town of Hancock, Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday March 6, AD 2018, at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following business, viz.

Article 1 To elect a Moderator for the next year ensuing.

Geraldine Twitchell nominates James Leno. Scott Twitchell seconds. No further nominations. Clerk casts one ballot for James Leno as Moderator.

Article 2 To elect all officers as required by law:

• Town Clerk—one year to finish out a three-year term (by ballot)

Geraldine Twitchell nominates Janet Jesso. Monica Collins seconds. No further nominations. Assistant Clerk casts one ballot for Janet Jesso as Town Clerk.

• Town Treasurer—one year to finish out a three-year term (by ballot)

Geraldine Twitchell nominates Janet Jesso. Scott Twitchell seconds. No further nominations. Assistant Clerk casts one ballot for Janet Jesso as Town Treasurer.

• Selectboard Member—three-year term (by ballot)

Rose Juliano nominates Dan Perera. Cindy Leno nominates James Leno. Steve Smyrychynski moves to close; Scott Twitchell seconds.

47 ballots cast; 28 votes for Dan Perera; 18 votes for James Leno; 1 spoiled. Dan Perera declared elected.

• Lister—three-year term (by ballot)

Marge Ross explains what a Lister does. Joel Tidd nominates Wendell Thurston. No further nominations. John Ross moves to close; Cindy Leno seconds. Clerk casts one ballot for Wendell Thurston as Lister.

• Auditor—three-year term (by ballot)

No nominations. Article moved.

- **Constable—one-year term**

Marge Ross nominates Scott Twitchell. Cindy Leno nominates Joe Shaw. No further nominations. No acceptance.

- **Collector of Delinquent Taxes—one-year term**

Marge Ross nominates Jaime Morin. No further nominations. John Ross moves to close; Geraldine Twitchell seconds. Clerk casts one ballot for Jaime Morin as Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

- **Grand Juror—one-year term**

The Moderator explains the duties of Grand Juror. Marge Ross nominates John Ross as Grand Juror. No further nominations. Geraldine Twitchell moves to close. Scott seconds. So voted.

- **Town Agent—one-year term**

The Moderator explains what the job of Town Agent entails. Steve Smyrychynski moves to pass over; Sandy Laird seconds. After comments from Eva Jesso regarding the town's need for a Town Agent in the past, Steve withdraws motion to pass over as does Sandy. Ken Troumbley nominates Dan Perera as Town Agent. No further nominations. Geraldine Twitchell moves to close; Robert Laird seconds. So voted.

- **Cemetery Commissioner—three-year term**

Geraldine Twitchell nominates Larry Bettis. Scott Twitchell moves to close; Geraldine seconds. So voted.

- **Road Commissioner—one-year term (by ballot)**

Nancy Shaw nominates Richard Andrews; Monica Collins nominates Robert Laird. No further nominations. Dan Perera moves to close; Geraldine Twitchell seconds.

46 ballots cast; 28 votes for Richard Andrews; 18 votes for Robert Laird. Richard Andrews declared elected.

Richard Andrews stands to explain that he does not have a computer and wonders if that is a concern. Monica Collins says it's a problem. Richard will have to formally resign at the Selectboard meeting. The Moderator states this can't be resolved at Town Meeting. Richard will decide tonight at the selectboard meeting.

- **Library Trustee—five-year term (by ballot)**

Jeannette Bair nominates Margaret Rogal; Eva Jesso nominates Joanne Lanpher. No further nominations. The Moderator steps in to stop Jeannette from illegal campaigning. Cindy Leno moves to close; Scott Twitchell seconds.

30 ballots cast; 16 votes for Margaret Rogal; 14 votes for Joanne Lanpher. Margaret Rogal declared elected.

- **Advisory Budget Committee—three-year term**

Monica Collins explains budget committee responsibilities. Marge Ross nominates Maurice Eaton Jr. Monica Collins nominates Stacey Peters. Stacey declines. No further nominations. John Ross motions to close; Geraldine Twitchell seconds. So voted.

• **Agent to Convey Real Estate—one-year term**

John Ross nominates James Leno. No further nominations. Scott Twitchell moves to close; Steve Smyrychynski seconds. So voted.

• **White River Valley Ambulance Representative—one-year term**

Jeanie Levitan-Crickard nominates John Ross. No further nominations. Scott Twitchell moves to close; Steve Smyrychynski seconds. So voted.

At 11:43 Steve Smyrychynski makes a motion to break for lunch until 1:00. Cindy Leno seconds. So moved.

Meeting recommences at 1:01.

Article 3 Shall the voters appropriate a total of \$24,436 to the following social service agencies pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 2691.

Richard Robson moves to vote as a block; Dan Perera seconds. So voted as a whole. All funding requests approved.

Green-Up Vermont	\$50
Vermont Adult Learning	\$115
WomenSafe	\$500
John Graham Shelter	\$350
Valley Food Shelf	\$500
Stagecoach	\$500
Capstone (formerly Central Vermont Community Action)	\$300
Central Vermont Council on Aging	\$800
Park House	\$500
Clara Martin Center	\$595
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT/NH, Inc.	\$1,475
Quin-Town Senior Center	\$2,587
White River Valley Ambulance (\$63 per capita)	20,349
Granville Volunteer Fire Department First Responders (\$3.96 per capita)	\$1,280
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100
Addison Restorative Justice	\$120
	<u>\$30,121.00</u>

Article 4 To hear and act upon the reports of the Hancock Town Officers.

Geraldine Twitchell moves to accept officers' reports; Cindy Leno seconds. So voted. Geraldine stands to thank those involved in making the town report happen.

Article 5 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to apply the remaining balance in the General Fund of FY 17–18 to reducing the next fiscal year's amount to be raised by taxes.

Geraldine Twitchell moves to authorize; Dan Perera seconds. So voted.

Article 6 Shall the voters authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 4791 and, if so, to set the payment dates. The dates being of four equal installments dated August 15, 2018; November 15, 2018; February 15, 2019; and May 15, 2019.

Geraldine Twitchell moves to authorize; Richard Robson seconds. So voted.

Article 7 Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow funds in anticipation of taxes to be received to meet the expenses of said town.

Geraldine Twitchell moves to authorize; Richard Robson seconds. So voted.

Article 8 Shall the Town of Hancock appropriate the sum of \$371,088 to pay the current expenses for the general and highway funds for the ensuing twelve months, with 2018–2019 taxes becoming delinquent after May 15th, 2019, and with the County and State taxes to be paid from the general fund.

Amount amended to \$401,209 to include appropriations. John Ross moves to accept; Geraldine Twitchell seconds. So voted.

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

Dorothy Robson speaks about Hancock Town Pride, an organization supported entirely by donations. The summer concert series is an important community program that brings together residents, adults and children alike, in a town that no longer has a school. She invites residents to bring to the committee ideas that would foster community spirit.

Richard Andrews speaks of his time as chief of the fire department and informs the gathering that he's handed over reins to younger folks. He speaks of the fire truck sale and what is going to happen to the \$3,000.00 from that sale. He also questions what happens to the \$20,000.00 the fire department didn't use. He further states that desperate need for new / up-to-date turnout gear. Ken Troumbley and Garrett Troumbley speak to the needs of acquiring new gear in terms of safety not only for the volunteers but also for the residents they serve. There is a general consensus that the firemen shouldn't be expected to put themselves or the townspeople in danger or at added risk by the necessity of having to use outdated turnout gear. The Fire Department will meet to discuss whether they want to call a special town meeting to request funds.

John Ross moves to adjourn; Geraldine Twitchell seconds. The 2018 Annual Town Meeting adjourns at 1:38.

Attest:



**MINUTES OF
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF HANCOCK, VERMONT
MAY 8, 2018**

Moderator James Leno calls the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

The legal voters of the Town of Hancock, Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, May 8, AD 2018, at 6:00 p.m. (*to follow after the Annual School Meeting*) to act on the following business, viz.

Article 1 Shall the voters authorize the Hancock Volunteer Fire Department to use the remaining \$20,000 left over from the purchase of the new (used) fire truck to purchase new gear for firefighters.

Keith Jesso moves to accept the article; Dan Perera seconds. There is discussion of annual budgeting for new gear going forward. Jacques Veilleux, Fire Chief, states that the FD is planning for this. Voice vote passes.

Article 2 Shall the voters authorize the Hancock Volunteer Fire Department to use the \$3,000 from the sale of the International tanker truck to purchase a new portable tank and rack for the recently purchased fire truck.

Roger Comes moves to accept the article; Dan Perera seconds. Jacques Veilleux explains the equipment and its uses. Voice vote passes.

Dan Perera moves to adjourn; Cindy Leno seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Attest:



Granville Hancock Unified District School Directors Report

As of July 1, 2018, the Granville Hancock Unified District (GHUD) School Board replaced the Hancock and Granville School Boards as a result of the consolidation mandated in Act 46. This new 6-member Board is made up of 3 elected residents from each town. There is one combined budget for the district. The Board is responsible for tuitioning all students Pre-K through 12th grade to approved schools of their choice.

The annual meeting of the new School District was voted to take place on the second Tuesday in May, at 6:00 PM, alternating locations between Hancock and Granville. **This year's meeting will take place May 14 at the Hancock Town Hall at 6:00 PM.** The budget for the School District will be presented and voted on during this meeting, which will also include presentation of our full annual report. We look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully Submitted,

Granville Hancock Unified District Board of Directors
Stacey Peters, Ken Troumbley, Samantha Sheehan, Hancock
Clayton Anderson, Erika Linskey, Trina Service, Granville

White River Valley Supervisory Union
Superintendent's Report
December 2018

I am once again very proud to write this annual report to the citizens of the ten towns comprising the White River Valley Supervisory Union. As a person engaged in this work for a number of years, I am pleased to have witnessed the seriousness and civility that was exhibited by all of the citizens and taxpayers in our Supervisory Union as we debated and decided the school consolidation question presented by Act 46.

Now that we know the outcome of the changes that this law brought to our Supervisory Union and to each of the towns within the region, I am sure that taxpayers are waiting to see if the promises that were made as a reason to make these changes in our district configurations will be kept.

We continue to work hard toward the goal of getting the Supervisory Union to function in an effective, efficient, and unified way. Since last school year we have negotiated our first unified teacher contract and support staff contracts. We have a new teachers evaluation model that we are now using. We have written 25 new policies and there are more being considered as I write this report to the towns. We have a unified bussing contract and we are following the work laid out in the White River Valley Strategic Plan just to name some of the areas we have worked on this last year.

The 2018 school year has been difficult with all of the decisions around Act 46 that needed to take place according to the law. It is no surprise that we finished somewhat exhausted because of the pace and the high stakes involved. Because of this grueling process and for some many long years of faithful service some of the board members have decided to move on. This has meant that there is a new group of board members serving now has needed board responsibility training in place to help them carry out their duties and responsibilities.

This Supervisory Union is a very special place that has been developed in the interests of students needs. We have a very successful One Planet after school program that continues to grow in all of the eight schools in the SU. We have developed three restorative classrooms, one at the middle school and two others in Royalton at the elementary school all under the direction of Special Education Direction Deborah Matthews and Dr. William Ketterer. We have hired a parent liaison to strengthen connections with parents. At the high school we have broadened our programming to include new and varied placement classes, math and science classes and additional electives for our students. We have been working with the Tarrant Institute to develop our middle schools in Bethel and also Chelsea and Tunbridge.

I am very proud of the steps that we have made throughout the system to work towards a higher level of student achievement and classroom instruction. We will continue on this path guided by our strategic plan.

Please contact me at our office if you have questions or concerns. I will try to respond to every email, letter or phone message. I will never take the public's trust for granted. I hope to work every day to earn it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce C. Labs
Superintendent of School
White River Valley Supervisory Union

**MINUTES OF
ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING
HANCOCK TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 6, 2018**

James Leno calls the meeting to order at 10:13.

The legal voters of the Hancock Town School District, Hancock, Vermont ("District"), are hereby NOTIFIED and WARNED to meet at the Hancock Town Hall on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator.

Ken Troumbley nominates James Leno; Steve Smyrychynski seconds. No further nominations. Clerk cast one ballot for James Leno as Moderator.

Article 2: To act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.

Ken Troumbley introduces Bruce Hyde to provide general outlook and explanation of the new Unified School District and informs us that Stacey Peters will be the new chair beginning in July.

Bruce Hyde explains that moving forward there will be one school budget to be shared equally by both Hancock and Granville. The shared burden should translate into lowered tax rates over the next couple of years (1.74% to 1.58%) and stabilize tax rates. He reiterates that we have no control over the budget; it's based solely on the number of students. Questions from the floor are addressed.

The Annual School Meeting will be take place on the second Tuesday each May at 6:00 p.m., alternating location. The first meeting will be in Hancock on May 8.

Jody Troumbley moves to accept the school reports. Keith Jesso seconds. So voted.

Article 3: To elect District officers and directors as follows, each for a term that will expire on the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement as approved by the Vermont State Board of Education on February 21, 2017:

A. One (1) School Director for Hancock Town School District.

Ken Troumbley clarifies vote. He nominates Samantha Sheehan. Stacey Peters seconds. So voted.

Article 4: To establish salaries for the Hancock Town School District officers for the period from their taking office to the date the District ceases to exist pursuant to the Merger Study Report and Articles of Agreement as approved by the Vermont State Board of Education on February 21, 2017.

The January meeting already established the needs of article 4. Wendell Thurston moves to pass over. Ken Troumbley seconds. So voted.

Article 5: To transact any other legal and proper business coming before said meeting.

Rose Juliano moves to pass over article 5. Samantha Sheehan seconds. Passed.

Article 6: To adjourn the meeting.

Rose Juliano moves to adjourn at 10:26; Dan Perera seconds. So voted.

Attest:

