

Town of  
**MARSHFIELD**  
**VERMONT**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31  
**2018**



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# TOWN OFFICERS

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**Moderator** ..... Michael Caccavo

**Town Clerk & Treasurer** ..... Bobbi Brimblecombe

## Selectpersons

Term Expires 2019 ..... Laurie Colgan

Term Expires 2020 ..... Rich Baker

Term Expires 2021 ..... Christopher Martin

## School Directors

Term Expires 2019 ..... vacant

Term Expires 2020 ..... Patrick Healy

Term Expires 2021 ..... Jon Groveman

## Auditors

Term Expires 2019 ..... Doris Dufresne

Term Expires 2020 ..... Thomas Maclay

Term Expires 2021 ..... Audrey Huntington

## Listers

Term Expires 2019 ..... Michele Gonzales

Term Expires 2020 ..... Kathleen Hayes

Term Expires 2021 ..... Meg Eberhardt

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes** ..... Bobbi Brimblecombe

**First Constable** ..... Shawn Codling

**Second Constable** ..... James Arisman

## Budget Committee

Term Expires 2019 ..... Michael Caccavo

Term Expires 2020 ..... Thomas Maclay

Term Expires 2021 ..... Betsy Brigham

Term Expires 2022 ..... Doris Dufresne

Term Expires 2023 ..... Deanna Martin

## Library Trustees

Term Expires 2019 ..... Anne Reed

Term Expires 2019 ..... Sonia Carrasco

Term Expires 2020 ..... Jane Caron

Term Expires 2021 ..... Cathy Chodorkoff

Term Expires 2021 ..... Jennifer Barlow

**Town Juror** ..... Michael Caccavo

**Town Agent** ..... Michael Caccavo

**Cemetery Trustees** ..... Board of Selectpersons

**Justices of the Peace** (Elected at General Election)

James Arisman, Christopher Bellamy, Lawrence Black, Lois Burnham, Ellen Halperin, Judy Henkin, Mary Leahy

***Appointed by Selectpersons***

**Planning Commission\***

Term Expires 2019 ..... Jonathan Williams  
Term Expires 2019 ..... vacant  
Term Expires 2020 ..... Aaron Ingham  
Term Expires 2020 ..... Robert Light  
Term Expires 2021 ..... Melissa Seifert  
Term Expires 2021 ..... vacant

\* The Town Selectpersons and Village Trustees are Ex-officio members.

**Development Review Board**

Term Expires 2019 ..... vacant  
Term Expires 2019 ..... Les Snow  
Term Expires 2020 ..... Gary Leach  
Term Expires 2021 ..... James Arisman  
Term Expires 2021 ..... Jenny Warshow

**Zoning Administrator** (Term expires 4/15/2019) ..... Robert Light

**Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission**

Term expires May 2019 ..... Melissa Seifert

**Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission**

Transportation Advisory Committee ..... vacant

**Representative to Northeast Kingdom Waste Mgmt District** ..... vacant

**Conservation Commission**

Term expires 2019 ..... Anne Reed  
Term expires 2019 ..... Ed Jalbert  
Term expires 2020 ..... Sarah Norton  
Term expires 2020 ..... Rachel Rudi  
Term expires 2021 ..... Allen Banbury  
Term expires 2021 ..... Steve Fiske  
Term expires 2021 ..... Bob Popp  
Term expires 2022 ..... Anne Miller  
Term expires 2022 ..... Taber Allison

**Energy and Climate Change Committee**

Amanda Carlson, Wes Cate, Dan Chodorkoff, Anne Miller, Nick Seifert, Rebecca Wigg

**Stranahan Stewardship Committee**

- Term expires 2019 ..... Ellen Cooke
- Term expires 2019 ..... Sarah Fowler
- Term expires 2019 ..... Sarah Galbraith
- Term expires 2019 ..... Rich Phillips
- Term expires 2021 ..... Brett Engstrom
- Term expires 2021 ..... Michael Sabourin
- Term expires 2021 ..... Jenny Warshow

**Recreation Committee**

Drew McNaughton

**Fire Chief** ..... Thomas Maclay II

**Fire Warden** (Term expires 6/30/2020)..... Thomas Maclay

**Health Officer** (Term expires 06/30/2019).....James Arisman

**Cemetery Sexton** ..... Joe Mangan

**Pound Keeper** ..... Cheryl McQueeney (dogs), CVHS (cats)

**Dog Officer** ..... Mia Roethlein

**Fence Viewers**

Chris Bellamy, Dennis Ducharme, Richard Phillips

**Tree Warden** ..... Ronald Smith

**Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & Wood** ..... Dennis Ducharme

**Weigher of Coal** ..... Albert St. Cyr

**Assistant Town Clerk** ..... Winnie Valenza  
(Appointed by the Town Clerk)

**Road Foreman** ..... Timothy Ksepka

**Road Crew** ..... Shane Brickey  
Scott Ciampi

**Village Clerk** ..... Meg Eberhardt

**Village Trustees**

Ian Covey, Bruce Hayden, Brendan McLane, Josh Reil, Rebecca Wigg

## TOWN MEETING 2018

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Moderator Michael Caccavo opened Town Meeting at 9:00 on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at Twinfield Union School. A total of 150 out of 1,138 registered voters checked in for the open meeting. Representative Janet Ancel spoke about the work that the legislature is doing to try to reduce reliance on the property tax for education.

Firefighters Tim Morris and Will Schwarz spoke about the loss of former Fire Chiefs Ronald Pitkin and Dwight Baker. Current Chief Tim Maclay and former Chief Tom Maclay were honored for their 50 and 55 years of service; they were presented with gifts, and their wives were honored for their service as well.

Moderator Caccavo read announcements and explained the rules for Town Meeting. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. During the meeting, the crowd passed the hat and raised \$530.65 for the Onion River Food Shelf, including \$50 given in memory of Mildred Hopkins.

**Article 1.** To elect all Town Officers required by Law:

<b>Moderator</b>	Michael Caccavo	1 year
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Bobbi Brimblecombe	1 year
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	Bobbi Brimblecombe	1 year

**Selectperson** 3 years

Chris Martin was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

Chris Martin	3 years
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**Selectperson** 2 years

Rebecca Wigg nominated Jonathan Williams. Jim Brimblecombe nominated Rich Baker. Both candidates spoke about their reasons for wanting to serve. Voters cast paper ballots as follows:

Jonathan Williams	38
Richard Baker	72
Spoiled	2

Richard Baker	2 years
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**Auditor** 3 years

Audrey Huntington was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

	Audrey Huntington	3 years
<b>Collector of Delinquent Taxes</b>	Bobbi Brimblecombe	1 year
<b>First Constable</b>	Shawn Codling	1 year
<b>Second Constable</b>	James Arisman	1 year
<b>Town Juror</b>	Michael Caccavo	1 year
<b>Town Agent</b>	Michael Caccavo	1 year
<b>Budget Committee Member</b>	Deanna Martin	5 years
<b>Library Trustee</b>	Jennifer Barlow	3 years
<b>Library Trustee</b>	Cathy Chodorkoff	3 years
<b>Library Trustee</b>	Jane Caron	2 years

**Article 2.** Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the Selectboard who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for Listers or the board of Listers under the provisions of Title 32?

Moved and seconded to accept the article as printed. Jim Barlow explained that he was elected last year but he had to resign when he was appointed to serve on the Selectboard, as the offices are incompatible. Karen O'Donnell resigned in the fall. He explained that we raise \$2.3 million in taxes based on the grand list, from about 800 parcels. It is a big responsibility. You have to know appraisal theory and be able to use the appraisal and grand list software programs. The Listers are busy from April until June. The job involves technical expertise and you have to know about the current use program and tax exemptions.

Betsy Brigham asked about the financial implications of changing to an appraiser. Jim explained that last year the budget was \$4,000 and the Selectboard increased it to \$8,000 this year. The trend will be more

expensive. With elected officials there is an element of volunteerism because the pay is modest.

Kathleen Hayes asked how the current Listers feel about this. Lister Meg Eberhardt explained that she has been doing it for 6-7 years. She has been taking a lot of seminars and feels qualified to continue. Mike Caccavo asked whether she would rather be a Lister or an assessor. She replied that sometimes an inspection is easier with more than one person, and grievances as well, but you really only need another person during April and May; one person can do the job the rest of the year.

Richard Baker stated that he supports the change. Assessment has become very technical and you need qualified people; our town is not as technical as some but you still need qualifications. You need equity – you can have inequity if you don't have qualified people.

Beth Stern asked why the job is busier in April and May and why some properties get inspected but not others. Jim Barlow explained that they inspect if there is a change to the property, and the grand list has to be filed in early June. Winnie Valenza explained that April 1<sup>st</sup> is the cutoff and property is listed to the person who owns it on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Nancy Davila-Groverman asked if the Board has picked a vendor yet. Chris Martin explained that they haven't picked someone. They appointed Meg Eberhardt as interim assessor. She is taking classes, and the Board is hoping she would continue training and take on the position. He noted that it is not going to be a full-time position; there is an opportunity for a trained person to take on more towns. Someone could turn it into a full-time position.

Sarah Hooker asked if this is a trend in other towns. Jim Barlow said yes, and stated that he is concerned about the professionalization of local government. He feels that there are local people who are capable but he is not sure we could find them.

Marie Maclay asked when our last reappraisal was and what our Common Level of Appraisal is. Jim Barlow explained that the CLA is between 90 and 95%. That speaks to local Listers doing what is needed – the last reappraisal was in 2006.

Winnie Valenza stated that Meg should be the person if we go this route, because she has the experience and she is knowledgeable. She has a concern about someone going out alone to do inspections.

Marc Truedsen asked if anyone in the room is qualified to be a Lister.

Lucy Blue asked how much training would be needed for Meg to be a certified assessor.

Graham Unangst-Rufenacht asked if we pass this, could we suspend the position to allow for volunteers in the future.

Kathleen Hayes stated that she would like to see us continue to do it ourselves, because once you take the option away, it is gone. She feels that historically the Listers have done a great job, and there is no reason to let that get away.

Rich Phillips asked whether it is reasonable to share the position with another town. Mike Caccavo explained that Barre Town and Barre City share an assessor.

Chris Martin explained that if voters decide to continue with elected Listers and we only have one, that person would be appointed as assessor until more people step forward.

Michele Gonzales asked Meg whether it is a matter of time or money that she hasn't had more courses, and asked whether they are paid for by the town. Meg explained that it is a matter of availability of the courses. When they come up, she takes them, and they are paid for by the town, but some of what you need is experience.

Bob Light asked what the possibility is of having someone help Meg when she is doing inspections, to be paid on an hourly basis to hold the other end of the tape measure. Chris Martin stated that we could do that or we could elect Listers. He explained there is the matter of people having to coordinate their time to go out together. Meg explained that they have never actually had 3 people since she has been Lister.

Graham Unangst-Rufenacht suggested an amendment to allow the Selectboard to temporarily hire an assessor for one year. Mike Caccavo explained that what is being suggested would happen anyway if we vote to keep Listers but only one is elected. Jim Barlow explained that the Selectboard already has the legal authority to appoint an assessor temporarily, so there is no need for an amendment. Mike Caccavo explained if that is what people want, they should vote no to this and then if we only elect one Lister, that is what the Selectboard will do. John Morris asked if the process for the Selectboard to appoint someone is onerous. Jim Barlow explained that it is not.

Sarah Norton asked the difference between Listers and assessors. Mike Caccavo explained that Listers are elected and as such they have to be voters of the town. They act as a Board. An assessor can act alone, and can be someone from outside of town.

Brett Engstrom stated that he originally thought this was a good idea but he has changed his mind. He wants to see the town continue with traditions and he feels that we can do this.

Tim Booth asked how many permits were issued this year. Zoning Administrator Bob Light explained that there were 30 permits. Tim asked if this was more or less than previous years. Bob explained that it varies a great deal. There are fewer new houses but more changes of use, more additions.

Lee Light moved to postpone the vote on Article 2 until after the completion of Article 3. Allen Banbury seconded. Kathleen Hayes thinks this would be backwards – it seems like we should know whether we need Listers before we elect them.

The motion carried. The count was 62 yes, 48 no. The voters moved on to Article 3.

**Article 3.** To elect the following Town Officers:

<b>Lister</b>	Meg Eberhardt	3 years
(Brett Engstrom was also nominated but declined the nomination)		
<b>Lister</b>	Kathleen Hayes	2 years
<b>Lister</b>	Michele Gonzales	1 year

**Article 2.** Shall the voters authorize the elimination of the Office of Lister and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor appointed by the Selectboard who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as are prescribed for Listers or the board of Listers under the provisions of Title 32?

Mike Caccavo explained that a yes vote means you want to kick out the new Listers, and a no vote means you want to keep them.

The article was defeated.

At this point in the meeting, Marc Truedson moved to consider Article 11 and 12 now. Sue Morris asked for a point of order – why not also Article 13? Marc amended his motion to include Article 13. The motion was approved: 87 yes, 13 no.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$20,000 in support of the East Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Moved and seconded to accept the article as printed. Marc Truedson asked if we are voting in two ambulance services and a fast squad. Chris Martin responded that the voters are being given that option. The Selectboard is not suggesting that is what you should do. He explained that this appropriation would be for 6 months only; the annual cost would be \$40,000.

Allen Banbury stated that this seems to be a competition between Cabot and East Montpelier, and he wonders how much service we get from each. Chris Martin explained that Cabot is a volunteer service. With our current system, Cabot is the first call. When they don't have enough people to respond, East Montpelier is usually the second call. East Montpelier is a hybrid service – they have some paid and some volunteer staff. They get called if Cabot doesn't have enough people. If they aren't available, another service gets called. Plainfield Fast Squad also gets called but they are not a transport service, they are first response only.

Sue Morris stated that when she had her heart attack, three ambulances came. She supports all three services.

Marilyn Davis is grateful to all three organizations and asked voters to please support them all.

Kathleen Hayes asked if we would be supporting Cabot for only 6 months. Chris stated that the \$18,000 is for one year. Kathleen asked if we have supported East Montpelier in the past. Chris stated that we haven't, but Cabot is a volunteer service so there are times when there aren't people to respond. Kathleen asked what percentage of the time Cabot can't respond, and what would happen if we don't support East Montpelier. Chris stated that the service who transports the patient bills the patient or their insurance. The appropriation supports their operations. We have not given East Montpelier an appropriation in the past.

Betsy Brigham noted that according to the town report, Cabot responded to 52 calls and East Montpelier responded to 41 calls. East Montpelier has paramedics.

Josh Gouge is a member of Cabot Ambulance, He noted that some calls overlap; sometimes Cabot responds but East Montpelier transports. East Montpelier has a paramedic a small percentage of the time. Whether we support both organizations, we need to decide who is first and who is second. In Marshfield, Cabot Ambulance can get people on scene sooner.

East Montpelier doesn't have people in town, so we don't gain much but we should work out some compensation for East Montpelier.

Graham Unangst-Rufenacht asked where this dollar amount came from. Chris Martin explained that we asked East Montpelier for a proposal.

Rebecca Wigg asked whether we are voting to make East Montpelier our primary service.

Marc Truedson asked what would happen if we vote yes on this article. Chris Martin explained that the Selectboard would decide who is first. If we give them \$40,000 it would make sense that they are the first call. Marc noted that East Montpelier can respond to almost all of their calls. If a service has to rely on mutual aid for so many calls, that is an issue.

Merv Spooner stated that when he called 911, Cabot was first on scene but all three services responded. He supports them all.

Betsy Brigham asked for clarification. It looks like the two services respond about the same. She is not sure what the rationale is for supporting both.

Laure Colgan explained that at the last town meeting, voters discussed the services and the challenges Cabot was having with staffing and their ability to respond to calls. The Board was charged by the voters with looking at other options to make sure our residents are taken care of. The Board investigated with East Montpelier who have been responding with no money from the Town to support their operations. One option is to consider supporting East Montpelier for 6 months. We haven't been paying for the service. Cabot has been providing service for 2 months already this year. The voters heard last year that volunteer services are not as effective as they once were because people are working outside town. East Montpelier is a paid service during the day. \$20,000 is a trial for 6 months to see if we want to support them as primary. Plainfield Fast Squad requests money for support of their infrastructure.

Laure Martin stated that Marshfield covers a large area. Cabot is closer to Marshfield Village but East Montpelier can respond quicker to the Plainfield end of town. She thinks we should consider both.

Lani Seifert feels that if we gave Cabot more money, they would do more. Josh Gouge explained that they are not set up to be a paid service. There is not enough call volume to support that change. It's not a money question – it's a volunteer question.

Lee Light asked why East Montpelier has been willing to provide service for free but now they want \$20,000. Jim Barlow explained that East Montpelier currently provides service through mutual aid whether we pay

them or not. The question has been about the sustainability of Cabot Ambulance. As the ability of Cabot to respond has declined, the capacity of East Montpelier has increased.

Gary Leach asked what would happen to Cabot if East Montpelier becomes our primary service. Chris Martin stated that it is hard to say. If we allocate money to East Montpelier, their plan would be to hire more staff, to increase paid staffing but still have some volunteers. If we take funding away from Cabot, we are not sure what will happen to Cabot. If East Montpelier was primary, Cabot would only get called if East Montpelier couldn't respond. Currently Cabot gets 3 calls and then if there is still no response, then East Montpelier gets called.

Michelle Gonzales asked what happens after six months. Chris Martin explained that the intent is to continue with East Montpelier if things go well during the trial. He is not sure what would happen in Cabot. Josh Gouge stated that Cabot Ambulance would continue to respond in Cabot. He noted that if we don't support them, we would be removing 50% of their operating budget and that would affect the integrity of their service.

Joanne Brooking stated that Cabot was there when they were needed, and they were very helpful and attentive.

Jacob Gouge is willing to pay for both services to be sure we have both options. He noted that if we put Cabot out of business and a second ambulance is needed, it would be coming from farther away.

Kathleen Hayes asked whether we could fund both services the same, and whether East Montpelier is dictating this change. Chris Martin explained that East Montpelier does not want to compete with Cabot, but they need to be compensated for coming into town.

Janet Nielsen called the question. Marie Maclay seconded. Calling the question approved by voice vote.

Article 11 was approved by voice vote.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$18,000 in support of the Cabot Ambulance Service.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed.

Marc Truedson asked how the trial is going to be designed, and whether we are going to split the town.

Laure Colgan explained that the intent is to have Cabot as our primary service through June 30, and have East Montpelier as primary from July 1

through December 31. The Board will evaluate both services and make considerations during next year's budget process. They will bring the vote to the town at Town Meeting next year, and the voters can discuss who will be primary next year.

Marc Truedson noted that mutual aid is a free service.

Sue Morris moved to call the question. Marie Maclay seconded. Calling the question approved by voice vote.

Article 12 was approved by voice vote.

The meeting recessed from 12:10 to 1:10 for lunch. There were drawings for door prizes; winners were Rebecca Wigg and Tony Mayhew.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,500 in support of the Plainfield Fire and Rescue Service.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed. All in favor.

**Article 4.** To elect School Directors to serve on the Union District Board, as follows:

**School Director** 3 years

Jon Groveman was nominated. Jules Rabin asked to hear about him. Patrick Healy spoke in favor of Jon's experience on the Board, noting that he was here but he had to leave; the change in the order of articles meant he couldn't be here for the vote. All in favor.

Jon Groveman 3 years

**School Director** 1 year

Jill Wilson was nominated. Jill explained that she resigned due to health concerns for a family member but she is now able to continue, and was reappointed just until Town Meeting. She wants to continue on the Board. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

Jill Wilson 1 year

To correct a procedural error, it was moved and seconded to go back and have the clerk cast one ballot in favor of Jon Groveman for the three year term. All in favor.

**Article 5.** To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Moved and seconded to accept the article as printed.

Rich Phillips explained that the Energy Committee has been holding events.

Marilyn Davis pointed out a typo in last year's minutes: On page 18, council should be counsel.

Allen Banbury asked if the Town knows of anyone bringing more reliable cell service to town. Chris Martin stated that we haven't heard about any.

Moved and seconded to accept the reports as printed. All in favor.

**Article 6.** Shall the Town of Marshfield enter into a communications union district to be known as Central Vermont Internet, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. Ch 82?

Moved and seconded to accept this article as warned.

Joe Gainza stated that he is with Cloud Alliance, but in order to have their service, you have to be in line. This new system will be fiber so it will work when you are connected.

Mike Caccavo pointed out that there are answers to some frequently asked questions on page 102 of the town report.

Jonathan Williams explained that Pomfret has EC Fiber, and the service is much better than DSL. He stated that internet is the lifeblood of our economy. Speed of internet is crucial for those who work or sell products from home.

Shauna Brulé stated that she and her husband have been thinking about moving because their slow internet connection makes it too difficult to work from home.

Allen Banbury asked what this means for the Town. Jim Barlow explained that this would be a separate entity, not allowed to tax or make the town responsible for debt. The only revenue would be from subscribers. We would have a representative on their Board of Directors.

Beth Stern said it sounds like a no-brainer – people would just sign up if they want the service.

Tom Daley feels that there is not enough specificity in the article, and we are just relying on what it says on Page 102. Mike Caccavo stated that we could refer to the statute but we don't have the wording of the statute in front of us.

Jules Rabin stated that he is inconvenienced by Cloud Alliance's service but they are local. He also feels the article lacks specificity.

Eric Van Hauer stated that the provider would be member-owned and local. They plan to use EC Fiber as a model and people are very happy with them. He runs a business from home and he needs this.

Paul Haskell supports this. He is a computer consultant and he feels that fiber optics are the wave of the future. He likened this situation to Washington Electric Cooperative – everyone gets together to get electricity. He asked how it would be capitalized. Chris Martin stated that it is like a cooperative. Only two towns are needed but more towns will give it more weight. It will allow Marshfield to have a representative on the Board. They will bond for the debt and user fees will cover the debt and operating expenses.

Jonathan Williams stated that 16 other towns are considering this article as well. He encouraged voters to pass it, noting that if the other towns pass it and we don't, they will have it and we will be left behind.

Eric Van Hauer explained that you don't have to subscribe, but knowing that you have this choice may make your current provider faster.

Jill Wilson asked whether they would provide service everywhere in town. No one knew the answer to that.

All in favor.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,045,083 allocated as follows, with \$274,038 from other income, \$122,967 previous year surplus to be applied and \$648,078 to be raised in taxes:

\$284,245 for the payment of indebtedness and general expenses (\$118,490 from other income and \$165,755 from surplus and taxes);

\$634,016 for the support of highways and bridges (\$96,997 from other income, \$537,019 from surplus and taxes);

\$67,832 in support of the Marshfield Fire Department (all from surplus and taxes);

\$18,336 in support of the Planning and Zoning Department (\$3,000 from permit fees, \$15,336 from surplus and taxes);

\$1,900 in support of the Marshfield Recreation Committee (all from surplus and taxes);

\$38,754 in support of the Old Schoolhouse Common (\$25,082 from building lease/rentals, \$30,469 allocated

from other town departments, \$16,797 used to lower taxes).

Moved and seconded to accept this article as warned.

All in favor.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$80,713 in support of the Jaquith Public Library.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as warned.

Lawrence Black asked why the book budget has been reduced by \$1,000. Librarian Susan Green explained that there are other funds available to buy books. They will be taking money from other funds but spending the same amount. Lawrence asked if this is a one-time reduction. He asked why the Board didn't level-fund the book budget and use the extra money to buy more books at the end of the year when we run out of money. Susan explained that they felt this was the responsible thing to do and they are trying to keep taxes down like the rest of the town departments.

The article was approved.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$6,455 in support of the Marshfield Historical Society.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as warned.

All in favor.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,600 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as warned.

All in favor.

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,333 as its share of the cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as warned.

All in favor.

**Article 15.** To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$13,282 to be allocated as recommended by the Budget Committee:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$ 500
Capstone Community Action	\$ 300
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,400
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$ 3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	\$ 300
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 250
Friends of the Winooski	\$ 300
Green Mountain Transit	\$ 882
Green Up Vermont	\$ 100
Home Share Now	\$ 200
Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,000
Our House	\$ 100
Peoples Health and Wellness	\$ 300
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 50
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,500
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 200
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program	\$ 250
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$ 100
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 150
Washington County Mental Health	\$800
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	\$ 250

Moved and seconded to accept this article as warned.

Allen Banbury asked what FKA means (formerly known as).

Betsy Chodorkoff asked how this appropriation to GMTA is different from the previous article. Mike explained that Article 14 was for the Route 2 Commuter only, and this appropriation helps to pay for the bus for the senior meal sites, doctor appointments, etc.

All in favor.

- Article 16.**
- a. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes;
  - b. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts;
  - c. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide funds for the amounts previously voted;

- d. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, August 17, 2018, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers;
- e. To see if the Town will vote to have the School taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, November 16, 2018, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers; and
- f. To see if the Town will accept hand canceled, legible postmark on or before the due date as evidence of timely payment for town and school taxes.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as warned.

Meg Eberhardt explained that Winnie Valenza asked her to read a statement regarding paragraph f. Winnie proposes having taxes go back to having to be received by the due date, because we had two payments come in with no postmark and the Board of Abatement abated the interest and penalty. She feels that it is not fair to have everyone in town pay the interest and penalties for those who do not obey the rules.

Meg moved to amend paragraph f: To require tax payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer on or before the close of business on the due date to be considered timely. Lani Seifert seconded.

Joe Gainza asked whether there will be a chance for people to come in and plead their case. The answer is yes, the Board of Abatement process will not change.

Lucy Blue feels this is a good idea, because it recently took 9 days to get mail to California.

The amendment was approved by voice vote.

All in favor of the article as amended.

**Article 17.** WHEREAS extreme and erratic temperatures, increasingly severe storms, a rise in tick-borne diseases, and threats to farmers and maple sugar makers clearly demonstrate that climate change is one of the most urgent problems facing Marshfield, our state, our nation, and the world;

WHEREAS the State of Vermont has stated a goal in the Comprehensive Energy Plan to achieve 90% of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, yet is making insufficient progress towards achieving that goal;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Marshfield urges the State of Vermont to:
  - a. Halt any new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure, including but not limited to pipelines;
  - b. Firmly commit to, at least, 90% renewable energy for all people in Vermont, with firm interim deadlines; and,
  - c. Ensure that the transition to renewable energy is fair and equitable for all residents,
2. That the residents and the government of the Town of Marshfield will aim for 95% renewable energy by 2040 by committing to efforts such as:
  - a. Addressing transportation issues in the Town and Twinfield School District through the use of alternatively-fueled vehicles such as electric-powered units (to the extent supported by positive experience), and supporting public transportation;
  - b. Completing the weatherization of town and school buildings and homes. Assisting residents to identify opportunities to reduce heating fuel use and to identify potential monetary resources for weatherization.
  - c. Promoting the installation of solar electric for the Twinfield School District,
  - d. As relates to b, c and d above, seeking the support of Plainfield Select Board in approaching the Twinfield School Board regarding implementation of alternative fuel buses, weatherization and solar
  - e. Embracing other initiatives to improve residents' quality of life, while helping to reduce fossil fuel use
3. That the town will not allow access over town lands for new fossil fuel infrastructure such as pipelines crossing town lands, pump stations and generating facilities not including such infrastructure for individual buildings.
4. That the Energy and Climate Change Committee will report to town meeting annually on the results of these efforts.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as warned.

Rich Phillips explained that this article is continuing the movement to address climate change. 97% of scientists say by 2100 we will have an undesirable world. Babies born today will be 80 years old in 2100. This article is asking the state to reduce fossil fuels. There are proposals to develop fossil fuel infrastructure in the works now. The first three items are being voted in 36 other towns. The other items are things the Town could do, such as electric buses/biofuel buses, and weatherization of the high school portion of Twinfield. He commends the School Board's progress but this supports finishing the job. He feels that the school should have solar power. He hopes both towns will come together to work on the school. He noted this is a non-binding resolution and the Selectboard will do what they want with it.

Angella Gibbons strongly supports this resolution. She feels that we need to make this decision for the future of the children. We need to make structural changes but also educational changes – we need to learn to love the Earth.

Dan Chodorkoff stated that we need to act locally to counteract the destructive policies at the federal level. We need to show the rest of the state, country, and world that while Trump doesn't believe in climate change, we do.

Joseph Moore stated that the sap is running already. He supports this. We also need to act on a federal level to vote out or drive out the regime that denies climate change.

Mary Leahy supports the article. In the past we have voted results to urge the State to do this or that. She asked what the system is for doing that. Chris Martin explained that the Selectboard can write letters, and the community members can write letters. The act of voting and the media reports of the votes has some influence.

Marilyn Davis stated that the secretary of the town should send a letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

Rebecca Wigg stated that 350.org will get the word out.

Brett Engstrom fully supports this. He feels that we can't act fast enough. The state has barely made a scratch in this. We are not acting fast enough.

Marilyn Davis moved to amend the article to add a paragraph about sending letters to the state legislature. Betsy Brigham suggested adding

the Governor, and Liza Earle-Centers suggested adding our Senators and Representative to Congress.

Dennis Ross asked to hear from the Selectboard about how they feel about the energy committee's work and what they are going to do to support it. Chris Martin stated that he supports the Energy Committee and will do what the townspeople want the Selectboard to do. Laurie Colgan stated that the fact that the article is on the warning is an indication that the Selectboard supports it. She stated that the Board will follow the voters' wishes. Jim Barlow stated that if he was still on the Board, he would do what the voters tell him to. He then suggested that if people are truly supportive, rather than putting the Selectboard on the spot, they should step up and run for Selectboard, and do it themselves. He noted that none of those advocating for this article ran for Selectboard.

Lucy Blue suggested adding the President to the amendment, stating you never know what response you will get.

Marilyn Davis agreed on the following wording for the amendment:

5. The Selectboard shall direct a letter to the Governor, the State House and Senate, our Washington County legislators, our Congressional delegation and the President, informing them that this resolution was passed and urging them to take action on it.

All in favor of the amendment.

Joe Gainza read from Reuters that ½ of all US military sites are threatened by global warning.

Rich Phillips moved to amend paragraph 1.b. above to add "by 2050" between "energy" and "for" and to correct paragraph 2.d. to read "As relates to a, b and c above..." Lucy Blue seconded. All in favor.

The vote on the amended article passed – all in favor.

**Article 18.** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Rich Phillips stated that this is not a level playing field. Not everyone can come to town meeting. People who have to work cannot come. He feels that we need to go to an evening or Saturday meeting. He feels we should do a 2-year trial of a Saturday morning meeting to give people the opportunity to come.

Jay Moore stated that Town Meeting Day should be a paid holiday. He noted that other towns have tried changing their meeting time and it

doesn't substantially increase participation. He feels the issue is the erosion of engagement, and moving the date is not the answer.

Betsy Brigham stated it is time to give it a try. She asked those present to look around – it is mostly an older crowd.

Pat Mayhew stated it needs to be a holiday and people need to bring someone. People need to be trained to come. It needs to be a day, not an evening.

Beth Stern stated that many people don't drive at night.

Kathleen Hayes thinks it should be a Saturday because not everyone can get a holiday.

Joe Gainza stated that there should be child care. Bobbi Brimblecombe explained that she tried to get the National Honor Society to do childcare but no one wanted to. She also stated that when she first wanted to run for Town Clerk, she was not allowed to take the day off from work to go to Town Meeting.

Mike Caccavo stated that he has heard from other moderators that it doesn't change the number of attendees, it just changes the mix.

Lawrence Black noted that we would still need to do the Australian ballot voting on Tuesday.

Renee Lawrence asked if we could do more by Australian ballot voting and have an informational meeting in the evening. She also noted that some people already have daycare because they have to have it for work.

Mike Caccavo explained that if we have Australian ballot, people don't come to the informational meeting, and the officers would have to do petitions far in advance; this precludes nominations from the floor.

Dan Chodorkoff stated that going to Australian ballot is the death of Town Meeting. This is the only instance of democracy, and we need to revitalize it, not eliminate it.

Sue Morris thinks we should advocate for a state holiday.

Mike Caccavo moved the following: There shall be an article on next year's Warning offering options for the voters to select a date and time for Town meeting 2020 – Saturday, Sunday or Monday evening prior to town meeting day, or the traditional Tuesday morning. Jennifer Fitch seconded.

Rich Phillips suggested that we have a trial.

Tim Maclay asked if it would be prudent to send a questionnaire, asking people what they prefer.

Mike Stone noted that he just got to the meeting because he had to work.

Beth Stern noted that at the last school informational session, she and her husband were the only ones there.

Lucy Blue asked, since it only changes the mix, whether there could be a committee to brainstorm how to drum up interest.

Joe Gainza feels that we are dealing with a much larger issue. Even in the presidential election, fewer people are voting. People are feeling disempowered and that is why they don't vote.

Tracey Hambleton asked what would be involved in lobbying for a legal holiday. Chris Martin suggested talking to our state legislators.

All in favor of Mike's motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on March 6, 2018.

Attest, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Marshfield Budget Committee met on December 18<sup>th</sup> to review draft budgets from the Selectboard and the Jaquith Public Library, and to review & discuss requests for support from non-profit organizations. Based on our review of budget drafts, the budget committee recommends the amount of tax monies as shown on the following page for town departments.

The Budget Committee receives requests from many non-profit organizations that provide service to citizens of Marshfield. Requests are submitted prior to our annual meeting, and must include the organization's impact on Marshfield (description of the service provided and # of residents served) plus a current budget. Representatives are invited to attend our meeting to provide additional information and respond to questions from the Budget Committee. In deciding how to allocate funds, committee members consider the impact of services on residents, the uniqueness of services provided, and prior years' allocations. While recognizing the importance of municipal support to the sustainability of these non-profits, we strive to support the vital services they provide and at the same time minimize budget increases from year to year. We recommend supporting these:

Central Vt Council on Aging	1,400
Central Vermont Home Health	3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Svc	350
Family Center of Washington Cty	300
Friends of the Winooski	300
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont	300
Green Mountain Transit	882
Home Share Now	200
Onion River Food Shelf	1,000
Our House	100
People's Health & Wellness	400
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	100
Twin Valley Seniors	3,000
Twinfield Learning Center	200
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually	150
VT Rural Protection Task Force	100
Vt Ctr for Independent Living	150
Washington Cty Youth Serv Bureau	250

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Betsy Brigham, Michael Caccavo,  
Doris Dufresne, Thomas Maclay, Deanna Martin

Note: The Selectboard received a legal petition from Central VT Adult Basic Education, seeking an appropriation of \$575. They missed the deadline for the Budget Committee meeting. The Selectboard included this with the other requests in Article 9.

## 2018 AUDITORS' REPORT

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As directed by 24 VSA §1681, the Auditors have examined the financial records of the Town and the supporting data. We believe that all records and accounts contained herein are a true and accurate account of the Town's financial affairs.

State Law 24 VSA §1684 requires that the Auditors publish a statement showing the condition of the Town's indebtedness, trust funds, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit. A list of these follows:

### - Assets -

	Interest Rate	Balance
Cash on Hand		462.60
General Fund - Sweep Account	2.07%	725,308.42
Union Bank Money Market		11.78
Union Bank Insured Cash Sweep	1.79%	4,653.99
Fire Dept. Investments	2.03% – 3.14%	21,659.12
A/R Delinquent Taxes	12.00%	95,901.68

### - Indebtedness -

	Interest Rate	Balance
Truck Loan - 2015	2.00%	22,000.00
Truck Loan – 2016	1.45%	44,000.00
Truck Loan – 2018	2.00%	60,000.00
Loader Loan - 2018	2.00%	110,000.00

The investments of the Cemetery Fund and Jaquith Library appear with their reports.

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**December 31, 2018**

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>- Assets -</b>			
Cash on Hand	462.60		462.60
Sweep Account	118,544.56	606,763.86	725,308.42
Insured Cash Sweep	4,653.99		4,653.99
Money Market	11.78		11.78
Fire Dept Invest Account		21,659.12	21,659.12
Credit with GMP	0.17		0.17
Delinquent Taxes	95,901.68		95,901.68
Reserve for Del Taxes	(95,901.68)		(95,901.68)
Hollister Hill Apts Mortgage		326,500.00 *	326,500.00
Owed from Library	402.00		402.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>124,075.10</b>	<b>954,922.98</b>	<b>1,078,998.08</b>
<b>- Liabilities -</b>			
Damage Deposit	1,296.54		1,296.54
Performance Bond	500.00		500.00
Prepayments	10,359.80		10,359.80
Owed to Cemetery Fund	2,600.00		2,600.00
Payroll Liabilities	1,809.11		1,809.11
Loader Loan		110,000.00	110,000.00
2015 Truck Loan		22,000.00	22,000.00
2016 Truck Loan		44,000.00	44,000.00
2018 Truck Loan		60,000.00	60,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>16,565.45</b>	<b>236,000.00</b>	<b>252,565.45</b>
<b>- Fund Balances -</b>			
Fund Balances, 12/31/17	25,889.04	574,637.53 *	600,526.57
2018 Surplus(Deficit)	81,620.61	144,285.45	225,906.06
<b>Fund Balances, 12/31/18</b>	<b>107,509.65</b>	<b>718,922.98</b>	<b>826,432.63</b>
<b>Liabilities + Fund Balance</b>	<b>124,075.10</b>	<b>954,922.98</b>	<b>1,078,998.08</b>

\* The \$170,000 first draw on the mortgage was not included in last year's balance

## TOWN ASSETS

<b>Property:</b>		<b>Cost</b>
Mears property	37 acres	7,500
Old Town forest	50 acres	195
Gravel pit	4 acres	1,000
Railroad depot	8.1 acres	2,000
Thorndike property/Martin Covered Bridge Park	70 acres & bridge	1,321
Anderson lot	1.05 acres	1,455
Virginia Stranahan Town Forest	619.6 acres	0
Town garage		41,000
Salt Shed		51,722
Old village school lot & bldg	3 acres	1
Fire station and land	2.20 acres	81,000
<b>Total Property</b>		<b>187,195</b>

<b>Equipment - major:</b>		
2011 Ford pickup		39,604
2015 International dumptruck		112,448
2016 International dumptruck		134,767
2018 International dumptruck		101,730
2007 Challenger tractor & mower		70,000
2013 John Deere grader		188,000
2018 Komatsu loader		140,238
2004 John Deere excavator		66,977
Trailer for excavator		8,170
Pressure washer & trailer		7,745
Generator		1,299
2011 chipper		17,900
Sander		4,045
York rake (2009)		5,195
Tools		9,979
Solar Panels at Old Schoolhouse		63,448
Generator at Old Schoolhouse Common		10,052
Roller shelves (6)		3,100
Computers and printers		10,836
Office equipment		15,615
Office furniture		840
Air conditioners (2)		987
<b>Total Equipment</b>		<b>1,012,974</b>

## TOWN ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>
<b>Fire Station Improvements</b>	
Security System	9,377
Air Vacuum System	15,912
Sprinkler System	15,577
<b>Total Fire Station Improvements</b>	<b>40,866</b>
<b>Fire Station Equipment</b>	
Standby generator	14,369
Communications equipment	25,010
Computers	4,162
Uniform washer	3,795
1937 Chev. Amer. LaFrance pumper	4,353
1980 GMC pumper	3,500
1991 Ford L-8000 pumper	99,168
1996 Ford LN 8000 tanker	83,531
<b>Total Fire Station Equipment</b>	<b>237,888</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,478,922</b>

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

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2018 began with the Selectboard working on delivery of a new dump truck. Due to delays with the manufacturing and fit up schedules, the process took over a year to take delivery. The 2018 International replaced the 2012 International that was traded in toward the new one.

The board also approved the purchase of a new 2018 Komatsu bucket loader. The old John Deere loader had been so reliable, replacement on the equipment schedule had been pushed back a few years; however, during the winter of 2017-2018 the loader began showing signs of its age, requiring repairs, and needed replacement. The new loader was put to work immediately, putting up the sand pile for the 2018-2019 winter season.

The town bought additional sand in 2018 to build the sand pile back up. Previous long and hard winters took their toll on the amount of sand used. The board felt it would be prudent to purchase more sand in 2018, using extra funds from the gravel budget to start increasing the sand pile to past levels. We also increased the sand budget for 2019 to reflect the increase in the sand needed due to the changes in the nature of our storms.

Long time Road Foreman Dan Tetreault officially retired this year. We want to thank Dan for his years of hard work and dedication to the Town of Marshfield. Dan will fill in as a substitute for the Road Crew when someone is out. He has also taken over the maintenance at the Old Schoolhouse Common. The Selectboard restructured the Road Foreman duties. Tim Ksepka was promoted to Road Foreman and Shane Brickey is Assistant Road Foreman. Scott Ciampi rounds out the 3-person crew.

In July, East Montpelier Fire and Rescue started coverage for the Town of Marshfield. To date the Selectboard has been very happy with the services the town is receiving. For 2019, the board has included emergency services as part of the Selectboard budget and included coverage by East Montpelier and the Plainfield Fast Squad for the full year.

The Old Schoolhouse Common received funds for a small upgrade this year with a FEMA grant the town applied for finally being approved. A new generator was installed for emergency backup power for the Old Schoolhouse Common in the event the building is used as an emergency shelter.

The Selectboard continues to maintain a cost-effective and responsible budget on behalf of our community. The net Selectboard budget for 2019 is increasing by about \$2,500 or 0.3%. In addition we increased the cemetery appropriation by \$5,400 to cover the increased costs of mowing and restorative measures. The total spending is increasing by a little over \$20,000 or 1.7%. However, due to a smaller carry-over than last year, an additional \$47,000 in taxes is required to meet this budget. This results in a town tax increase of 5.87%.

The Board is considering changing the town report to print a limited number of paper copies for pick up by local residents at area businesses rather than mailing. The electronic version would continue to be available on the town website. This change would reduce the number of copies required for printing and result in a cost savings for the town as well as reducing waste.

## NET BUDGET AND ESTIMATED TAX RATE

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Administration	152,284	158,480	148,929	150,927	144,461	150,085	165,755	155,138
Highways	559,776	505,636	520,748	515,435	516,663	502,374	537,019	552,526
Natural Disasters	82,918	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Department	56,904	58,142	58,037	63,548	63,548	63,647	67,832	69,082
EMS *	14,000	14,000	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500	43,500	46,100
Planning & Zoning	15,567	18,202	18,534	16,347	19,445	19,642	15,336	12,735
Recreation	3,140	3,140	2,790	3,950	2,250	2,250	1,900	1,900
Buildings & Grounds	11,072	14,826	17,609	5,933	5,209	-4,472	-16,797	-20,402
<b>Total Selectboard Budget</b>	<b>895,661</b>	<b>773,627</b>	<b>787,147</b>	<b>776,640</b>	<b>772,076</b>	<b>754,026</b>	<b>814,545</b>	<b>817,079</b>
Less Disaster Funds	-345,525	-22,473	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Selectboard Budget</b>	<b>550,136</b>	<b>751,154</b>	<b>787,147</b>	<b>776,640</b>	<b>772,076</b>	<b>754,026</b>	<b>814,545</b>	<b>817,079</b>
Less Surplus/Plus Deficit	73,254	-135,661	-95,863	-112,909	-107,861	-109,847	-122,967	-81,621
<b>Total Tax, Selectboard Budget</b>	<b>623,389</b>	<b>615,492</b>	<b>691,283</b>	<b>663,731</b>	<b>664,215</b>	<b>644,179</b>	<b>691,578</b>	<b>735,458</b>
Jaquith Library	63,957	65,383	75,000	74,850	76,822	79,850	80,713	78,954
Historical Society	4,375	4,375	5,501	8,455	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
History Center	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0
Cemeteries	6,500	6,500	8,000	8,500	8,500	8,600	8,600	14,000
Other Appropriations and Bus	17,308	18,315	18,915	19,915	20,415	21,165	21,615	21,540
<b>Total Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>715,529</b>	<b>710,065</b>	<b>803,699</b>	<b>775,451</b>	<b>776,407</b>	<b>760,249</b>	<b>808,961</b>	<b>856,407</b>
Tax Rate	0.6158	0.6096	0.6813	0.6567	0.6508	0.6340	0.6710	0.7068 **

\* EMS expenses are now included in the Selectboard's budget

\*\*estimate

**TAXES NEEDED FOR INDIVIDUAL WARNING ARTICLES**

		Effect on	Taxes for	Taxes for	Taxes for
	Taxes Needed	Tax Rate	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000
			Property	Property	Property
Article 4	Selectboard Budget *	0.6069	\$ 606.95	\$ 910.42	\$ 1,213.89
Article 5	Jaquith Library	0.0652	\$ 65.16	\$ 97.74	\$ 130.32
Article 6	Historical Society	0.0053	\$ 5.33	\$ 7.99	\$ 10.65
Article 7	Cemeteries	0.0116	\$ 11.55	\$ 17.33	\$ 23.11
Article 8	Commuter Bus	0.0069	\$ 6.88	\$ 10.32	\$ 13.75
Article 9	Other Appropriations	0.0109	\$ 10.90	\$ 16.35	\$ 21.80
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.7068</b>	<b>\$ 706.76</b>	<b>\$ 1,060.14</b>	<b>\$ 1,413.52</b>
	Every \$10,000 in the budget	0.0083	\$ 8.25	\$ 12.38	\$ 16.51
	For a penny on the tax rate	0.0100	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00

\* The Selectboard budget includes Highways, General Government, the Town Office, the Fire Department, Emergency Services, the Old Schoolhouse Common, Employment Taxes and Benefits, and Zoning and Planning. This chart assumes an increase of a half percent in the grand list.

## SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

### General Fund

	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Previous Year Surplus</b>				
<b>Surplus Prv Yr Non Hgwy</b>	42,104	88,189	88,189	22,484
<b>Surplus Prev Yr Highway</b>	67,743	34,778	34,778	59,137
<b>Total Surplus</b>	109,847	122,967	122,967	81,621
<b>Selectboard Managed Income</b>				
<b>Property Taxes</b>	801,655	812,961	804,829	860,407
<b>Natural Disasters</b>			6,771	
<b>Town Office</b>	17,733	15,790	16,004	14,940
<b>General Government</b>	105,335	98,700	106,477	106,500
<b>Highways</b>	89,238	96,997	96,996	96,497
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	57,296	55,551	56,515	63,636
<b>Zoning/Planning</b>	3,090	3,000	810	2,495
<b>Total Selectboard Income</b>	1,074,347	1,082,999	1,088,401	1,144,475
<b>Total Income</b>	1,184,194	1,205,966	1,211,369	1,226,096
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Selectboard Managed Expenses</b>				
<b>Natural Disasters</b>			550	
<b>Town Office</b>	109,293	116,900	110,549	119,417
<b>General Government</b>	37,923	47,884	50,215	51,508
<b>Highways</b>	556,833	634,016	574,878	649,023
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	50,222	38,754	43,266	43,234
<b>Fire Department</b>	56,315	67,832	65,746	69,082
<b>Emergency Services</b>	20,500	43,500	43,500	46,100
<b>Zoning/Planning</b>	15,823	18,336	12,566	15,230
<b>Recreation</b>	1,532	1,900	1,497	1,900
<b>Employee Benefits/Insurance</b>	96,715	119,461	109,597	109,653
<b>Total Selectboard Expenses</b>	945,157	1,088,583	1,012,365	1,105,147
<b>Other Town Entities</b>	94,905	95,768	95,768	99,409
<b>Outside Appropriations</b>	21,165	21,615	21,615	21,540
<b>Total Expense</b>	1,061,227	1,205,966	1,129,748	1,226,096
 <b>Surplus</b>	 <b>122,967</b>		 <b>81,621</b>	

## PROPERTY TAXES

	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>	<b>Actual 2018</b>	<b>Budget 2019</b>
Land Use Change Tax	946		1,160	
<b>Town Taxes</b>				
Town tax prior year *	(4)			
Town Taxes Collected	721,481	808,961	760,165	856,407
State Adjustments - Town Tax	5,891		5,650	
<b>Total Town Taxes</b>	727,369	808,961	765,815	856,407
<b>Education Taxes</b>				
Education tax prior year *	(10)		223	
Education Tax Collected	1,545,464		1,602,835	
State Adjustments - School Tax	30,016		22,770	
Annual Adjust - Prev Yr Ed Tax	51,082		34,423	
School Tax Administration Fee	3,805		4,061	
Revised Homestead Bill Fees	0		795	
Education Tax Liability	(1,690,986)		(1,804,882)	
<b>Total Education Taxes</b>	(60,631)		(139,774)	
<b>Abatements</b>	(457)		0	
Delinquent Tax Income	129,190		171,799	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	5,239	4,000	5,830	4,000
<b>Total Property Taxes</b>	801,655	812,961	804,829	860,407

\* due to delays at the VT Tax Department

## TAXES ASSESSED – 2018

Taxable Grand List as of the Date of Town Tax Rate Setting: \$120,570,608

<b>Setting the Town Tax Rate:</b>		<b>Setting the Local Agreement Rate:</b>	
Amount of Taxes Needed	808,960.91	Value of Exempt Property@30,000 per veteran	330,000
Divided by Grand List (in 100ths)	1,205,706.08	Multiplying by Homestead Education Rate	1.8641
Equals Town Tax Rate	0.6710	Value of Exempt Property@30,000 per veteran	90,000
		Multiplying by Non-Residential Education Rate	1.7296
		Equals Amount of School Tax to Make Up	7,708.17
		Divided by Grand List Equals Local Rate	0.0064

<b>Total Tax Rate, Homestead Property</b>		<b>Total Tax Rate, Non-Residential Property</b>	
Town	0.6710	Town	0.6710
Local Agreement	0.0064	Local Agreement	0.0064
School	1.8641	School	1.7296
Total	2.5415	Total	2.4070

  

	<b>Homestead Education</b>	<b>Non Residential Education</b>	<b>Late Homestead Filing Penalty</b>	<b>Total School Taxes</b>
Taxes Billed <sup>1</sup>	1,472,384.73	716,569.64	1,521.19	2,190,475.56
Taxes Paid To Treasurer	-760,164.74			-1,602,834.64
State Adjustments	-5,649.95			-442,843.28
Unpaid as of due date	50,057.62			150,447.59
				200,505.21 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Reflects changes to the Grand List after the tax rate was set

<sup>2</sup> A balance of 650.62 in 2018 taxes remained unpaid as of 12/31 but was not delinquent due to delays by the VT Tax Dept

## DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
2015	1,848.86	1,848.86	0.00
2016	997.15	997.15	0.00
2017	64,999.94	64,664.99	334.95
2018	<u>199,854.59<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>104,287.86</u>	<u>95,566.73</u>
Balance due	267,700.54	171,798.86	95,901.68

### COMPARISON OF DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNTS IN PRIOR YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes Billed During Year</u>	<u>Amount of Taxes Turned Over to Collector</u>	<u>Balance of Delinquent Tax Account Dec. 31</u>
2018	3,006,347.87	199,854.59	95,901.68
2017	2,847,544.30	115,057.97	67,845.95
2016	2,801,942.12	148,741.17	81,977.61
2015	2,800,159.48	123,209.64	81,999.59
2014	2,830,897.81	112,371.00	71,213.79
2013	2,591,841.78	124,607.17	63,282.49
2012	2,440,175.38	130,583.26	50,186.68
2011	2,412,330.10	128,344.17	40,804.94
2010	2,416,810.10	128,555.83	52,669.60
2009	2,276,189.13	158,765.64	56,338.54
2008	2,135,705.29	121,715.21	43,113.12
2007	1,940,836.23	112,870.08	104,445.90
2006	1,780,415.91	111,521.09	74,050.39
2005	1,665,353.22	124,952.07	55,491.38
2004	1,621,502.81	111,298.79	48,333.68
2003	1,771,745.16	130,883.32	61,038.67
2002	1,542,907.66	100,234.17	62,778.52
2001	1,463,678.32	108,203.40	66,822.09
2000	1,275,939.37	122,526.25	65,963.94
1999	1,149,456.77	112,632.76	66,014.55
1998	1,166,789.54	93,957.85	68,078.83
1997	1,138,613.48	102,635.59	84,822.26
1996	1,205,525.84	109,367.50	84,162.17

FYI - The delinquent tax collector received \$ 13,686 in fees in 2018.

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
<b>General Government Income</b>				
Lister Training Grant	500	500	1,370	1,000
Interest Income	11,812	11,200	13,162	13,000
Current Use Refund	72,997	73,000	70,451	73,000
Vermont Forests & Parks	16,338	12,000	20,061	18,000
Civil Fines	863	1,000	460	500
Stranahan Town Forest Income to Stranahan Fund	1,990 (995)	2,000 (1,000)	1,644 (822)	2,000 (1,000)
Miscellaneous Income	1,830	0	150	0
<b>Total General Government Income</b>	<u>105,335</u>	<u>98,700</u>	<u>106,477</u>	<u>106,500</u>
<b>General Government Expenses</b>				
<b>Town Officer Expenses</b>				
Delinquent Tax Collector	10,269	9,000	13,686	10,500
Delinquent Tax Penalty	(10,269)	(9,000)	(13,686)	(10,500)
Lister Wages	3,966	8,000	10,631	12,000
Selectboard Stipend	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Health Officer Stipend	350	500	650	500
First Constable Stipend	125	125	125	125
Second Constable Stipend	125	125	125	125
Fire Warden Stipend	25	25	25	25
Auditors Stipend	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
BCA Stipend	252	500	384	250
Social Security	1,142	1,338	1,793	1,663
Medicare	267	313	419	1,324
Retirement	0	653	1,004	781
Mileage	289	300	769	500
<b>Total Town Officer Expenses</b>	<u>9,840</u>	<u>15,179</u>	<u>19,226</u>	<u>20,593</u>
Lister Services/Supplies	361	1,000	1,620	1,000
Health Officer Expense	17	100	0	100
Energy Committee	181	500	83	500
Conservation Commission	206	300	363	300
County Tax	10,050	10,500	10,431	11,000
Town Officers' Liability Ins.	2,632	2,787	2,787	2,073
General Liability Insurance	992	875	875	(2,483)
Employment Practices Ins.	2,159	2,173	2,173	2,144
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	6,155	6,760	6,704	8,500
Bank Service Charge	88	60	78	75
Legal Services	441	2,000	1,569	2,000
VLCT Dues	2,790	2,850	2,850	2,926
Solid Waste	0	0	0	1,430
Traffic/Law Enforcement	1,141	2,500	769	1,000

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>	<b>Actual 2018</b>	<b>Budget 2019</b>
9-1-1 Signs/Expenses	64	50	80	100
Repeater Station	250	250	250	250
Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted	556	0	357	0
<b>Total General Government Expenses</b>	<b>37,923</b>	<b>47,884</b>	<b>50,215</b>	<b>51,508</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>67,412</b>	<b>50,816</b>	<b>56,262</b>	<b>54,992</b>

## **EMPLOYMENT TAXES AND BENEFITS**

	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>	<b>Actual 2018</b>	<b>Budget 2019</b>
<b>Employee Expenses</b>				
<b>Workmen's Compensation</b>	14,539	15,840	14,486	15,743
<b>Unemployment Insurance</b>	706	349	350	148
<b>Health Insurance</b>	79,407	100,522	93,043	91,012
<b>Training</b>	2,063	2,500	1,718	2,500
<b>Benefits Administration</b>	0	250	0	250
<b>Total Employee Expenses</b>	<b>96,715</b>	<b>119,461</b>	<b>109,597</b>	<b>109,653</b>

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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We spent a good part of 2018 streamlining the records in the Town Clerk's Office. The files were reorganized and indexed according to retention requirements.

### **Dogs**

We spend quite a bit of time each year chasing people to get them to license their dogs. Help us out by licensing your dogs now, so that we don't have to make phone calls and send another reminder. Having a valid tag will help your dogs get back to you if they are found.

### **Voter Registration**

You can register to vote online at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> or in person at the Town Clerk's Office. You can register to vote at the polls, but I encourage you not to wait until Town Meeting Day because you may have to wait for a break in the open meeting until an election official is available.

### **My Voter Page**

Every voter can access information about their polling hours and locations at <http://mvp.sec.state.us>. This is a great way to request an absentee ballot or notify us of a change of address.

### **Vital Records**

The Vermont Legislature passed new laws regarding birth and death records in May 2017. The new laws were supposed to take effect on July 1, 2018 but got delayed for a year. Beginning July 1, 2019, it will be necessary to show ID to obtain birth and death certificates, and they will only be available to immediate family and some legal representatives. You will be able to pick up a copy of a birth or death record in any town, not just your town of residence. The Department of Health is still working on rules and procedures that we will have to follow.

### **Tax Payments**

We are happy to accept prepayments for property taxes at any time; some taxpayers find it easier to make monthly payments ahead of when the bill comes. We can also debit your bank account on the due date – let us know if you would like to sign up for that program.

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
<b>Town Office Income</b>				
Vault Fees	293	350	559	0
Office Fees	12,210	11,000	10,991	10,500
Dog Licenses	3,670	3,500	3,281	3,500
Marriage Licenses	780	540	600	540
Liquor Licenses	325	325	510	325
Auto Reg. Fees	75	75	63	75
VLCT Safety Grant	380	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>17,733</u>	<u>15,790</u>	<u>16,004</u>	<u>14,940</u>
<b>Town Office Expense</b>				
<b>Town Office Staff Expenses</b>				
Clerk/Treasurer	44,240	45,125	45,125	46,388
Assistant	27,952	29,288	28,401	30,108
Additional Wages	0	100	42	100
Sical Security	3,886	4,614	3,969	4,743
Medicare	909	1,079	928	1,109
Retirement	5,234	5,395	5,377	5,395
Mileage	491	500	515	500
<b>Total Staff Expenses</b>	<u>82,712</u>	<u>86,101</u>	<u>84,357</u>	<u>88,343</u>
<b>OSC Allocation</b>	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Custodial Service	575	650	625	650
Postage	1,736	2,000	1,974	1,500
Supplies	2,176	2,000	2,045	2,000
Telephone	1,367	1,380	1,379	1,400
Computer Exp.	3,042	6,750	3,215	7,600
Office Equip.	970	1,250	737	1,160
Town Report	1,684	1,750	2,096	2,100
Advertising	313	500	161	250
Printing	0	250	0	250
Elections	0	750	570	600
Marriage License Exp.	650	405	500	450
Dog License Exp.	1,726	1,700	1,596	1,700
Alarm System	180	240	120	240
Safety Grant Expense	987	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>109,293</u>	<u>116,900</u>	<u>110,549</u>	<u>119,417</u>
<b>Net Cost</b>	91,561	101,110	94,546	104,477

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
<b>Highway Department Income</b>				
Grants-In-Aid	0	9,700	9,700	9,200
Highway/State Aid	84,971	85,000	84,999	85,000
Plow/Sand Other Towns	2,297	2,297	2,297	2,297
VLCT Safety Grant	1,969	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>89,238</b>	<b>96,997</b>	<b>96,996</b>	<b>96,497</b>
<b>Highway Department Expenses</b>				
<b>Highway Staff Expenses</b>				
Road Crew Wages	173,265	185,028	191,746	183,534
Social Security	10,164	11,472	11,328	11,379
Medicare	2,377	2,683	2,649	2,661
Retirement	9,134	9,887	10,860	11,419
Mileage	1,098	1,500	1,226	1,500
Pagers	272	400	241	400
Uniforms	2,268	2,340	2,210	2,340
Other	90	0	60	0
<b>Total Staff Expenses</b>	<b>198,668</b>	<b>213,310</b>	<b>220,321</b>	<b>213,233</b>
<b>Garage Expenses</b>				
Generator	0	4,500	0	4,500
Electricity	1,375	1,600	1,374	1,600
Heating Oil	4,204	6,000	5,118	6,000
Building Maint.	327	7,000	4,514	7,000
Supplies	462	1,000	940	1,000
Telephone	1,625	1,600	1,241	1,600
Rubbish Removal	920	900	916	900
Fuel Tank	50	50	50	50
Safety Equipment	0	2,000	412	2,000
Garage Insurance	1,557	1,511	1,511	2,635
Misc. Garage Exp.	2,073	2,000	1,470	2,000
Grant Expenses	5,114	0	0	0
<b>Total Garage Expenses</b>	<b>17,707</b>	<b>28,161</b>	<b>17,546</b>	<b>29,285</b>
<b>Equipment/Maintenance</b>				
2018 International	0	3,000	2,013	3,000
2011 Pickup	1,651	1,600	1,444	1,600
2012 International	5,339	0	6,805	0
2015 International	3,970	4,000	4,186	4,000

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
<b>2016 International</b>	2,235	4,000	3,297	4,000
<b>2013 Grader</b>	7,612	3,500	2,142	3,500
<b>2000 Loader</b>	252	1,000	1,709	0
<b>2018 Loader</b>	0	0	81	1,000
<b>2004 Excavator</b>	105	2,000	1,626	2,000
<b>Tractor/Mower</b>	2,487	2,500	1,600	2,500
<b>Trailer for Excavator</b>	0	500	166	500
<b>Sanders</b>	722	2,000	124	2,000
<b>Plows</b>	5,027	2,500	1,263	2,500
<b>York Rake</b>	1,168	0	0	0
<b>Chain Saws</b>	337	500	0	500
<b>Chipper</b>	0	1,000	0	1,000
<b>Tire Chains</b>	6,266	6,000	4,602	6,000
<b>Compressor</b>	0	400	35	400
<b>Tools</b>	667	1,000	609	1,000
<b>To Equip. Fund</b>	80,500	80,000	80,000	80,000
<b>Grant to Equip. Fund</b>	0	9,700	9,700	9,200
<b>Vehicle Insurance</b>	8,994	8,205	8,656	8,205
<b>Misc. Equip. Expense</b>	1,330	2,000	3,793	2,000
<b>Total Equip. Maint.</b>	128,660	135,405	133,851	134,905
<b>Materials</b>				
<b>Staymat</b>	64,831	95,000	51,827	95,000
<b>Stone</b>	797	3,000	1,964	3,000
<b>Winter Sand</b>	58,218	55,000	80,876	70,000
<b>Salt</b>	22,906	17,000	18,812	17,000
<b>Salt reimb. Twinfield</b>	0	0	(8,380)	0
<b>Chloride</b>	16,552	17,000	8,718	17,000
<b>Equip./Vehicle Fuel</b>	32,121	30,000	30,111	30,000
<b>Grease &amp; Oil</b>	2,022	2,000	2,244	2,000
<b>Welding Supplies</b>	386	500	705	600
<b>Cold Patch</b>	429	500	456	500
<b>Erosion Control</b>	1,156	1,500	647	1,500
<b>Mulch Hay</b>	528	1,000	1,122	1,000
<b>Misc. Materials</b>	1,054	1,000	112	1,000
<b>Total Materials</b>	201,000	223,500	189,212	238,600
<b>Highway Infrastructure</b>				
<b>Roads Permit Fee</b>	0	2,640	640	2,000
<b>Culverts Purchased</b>	1,414	14,000	0	14,000

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
<b>Culvert Reimburse</b>	(966)	0	0	0
<b>Road Signs</b>	0	1,000	346	1,000
<b>Guardrails</b>	0	3,000	1,200	3,000
<b>To Paving Account</b>	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>To Bridge Account</b>	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
<b>Private Contracts</b>	<u>1,850</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>3,262</u>	<u>4,500</u>
<b>Total Infrastructure</b>	10,798	33,640	13,948	33,000
<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	556,833	634,016	574,878	649,023
<b>Net Cost</b>	467,596	537,019	477,883	552,526

## WINTER SAND POLICY

The Town of Marshfield makes sand available to Town residents to help them with icy sidewalks and driveways. Residents will find the sand pile outside the Town Garage gate on School Street. The sand is supplied only for Town residents and only for use at their home. Landlords and businesses should arrange for sand spreading from a number of local contractors.

Because the sand is intended for home use, residents are asked to limit themselves to collecting two buckets per trip. It is highly recommended residents pick up their sand now and before a storm so they do not need to drive on icy roads. During a storm, the Road Crew is busy maintaining the roads and might not be able to restock the pile. Sand is piled outside the Town Garage gate for 24/7 access. The public must not enter the Town Garage yard to find sand or salt.

On another note, please remember that it is illegal to plow snow across a town road. The snow that is left in the road will freeze, causing a dangerous situation for other drivers and for the snow plow. Under 19 VSA §1105, you could be fined \$1,000 plus damages and legal fees.

## WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

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1. The Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. No vehicles are to be parked on town roads during these months. VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.
2. Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and school bus routes first. The road crew usually starts operations at 3:30 a.m. to have these roads clear by 7:00 a.m. In most cases there will be no maintenance between 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.
3. Each road crew member has a specific route that takes approximately 4½ hours to complete. After 16 hours on the job, they are required to stop operations and take off a minimum of 6 hours.
4. The Town does not plow Class IV and private roads and certain Class III roads, or sections thereof, as set forth by statute.
5. Salt will be applied to paved roads with a minimum amount of sand added as necessary. (Salt is not effective when the road temperature is below 20 degrees). Sand will be applied to gravel roads.
6. Please note: according to 23 VSA §1126, it is illegal to plow snow from private property on or across public highways.
7. The road crew makes every effort to avoid mailboxes. However, because of snow conditions or oncoming traffic, the plows occasionally hit them. The Town has permitted mailboxes to be located in the Town right-of-way. If the mailboxes are damaged as a result of snow or ice clearing operations, the Town will not repair them.

# HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND PROJECTION

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Balance, January 1</b>	42,452	19,674	3,789	686	1,558	15,270	28,776	2,682	20,906	1,653
Appropriation	80,000	80,000	82,800	85,698	88,697	91,801	95,014	98,339	101,781	105,343
Grants-In-Aid	9,700	9,200								
Interest	(34)	393	76	14	31	305	576	54	418	33
<b>Purchases:</b>										
Pickup		(20,000)					(40,000)		(110,000)	
a. Purchase truck in 2014, 2020, 2026										
b. Purchase truck in 2015, 2021, 2027										
c. Purchase truck in 2017, 2023, 2029	(3,540)			(110,000)		(110,000)				(110,000)
Purchase/Overhaul 2004 Excavator						(120,000)				
Purchase Loader	(140,238)									
<b>Loans:</b>										
a. Borrow for truck in 2014, 2020, 2026			86,000						50,000	
b. Borrow for truck in 2015, 2021, 2027				83,000		90,000				60,000
c. Borrow for truck in 2017, 2023, 2029						120,000				
Borrow for Excavator										
Borrow for Loader	110,000									
<b>Payments:</b>										
a. Pmt on 2014/2020/2026 truck loan	(22,880)	(22,440)		(18,920)	(18,576)	(18,232)	(17,888)	(17,544)		(11,000)
b. Pmt on 2015/2021/2027 truck loan	(22,966)	(22,638)	(22,319)		(18,260)	(17,928)	(17,596)	(17,264)	(16,932)	
c. Pmt on 2017/2023/2029 truck loan	(16,500)	(16,200)	(15,900)	(15,600)	(15,300)		(19,800)	(19,440)	(19,080)	(18,720)
Pmts on loader		(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)				
Pmts on Grader	(16,320)									
<b>Balance, December 31</b>	<b>19,674</b>	<b>3,789</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>15,270</b>	<b>28,776</b>	<b>2,682</b>	<b>20,906</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>2,350</b>

## **FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT**

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This year we issued over 96 permits. I appreciate those folks who call in and ask for permits. We did have a couple of fires that got away. Grass fires and brush fires require a lot of man power to extinguish. That is something we are short of in our department during the day time. It would be best to refrain from burning in the spring when wildland fire conditions are at their best. I would like to thank those folks who call for a permit.

Permits cover the burning of brush and natural wood only. Painted materials, furniture, tires and similar materials are prohibited by state law. These materials have to go to designated sites.

Fire wardens are given daily weather reports and fire danger reports. We know when it is not safe to burn and stop issuing permits. So please call before you burn. We will issue a permit if conditions are safe.

If you have questions about brush burning and would like to have us inspect the site before you burn please call us, we will gladly visit the site and offer our suggestions.

Contact me at 426-3265 or Tim Maclay at 454-7853.

Tom Maclay, Fire Warden

## MARSHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Town of Marshfield Fire Department continues the long tradition of an all volunteer fire department. Your support, both financially and the thanks we receive, keep us going. 2018 marked the 109th anniversary of our fire department, and this coming August marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of our current firehouse. In addition, this year, we honor Tim Morris and Darrell Burkhalter for 30 years of service in our fire department.

As we continue to respond to alarms in our community, our responsibilities over the years have changed, increased, and diversified to much more than just putting out fires. From accidents and search and rescue, from hazardous materials incidents to fire prevention classes in the local schools, in today's world, emergency preparedness are the buzz words. Planning for every conceivable incident and having all the pieces in place if it should happen and just trying to keep up on the latest technology and paper work keeps us very busy.

During 2018 the Marshfield Fire Department responded to 52 alarms.

### Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department 2018 Call Break Down

Classification	Total
Motor Vehicle Accidents	19
CO2 / Fire Alarm Activations	12
Chimney Fires	2
Structure Fires	4
Vehicle or Electrical Fires/ Furnace Malfunctions	2
Service Calls: Smoke, Odor removal, Etc.	2
Grass, Brush, Wildland Fires	3
Hazardous Cond., Hazmat Spills, Downed Lines, Etc.	5
Water Rescues, Medical Assists, Etc.	0
Agricultural, Involving Tractors or Farm Animals	0
FALSE ALARMS	<u>3</u>
Total	52

The first recorded motorized vehicle accident in the United States occurred in 1891 in Ohio. A motorized vehicle veered off the road,

crashed into a fence post, and resulted in minor injuries. Today, motor vehicle accidents comprise the largest percentage of our call volume, and this past year is no exception. Accidents accounted for 36% of our calls. There is a definite connection between serious injuries and seat belt usage. Today's vehicle safety systems are unsurpassed in terms of accident survivability and injury reductions. However, your air bags, seat belts, and seat belt pretensioning systems only work as designed when they're used together. The probability of serious injury or death resulting from a vehicular accident is dramatically increased when seat belts are not used. So please help us help you, and BUCKLE UP!

Financial pressures, time constraints, increased work load, and family obligations are all factors that figure into the equation of less community volunteerism that has reached unprecedented levels. As the Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department continues to look towards our future, we need your help. The requirements for becoming a member of your fire department include honesty, integrity, and above all, a willingness to attend trainings. Responding to many of the incidents we encounter can be very challenging. If you are interested in serving our community through the fire department, please come down to the station. Meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of every month at 7 p.m. We are always looking for new members!

We have occasionally been running a siren test on the fire station during training nights on Tuesday. Residents of Marshfield Village should be able to hear the siren. In the event of an emergency that affects residents of Marshfield Village, we will sound the siren continuously for five minute intervals. If you hear the siren continuously for five minutes or more, please call the firehouse for more information and instructions. The station number is 426 3809.

As always, all members of our department are very grateful for your support towards our efforts in helping to protect the lives and property of our community and our surrounding towns. We truly consider it an honor to serve and represent our community through your local fire department.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Maclay, Chief  
Will Schwarz, Assistant Chief  
Tim Morris, Assistant Chief

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
<b>Fire Dept Administration</b>				
Worker's Compensation	1,703	2,000	739	1,700
Fireman's Disability	1,773	2,100	1,760	2,100
Office Supplies	161	500	146	500
Operating Supplies	16	50	61	50
Postage	0	0	0	0
Dues & Subscriptions	0	400	272	400
Liability and Vehicle Ins	6,946	7,200	6,857	7,200
<b>Total Administration</b>	<u>10,598</u>	<u>12,250</u>	<u>9,835</u>	<u>11,950</u>
<b>Firefighting</b>				
Operating Supplies	550	1,000	549	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	0	450	136	450
Small Tools & Equip.	0	200	3,555	200
Hose	250	0	625	600
Pers. Protective Gear	593	3,000	4,278	3,000
Contract Services	0	100	0	100
Breathing App. Maint.	0	1,200	110	1,200
SCBA Equipment	0	0	2,872	0
Repairs	0	100	0	100
Major Improvments	512	0	0	0
<b>Total Firefighting</b>	<u>1,906</u>	<u>6,050</u>	<u>12,125</u>	<u>6,650</u>
<b>Fire Prevention</b>				
Operating Supplies	97	150	0	150
Books, Handouts	0	150	100	150
<b>Total Fire Prevention</b>	<u>97</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>Fire Department Training</b>				
Operating Supplies	0	300	0	300
Books, Training Aids	0	100	0	100
Contract Services	0	274	0	275
<b>Total Training</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>675</u>
<b>Fire Dept Communications</b>				
Operating Supplies	84	1,450	391	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	32	0	253	0
Computers and Softwar	73	200	0	200
Capitol West	14,554	16,500	15,853	18,000
Radio/Pager Repairs	1,795	1,000	872	1,000
<b>Total Communications</b>	<u>16,538</u>	<u>19,150</u>	<u>17,369</u>	<u>20,200</u>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
<b>Fire Station</b>				
Fire Station Heating Oil	1,556	1,750	1,454	1,500
Operating Supplies	6	500	0	250
Repairs & Maintenance	2,368	300	361	300
Small Tools & Equipment	0	300	0	200
Telephone	1,684	1,800	1,700	1,800
Insurance	1,023	1,008	1,008	1,507
Contract Services	960	900	1,073	900
Electricity	1,807	1,750	1,869	1,750
To FD Building Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
<b>Total Fire Station</b>	11,904	10,808	9,965	10,707
<b>Trucks/Fire Fighting/Rescue</b>				
Operating Supplies	0	500	0	500
Repair & Maintenance	272	3,000	1,352	3,000
Tools & Equipment	0	100	0	100
<b>Total Trucks/Fire/Rescue</b>	272	3,600	1,352	3,600
<b>To FD Equipment Fund</b>	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
<b>Total Fire Department Expense</b>	56,315	67,832	65,746	69,082

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
<b>Emergency Services*</b>				
Cabot Ambulance	15,000	18,000	18,000	0
East Montpelier Ambulance	0	20,000	20,000	40,600
Plainfield Fast Squad	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
<b>Total Emergency Services</b>	20,500	43,500	43,500	46,100

\* Emergency Services used to be shown under appropriations but are now part of the Selectboard's budget

## EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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December 2018 closes out another successful year for the East Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department. This year has been one of our busiest years. As we look forward to a successful 2019, we want reflect on some of the 2018 highlights.

In 2018 we expanded ambulance service to cover the Town of Marshfield. We currently serve Calais, East Montpelier, Plainfield and Marshfield providing Paramedic and Advanced Life Support services. This expansion of service has allowed us to increase staffing day and night and to offset some of the operation expenses. The ambulance service requires our staff to constantly keep up with EMS standards, protocols and trainings. This past year brought another year of state protocol changes. The new protocols allow us to provide higher levels of care and additional drug interventions for our Paramedics and A-EMTs. Another change is the move to high performance CPR that changes our process and procedure for cardiac arrest patients and will hopefully bring a higher success rate. Our communities still struggle with the best way to deal with the rising number of overdoses from heroine, opiates, cocaine and prescription drugs. The availability of Naloxone has saved the lives of some. However, there have been others that have not been as fortunate. Our best defense is education. Please take the time to talk with your children about the use of alcohol and drugs and give them a fighting chance to survive.

We work closely with the Plainfield Fire Department Fast Squad to provide rapid emergency response to Marshfield and we thank them for their good work.

Chief Ty Rolland  
East Montpelier Volunteer Fire Department

### Emergency Responses in Marshfield for Calendar Year 2018

Transports:	36
No Transports:	19
Total:	55

## PLAINFIELD FAST SQUAD

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Plainfield Fast Squad has lost a few members, and gained some new members as well. One member that has left our department that we would like to acknowledge is Sarah Matthew. Sarah has a true knowledge and care for patients, and was an asset to our department. We would like to thank Sarah for her time and commitment to our department and to the community. We wish Sarah the best of luck with her new adventures.

Currently, we have two new members who are taking the EMT course. Monthly we meet for dinner and training to refresh or learn new techniques that we are required to learn through the Vermont Department of Health. As a department we are an extended family who look out for each other and work as a team to ensure the best possible outcome for our patients. We have a good working relationship with East Montpelier Ambulance and have improved response times. When we arrive on scene we start patient care, getting information so that when East Montpelier arrives this information can be relayed so that transporting to a hospital can be expedited. We have trained with East Montpelier; one of which was extrication from a vehicle. Working with them has been educational in the field and we've come to know their members and work together well.

We have recently added Active 911 to our cell phones. With using Active 911 it allows us to look up addresses with Map Quest and it sends out the exact information the dispatcher has tried to relay. When we get a page on our cell phones we think immediately about getting to the station, and we don't hear what exactly we are going to for an emergency. With this new technology it allows us to look up the information in the truck as we are headed to a call. This saves response time and prepares us for what we are going to for a call.

We are always looking for new members to join our team. If you have any interest you can go on the Plainfield Town Website.

Greg Light

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

### **Old Schoolhouse Common**

	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>	<b>Actual 2018</b>	<b>Budget 2019</b>
<b>Solar Panel Loan</b>				
Principal	13,000			
Interest	79			
<b>Total Solar Loan</b>	13,079			
Emergency Generator	0	0	10,052	0
Propane for Generator	0	0	352	0
Building Maintenance	689	3,500	544	2,500
Heating Oil	709	500	324	500
Pellet Fuel for Boiler	3,547	4,000	4,926	5,000
Propane for Cooking	338	300	310	350
Janitorial Supplies	154	500	586	600
Heating Repairs	426	500	33	500
Solar Panel Expenses	0	100	0	50
Contract Labor	2,420	3,000	2,090	3,000
Custodial Services	2,205	3,340	2,983	4,289
Alarm System Expense	1,304	900	312	625
Insurance	5,350	5,134	5,134	7,021
Rubbish Removal	1,442	1,450	1,548	1,600
Water Expense	2,110	2,150	2,095	2,150
Sewer Expense	2,928	2,928	2,928	2,928
Elevator Maintenance	2,906	1,000	1,346	2,500
Marketing & Advertising	0	0	160	0
Transfer to Building Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous Expense	61	0	13	75
Safety Grant Expenses	4,805	0	0	0
Postage	0	0	7	0
Radon Testing	0	0	75	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	50,222	38,754	43,266	43,234
<b>Net Cost</b>	(7,074)	(16,797)	(13,249)	(20,402)
<b>Cost including allocations in other town budgets</b>	23,395	13,672	17,220	10,067

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

### **Old Schoolhouse Common**

	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>	<b>Actual 2018</b>	<b>Budget 2019</b>
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Income</b>				
<b>Allocations from Other Budgets</b>				
<b>GF1 - Town Clerk's Office</b>	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
<b>GF2 - Library</b>	12,840	12,840	12,840	12,840
<b>UL1B - Historical Society</b>	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<u>30,469</u>	<u>30,469</u>	<u>30,469</u>	<u>30,469</u>
<b>Lease Income - Businesses</b>				
<b>Rebop</b>	4,692	4,692	4,692	4,692
<b>Food Shelf</b>	5,016	5,016	5,016	5,016
<b>Sunwise Surveying</b>	4,788	4,788	4,788	4,788
<b>Blachly</b>	4,548	4,548	4,548	4,548
<b>Schumacher/Village</b>	4,169	4,548	4,548	4,548
<b>Total Businesses</b>	<u>23,213</u>	<u>23,592</u>	<u>23,592</u>	<u>23,592</u>
<b>Gymnasium</b>	909	750	1,413	1,000
<b>Bandstand Rental</b>	105	50	18	25
<b>Meeting Room</b>	91	90	175	100
<b>Kitchen</b>	175	100	175	100
<b>Community Dinners</b>	400	400	400	400
<b>Tables and Chairs</b>	84	100	274	150
<b>Generator Grant</b>	0	0	0	7,800
<b>VLCT Safety Grant</b>	1,850	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>57,296</u>	<u>55,551</u>	<u>56,515</u>	<u>63,636</u>
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Expenses</b>				
<b>Staff Expenses</b>				
<b>Wages</b>	2,968	6,700	4,671	6,879
<b>Social Security</b>	184	415	285	427
<b>Medicare</b>	43	97	67	100
<b>Mileage</b>	0	0	34	0
<b>Total Staff Expenses</b>	<u>3,196</u>	<u>7,212</u>	<u>5,056</u>	<u>7,406</u>
<b>Net Cost of Electricity</b>				
<b>Electricity used at OSC</b>	4,246	3,900	4,282	4,000
<b>Solar Meter Charge</b>	238	240	228	240
<b>Electricity Produced</b>	(3,504)	(3,500)	(3,693)	(3,600)
<b>Solar Incentive</b>	(1,427)	(1,400)	(1,424)	(1,500)
<b>Net Cost of Electricity</b>	<u>(446)</u>	<u>(760)</u>	<u>(608)</u>	<u>(860)</u>

## ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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This last year was a productive one for the Marshfield Planning Commission. The Town Plan revisions were submitted to the Selectboard for approval. The Selectboard heard public input and approved and adopted the revised Town Plan. Once adopted, the Town Plan was submitted to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC). CVRPC also approved Marshfield's revised Town Plan, and stated that it is in alignment with their regional plan.

As well, the Planning Commission has been considering changes to the Zoning Regulations, concerning the current setback distance of 600 feet. The Planning Commission is looking at changing the setback distance to 750 feet. This would result in changes to the town's Agricultural & Rural Residential District, and the Forestry & Conservation District. The Agricultural & Rural Residential District would lose approximately 630 acres, and the Forestry & Conservation District would gain about the same in acreage. This results in a much cleaner zoning map, with fewer isolated areas or "bubbles" of either district. As well, it would allow for new development further from the roads in town. The Planning Commission has prepared maps to show the potential changes, and we welcome your input. The Planning Commission will host a series of conversations and tabling events to get more feedback on this possible change.

In November of 2018 the Planning Commission submitted a proposal for a Transportation Planning Study to CVRPC. If awarded, this study would identify at the best places to site traffic calming infrastructure in town, including radar speed signs. These signs, already installed in a number of surrounding communities, would reduce speeding around town, and in the village.

Due to concerns expressed by residents, the Planning Commission has also drafted a noise ordinance for the Selectboard's consideration. This noise ordinance is very similar to the one Plainfield has currently.

As always, the Planning Commission welcomes your feedback and participation in our work, and encourages residents to attend our regular meetings. The Planning Commission meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Old School House Common.

## ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
<b>Zoning / Planning Income</b>				
Building Permits	270	405	90	300
Accessory Use Permits	1,000	1,200	600	800
Site Plan Review	248	300	0	300
Conditional Use Permits	248	300	0	300
Subdivision Permits	645	375	0	375
Lot Line Adjustment	325	195	0	195
Certificate of Occupancy	240	225	120	225
Appeal to DRB	115	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>3,090</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>2,495</u>
<b>Zoning / Planning Expenses</b>				
<b>Staff Expenses</b>				
Zoning Administrator	10,296	10,608	9,146	8,000
Planning Comm. Clerk	405	1,200	532	600
DRB Clerk	183	400	0	200
Social Security	670	757	600	546
Medicare	157	177	140	128
Mileage	350	500	214	300
<b>Total Staff Expense</b>	<u>12,061</u>	<u>13,642</u>	<u>10,633</u>	<u>9,774</u>
Advertising	322	500	0	500
Legal Fees	892	1,000	0	1,000
Regional Planning Dues	1,747	1,794	1,794	1,906
Postage	81	200	0	200
Supplies	84	350	0	1,000
Printing	155	200	139	200
Copying	12	50	0	50
Maps	451	500	0	500
DRB Expense	18	100	0	100
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>15,823</u>	<u>18,336</u>	<u>12,566</u>	<u>15,230</u>
<b>Net Cost</b>	12,733	15,336	11,756	12,735

## PERMITS NEEDED

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**Highway Access:** A permit is required from the Selectboard for any access from property to Town highways, and from the State for any access from property to State highways.

Please be reminded that the Town of Marshfield is not responsible for driveway culverts. They must be maintained by the property owner.

**Zoning Permit:** No land or building development may commence, nor shall any land or structure be used, extended in any way, or be occupied unless a zoning permit and a certificate of occupancy shall have been duly issued by the Administrative Officer, as provided for in section 4443 of the Act. (Act 250, V.S.A. 24; Marshfield Zoning Regulations, Section 130).

**Subdivision:** No subdivision of land may legally occur without a hearing before the Marshfield Development Review Board. In most cases a lot-line adjustment permit may be approved by the Zoning Administrator. Application forms and copies of the Marshfield Subdivision regulations are available at the Town Clerk's Office. A sub-divider is welcome to come to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Development Review Board to ask questions.

**Conditional Use:** Commercial uses other than home occupations require a conditional use permit from the Development Review Board.

**Site Plan Review:** Commercial uses and additional dwellings on a single building lot require a site plan review by the Development Review Board.

For specific questions about zoning, call Zoning Administrator Bob Light at 454-7725, or check the Town's website for copies of the zoning regulations. <http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us>

## FEE SCHEDULE FOR ZONING AND SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

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Building permits for one and two family dwellings and additions requiring additional sewage disposal	\$100.00
Accessory buildings, additions not requiring additional sewage disposal and signs	\$50.00
Certificate of Occupancy	\$50.00
Lot Line Adjustment	\$75.00
Minor Subdivision	\$225.00
Major Subdivision	\$300.00 up to 4 lots, \$75.00 each additional lot
Planned Unit Development	\$350.00, plus \$75.00 per unit
Appeal to Development Review Board	\$125.00
Site plan approval	\$150.00
Conditional use permit	\$150.00
Site plan approval and conditional use, if applied for simultaneously	\$175.00
Wireless Telecommunications Facility, small scale	\$500.00
Wireless Telecommunications Facility, other	\$1,000.00
Filing land plats	
11" x 17"	\$15.00
18" x 24"	\$15.00

The proper fee must be paid before the application will be deemed complete and considered.

The fee should be paid with a check or money order payable to the Town of Marshfield.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
<b>Recreation/Programming Expenses</b>				
Little League Field	0	300	0	300
Portapotty Rental	686	600	882	600
Recreational Programs	126	400	15	400
To Playground Fund	600	600	600	600
Ice Skating Rink	120	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>1,532</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,497</u>	<u>1,900</u>

## APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
<b>Other Town Departments</b>				
Cemeteries	8,600	8,600	8,600	14,000
Historical Society	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
Jaquith Public Library	<u>79,850</u>	<u>80,713</u>	<u>80,713</u>	<u>78,954</u>
<b>Total Other Town Departments</b>	94,905	95,768	95,768	99,409
<b>Outside Appropriations</b>				
<b>Transportation Services</b>				
Green Mountain Transit	882	882	882	882
GMTA Commuter Bus	<u>8,333</u>	<u>8,333</u>	<u>8,333</u>	<u>8,333</u>
<b>Total Transportation Services</b>	9,215	9,215	9,215	9,215
<b>Social Services</b>				
Central Vt Adult Basic Ed	500	500	500	575 *
Capstone Community Action	300	300	300	0
Central Vt Council on Aging	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Central Vt Economic Devel Corp	100	0	0	0
Central Vt Home Health	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Circle	250	300	300	350
Family Center of Washington Cty	250	250	250	300
Friends of the Winooski	300	300	300	300
Good Beginnings	0	0	0	300
Green Up Vermont	100	100	100	0
Home Share Now	200	200	200	200
Onion River Food Shelf	1,100	1,000	1,000	1,000
Our House	100	100	100	100
People's Health & Wellness	300	300	300	400
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	0	50	50	100
Twin Valley Seniors	2,000	2,500	2,500	3,000
Twinfield Learning Center	200	200	200	200
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250	250	250	250
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Imp	150	150	150	150
VT Assoc. of Conservation Distri	100	100	100	100
Vt Ctr for Independent Livin	100	150	150	150
Washington County Mental Health	800	800	800	0
Washington Cty Youth Serv Burea	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
<b>Total Social Services</b>	11,950	12,400	12,400	12,325
<b>Total Outside Appropriations</b>	21,165	21,615	21,615	21,540
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	116,070	117,383	117,383	120,949

\* by petition

## DESIGNATED FUNDS POLICY

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The Town of Marshfield has designated some town funds to be set aside for future projects. This designated fund balance is segregated into several categories.

The following categories are funded through transfers from the general fund, to be shown as individual line items in the town budget and approved by the voters:

- **Bridge Fund:** This money is used to pay for town highway bridge work.
- **Engineering Fund:** This money has been set aside to allow the town to hire an engineer if required for major development projects.
- **Highway Equipment Fund:** This money is used to buy plow trucks and other major pieces of highway equipment.
- **Fire Department Equipment Fund:** This money is used to replace fire trucks and other equipment for the fire department.
- **Fire Department Building Fund:** This money is used for capital improvements to the Fire Station.
- **Old Schoolhouse Common Building Fund:** This money is used for capital improvements to the Old Schoolhouse Common.
- **Paving Fund:** This money is used for town highway paving projects.
- **Reappraisal Fund:** This category is funded through a line item in the town budget and also by an appropriation from the State of Vermont. It is used for town-wide reappraisals.

The following categories are funded through a combination of transfers and fundraising:

- **Conservation Fund:** This category is funded through donations and proceeds from fundraising, and may also include a line item in the town budget. It will be used for future conservation projects.
- **Energy Fund:** This category is funded through donations and proceeds from fundraising, and may also include a line item in the town budget. It will be used for projects undertaken by the Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee.
- **Playground Fund:** This category is funded through donations and a transfer from the general fund. It is used for maintenance of the

playground at the Old Schoolhouse Common, primarily for replacing the woodchips under the playground equipment, and may be used to purchase other equipment in the future.

- **Stranahan Fund:** This category is funded by one-half of the revenue from the Stranahan Town Forest. It is used for Town Forest expenses. This fund will be capped at \$5,000.

The following categories of designated funds are either statutory or they are funded solely through donations:

- **Bandstand Fund:** This fund originated from donations that were raised to build the bandstand. It is used for maintenance of the bandstand.
- **Ed Duke Fund:** This category was established in memory of a Marshfield firefighter. It is funded through donations and used at the discretion of the fire department.
- **Martin Covered Bridge Fund:** This category is funded through donations and grants for the rehabilitation of the covered bridge and the creation of the surrounding park. It is used for maintenance and improvements of the bridge and park.
- **Pet Control Fund:** This category is funded through a surcharge on dog licenses, as allowed by statute, for the purpose of rabies control. It is used to pay for the dog officer and other animal control expenses.
- **Records Restoration Fund:** This category is funded by a portion of the recording fees that are received when land records are recorded at the town office. It is used for records restoration, preservation, and computerization.

Any remaining categories of designated funds result from grants that have been obtained for a specific purpose, and those funds are returned if unspent.

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

### **Bandstand Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		1,496.36
Interest	27.01	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>1,523.37</b>

### **Bridge Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		82,541.42
Interest	1,523.93	
Budget Appropriation	3,500.00	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>87,565.35</b>

### **Conservation Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		8,737.92
Interest	172.56	
Sale of Marshfield Booklets	70.00	
Proceeds from Plant Sale	756.60	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>9,737.08</b>

### **Energy Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		502.32
Interest	9.06	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>511.38</b>

### **Engineering Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		3,383.98
Interest	61.06	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>3,445.04</b>

### **Fire Department Building Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		9,263.89
Interest	191.67	
Budget Appropriation	2,500.00	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>11,955.56</b>

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

### **Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		129,778.83
Interest, Bank Accounts	2,095.10	
Interest, Investments	608.50	
Budget Appropriation	15,000.00	
Change in Market Value-Investments	<u>(434.65)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>147,047.78</b>

### **Fire Department Ed Duke Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		11,112.28
Interest	173.85	
Donations to the Fund	100.00	
Dry Hydrant Grant	5,000.00	
Sale of Hydrant Screen	800.00	
Dry Hydrant Repairs	(6,450.00)	
Gifts for Firefighters	(1,119.99)	
Jackets/Uniforms/Insignia	<u>(237.80)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>9,378.34</b>

### **Highway Equipment Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		42,451.82
Interest	(33.93)	
Budget Appropriation	80,000.00	
Grants In Aid for Erosion Projects	9,700.00	
Loan for Loader	110,000.00	
Purchase of 2018 Truck	(3,540.00)	
Purchase of Loader	(140,238.00)	
Principal Payment - Grader	(16,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Grader	(320.00)	
Principal Payment - 2015 Truck	(22,000.00)	
Interest Payment - 2015 Truck	(880.00)	
Principal Payment - 2016 Truck	(22,000.00)	
Interest Payment - 2016 Truck	(966.23)	
Principal Payment - 2018 truck	(15,000.00)	
Interest Payment - 2018 truck	<u>(1,500.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>19,673.66</b>

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

### **Martin Covered Bridge Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		13,854.12
Interest	238.84	
Mowing	(1,400.00)	
Balance, December 31, 2018	<u>                    </u>	<b>12,692.96</b>

### **OSC Building Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		33,303.09
Interest	630.41	
Budget Appropriation	3,000.00	
Balance, December 31, 2018	<u>                    </u>	<b>36,933.50</b>

### **Paving Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		36,441.32
Interest	706.60	
Budget Appropriation	5,000.00	
Balance, December 31, 2018	<u>                    </u>	<b>42,147.92</b>

### **Pet Control Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		10,161.55
Interest	194.78	
Surcharge on Dog Licenses	957.00	
Rabies Clinic	(75.00)	
Dog Officer expenses	(56.03)	
Balance, December 31, 2018	<u>                    </u>	<b>11,182.30</b>

### **Playground Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		6,358.50
Interest	120.62	
Budget Appropriation	600.00	
Balance, December 31, 2018	<u>                    </u>	<b>7,079.12</b>

### **Recreation Fund**

Balance, January 1, 2018		583.88
Interest	10.54	
Balance, December 31, 2018	<u>                    </u>	<b>594.42</b>

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

### Reappraisal Fund

Balance, January 1, 2018		174,984.92
Interest	3,264.08	
State Appropriation	7,856.50	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>186,105.50</b>

### Records Restoration

Balance, January 1, 2018		38,069.02
Interest	680.17	
Fees Collected	4,488.00	
Binding of Town Reports	(1,440.00)	
Preservation Materials	(496.47)	
Land Records Software	(2,610.00)	
Land Records Microfilm	(63.12)	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>38,627.60</b>

### Stranahan Town Forest Fund

Balance, January 1, 2018		2,612.31
Interest	39.19	
Income from Sugaring and Haying	822.04	
Copying for Surveys	(74.20)	
Sign for Jake Martin Road Parking	(299.16)	
Brushcutter	(698.92)	
Meeting expenses	(104.16)	
Gate Repair	(75.00)	
Balance, December 31, 2018		<b>2,222.10</b>

**Total Designated Funds, December 31, 2018** **628,422.98**

Fire Dept Investment Account	21,659.12
Designated Funds in Bank Accounts	606,763.86
	<b>628,422.98</b>

## MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Marshfield Historical Society cosponsored with the Jaquith Public Library a reading-discussion series, "Chapters in History." The first five sessions were called, "Several American Presidencies." Biographies of John Adams, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Grant, and Chester Arthur were made available by the Jaquith Library through Interlibrary Loan for reading and discussion. The second four sessions were called, "As the U.S. Emerges," and covered the lives of John D. Rockefeller, Mark Twain, Theodore Roosevelt, and William Howard Taft. The series will continue on February 9, 2019, at 2 o'clock, as "The Twenties: Roaring and Otherwise," with the biography of Woodrow Wilson, "Wilson," by A. Scott Berg. The series is open and free to all those interested in reading and discussing the incredible history of this country.

The society also presented during Fall Foliage in September an illustrated talk on Marshfield's ten lovingly tended cemeteries.

We will continue working on exhibits, automating the collection, and possibly collecting interviews with residents.

The website, [www.genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com) is available to help you pursue your interest in genealogy. Access this site using [janetN@myfairpoint.net](mailto:janetN@myfairpoint.net) with password, "jaquith." It has local newspaper articles from long ago in Marshfield as well as genealogical information. Visit the Marshfield Historical Society on the web site: [www.town.marshfield.vt.us](http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us).

The Society meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Hap Hayward History Center. We welcome new members and visitors. Join us and bring your stories, old photos or mystery artifacts from Marshfield's past to our next meeting.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Actual</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Checking Balance, Jan. 1	4351	4730	4558
<b>Income</b>			
Book Sales	250	150	
Other Sales	99	37	
Appropriation	6455	6455	6455
Donations	385	0	
Interest Income	4	5	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>7193</u>	<u>6647</u>	<u>6455</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Rent	6455	6455	6455
Book Printing	360	360	
Other Expenses	0	3	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>6815</u>	<u>6818</u>	<u>6455</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>(172)</b>	
Checking Balance, Dec. 31	4730	4558	4558

## JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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*The Jaquith is not only a home for books,  
but a home for the community.*

The Jaquith brings thousands of people together through free programs, lectures, events, concerts and festivals. It provides a place of respite and gathering for people of all ages - whether through a chance meeting while visiting the library to check out a book or through story time, playgroup, book discussion group or program.

### **Programming in 2018**

2018 was a busy year for the library! Here is a selection of some of the many events we hosted.

On Sunday, September 30, 2018 we held our annual Harvest Festival. Over 350 people came out for this celebration on a beautiful September day. There were lots of family friendly free activities, including face painting, cider pressing, arts tent, community kickball, book sale, bake sale, BBQ, vendors, music with Cold Country Blue Grass, Pat Lambdin and Becca Chodorkoff and Friends and an all you can Eat "Chili-Cook-off." If you want to help with the Harvest Festival next fall, call the library and give us your contact information.

We are into our second year of our Chapters in History Book Group, co-hosted by the Marshfield Historical Society. We have 5 to 10 participants and more are welcome. Our fourth Monday of the month book group is still going strong after over 15 years. We welcome new members. You don't need to own or buy the books to join either of these groups. The Jaquith orders the books for you to pick up a month in advance of the book group meetings.

We held a five-week afterschool Cartooning Club for kids with 7 devoted artists, led by Jennifer Barlow and a five-week Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine series with Christina Ducharme. We celebrated the holiday season with a family sing-a-long, a cookie swap and holiday craft program. Iain MacHarg

gave a benefit concert for us to raise money for youth books and programs.

Our 2018 summer reading programs were based on the theme "Libraries Rock". We held 19 summer reading events for children and families and 7 summer concerts. We had a total of 1,964 participants last summer!! This is an all-time record for the Jaquith Library. 68 children registered for the summer reading challenge and certificates of completion with t-shirts and prizes were awarded to 53 children. This is the highest percentage of completed summer reading challenges of any year. The 2019 summer program theme is A Universe of Stories. This theme will be sure to delight people of all ages as we travel into outer space and discover the mysteries of the cosmos.

To learn all about our 2019 programs please go to our website at [www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org) or give us your e-mail address and we will send you the new e-mail version of the Overdue News. If you do not have a computer we have print copies at the library and we can mail them out by special request. To contact the Jaquith call: 426-3581 or e-mail us at: [jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com).

### **The Year in Numbers**

This year the Jaquith Library saw 10,531 patrons (10,507 last year), circulated over 14,217 books, audio books, and videos and magazines (12,944 last year), did 713 interlibrary loans (381 last year), and offered free programs to 4,099 people (4,104 last year). The increase in interlibrary loans is due to our new CLOVER system where patrons can look up books on their own and see where they are available throughout the state of Vermont and beyond! Then you can call the Jaquith to order the book. Yes, the world is literally at your fingertips!!

The circulation increase is in part due to more patrons using the Listen-up Vermont service, which allows people to read and listen to books on a device of their choice: iPhones, iPods, iPods, Nooks, Kindles, computers, Smart phones and more. 1,326 patrons used the Listen-up service in 2018! If you want to learn more about how to do this, a tutorial on the library website can

help! As you can see, the Jaquith continues to meet the needs of its community.

### **Come to the Library**

There is so much happening at the Jaquith Library. Upstairs we have art exhibits which change every two months with an art opening the second Friday of every other month. After pursuing the art, visit the Hap Hayward History Center. Relax on a comfy chair in our warm and inviting upstairs space. Use one of our five patron computers with our super-fast high-powered fiber connect broad band service. Borrow a book, a movie, an audio CD. If you haven't been in for a while, please visit!

Did you know that the Jaquith Library has many different services? We offer Universal Classes - free on-line courses. You just need a patron number and then follow the easy directions. We offer Consumer Reports on-line. All you need is a patron number and the password. Another wonderful service is the Vermont Online Library. The Jaquith website has links to all these valuable resources. All of our services are free and available to all.

The Jaquith also has free state park and museum passes for one to three-day loans. You can use the Vermont State Park Day pass at any of the state parks. Picture yourself and a companion swimming or hiking, or just sitting by a lake and reading. The museums you can visit include: Fairbanks Museum, the Echo Museum, Vermont Historical Museum, Shelburne Farms, Billings Farm and Museum, and Vermont Historical sites. We also have passes for Ben and Jerry's. You are welcome to call ahead to reserve the passes.

### **Become a Member of the Friends Organizing Committee**

The Friends of the Jaquith Library raises the money we use to pay for programming at the library. Without their efforts, we would not have the high quality and variety of programming we all enjoy. The Friends Organizing Committee plans the fundraising events and finds the volunteers to help with events such as the Annual Book Sale, Chili Festival, and summer concert series book and bake sales. New people are always needed to volunteer to help at any of these fundraising events or maybe you would like to become a

member of the Friends Organizing Committee. Call or email the library to volunteer or join the committee.

### **Ongoing Events:**

#### **Preschool Story Time & Playgroup:**

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Follows the Twinfield schedule)

#### **Library Trustees' Meeting:**

Second Mondays at 7 pm

#### **Monthly Book Club for Adults:**

Fourth Mondays at 7 p.m.

#### **Chapters in History Book Group:**

Second Saturdays at 2 p.m.

#### **Movies:**

Second Wednesdays of the month

### **Library Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 3 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 3 to 6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sundays Closed

### **Gratitude**

We continue to be so grateful for the many, many wonderful volunteers who give their time to help shelving, working the circulation desk, processing books, helping with computers, planning and providing programs, working tirelessly at events and many other unseen tasks. Thank you to the musicians who donated concerts and to the people who helped plan, set-up and clean-up afterwards. Thank you to the artists and authors who shared their creativity with us. Thanks to the Library Trustees and the Friends for their endless work. Thank you to those who sponsored the summer concert series, presented summer library programs and assisted with summer programming. Thank you to the companies and local businesses who donated silent auction items, space for programs and food for events. And thank you to all the generous donors who gave financial support during our annual appeal. This library could not function as fully as it does without the selfless gifts of time, enthusiasm, energy, resources and love of the library that these countless individuals give. Thank you!

**SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!**

# JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Town Account

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Budget 2019</u>
Available, Jan. 1	21,017	21,017	21,017	21,017
<b>Income</b>				
Town Appropriation	79,850	80,713	80,713	78,954
Previous Year's Surplus	0	0	0	3,764
Fundraising	4,662	4,000	5,758	4,400
Interest and Dividends	18	209	20	14
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>84,531</u>	<u>84,922</u>	<u>86,491</u>	<u>87,132</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
Deficit from previous year	829	196	196	0
Books	6,368	5,500	5,493	7,050
Magazines	348	350	364	365
Computer Expenses	2,152	1,625	1,847	4,293
Telephone	723	800	753	800
Old Schoolhouse Common	12,840	12,840	12,840	12,840
Cleaning Service	1,590	780	860	800
Insurance	1,221	1,024	1,024	1,012
Library Equipment	0	0	0	1,500
Supplies	670	660	853	968
Postage and Returns	713	920	1,060	1,190
Conference Fees	75	0	92	100
Transportation/Mileage	89	0	0	90
Service Charge	7	10	0	10
<b>Staff Expenses</b>				
Librarian	28,622	31,965	32,177	32,860
Children's Librarian	6,972	7,800	7,706	8,018
Regular Part-Time *	1,672	0 *	2,259	1,924
Substitute	864	2,604	1,152	1,945
Social Security	2,169	2,627	2,675	2,774
Medicare	507	614	626	649
Retirement	2,078	2,317	2,353	2,444
Health Insurance	14,218	12,289	8,399	5,500
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<u>57,101</u>	<u>60,217</u>	<u>57,346</u>	<u>56,114</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	84,727	84,922	82,728	87,132
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(196)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,764</b>	<b>0</b>
Applied to next year	196	0	(3,764)	0
<b>Available, Dec. 31</b>	<u><b>21,017</b></u>	<u><b>21,017</b></u>	<u><b>21,017</b></u>	<u><b>21,017</b></u>

\*Regular part-time wages were previously included with Substitute:

**JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Jaquith Account**

	<u>Actual 2017</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>
<b>Available, Jan. 1</b>	<b>7,245</b>	<b>8,899</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Grants</b>	2,770	2,850
<b>Donations</b>	8,283	6,508
<b>Conscience Can</b>	126	85
<b>Book Replacement</b>	183	73
<b>Book Sales</b>	360	374
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>11,722</u>	<u>9,888</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Payroll</b>	1,597	1,575
<b>Books</b>	821	2,293
<b>Playgroup</b>	250	465
<b>Programs</b>	6,204	5,951
<b>Expansion Expenses</b>	0	114
<b>Other Donation/Grant Purchases</b>	1,195	1,218
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>10,067</u>	<u>11,615</u>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>1,654</b>	<b>(1,727)</b>
<b>Available, Dec. 31</b>	<b>8,899</b>	<b>7,172</b>
<b>Balances</b>		
<b>Town Account Balance</b>	21,017	21,017
<b>Jaquith Account Balance</b>	8,899	7,172
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) applied</b>	(196)	3,764
<b>Less Prepayments</b>	(395)	(318)
<b>Owed to Town</b>	0	402
<b>Total, Checking and Savings Accts</b>	<u>29,325</u>	<u>32,037</u>
<b>Mutual Fund Balance, Dec. 31</b>	87,930	82,683

## VIRGINIA STRANAHAN MEMORIAL TOWN FOREST

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The Stewardship Committee for our 620-acre Stranahan Memorial Town Forest (STF) has had a busy and challenging year. Our projects have varied from trails' clean-up, creating and improving a beautiful historic site, and working with the Urban and Forestry Grant Team to help develop a recreational plan for this beautiful parcel of land.

The Committee encourages all townspeople and others to visit STF and enjoy its beautiful woods, fields, cellar holes, wetlands, wildlife and other natural features. The varied uses of STF include hunting, forestry, agriculture, sugaring, education, habitat and natural resource protection, historic preservation, and recreation. Hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and biking, horseback-riding, and snowmobiling are available in our town forest along trails designated for the various means of travel. Please reach out to anyone on the STF Committee if you have any questions.

Below is a partial list of what the committee has been working on and what is happening in the Stranahan Memorial Town Forest (STF):

### **Ongoing Drainage Work Alongside the Moon Trail and Thompson Road**

Ongoing drainage work was done by Rich Phillips and volunteers. The Thompson road has been improved in various areas but still needs attention. The drainage improvements appear to be working as intended. We're doing this work to not only better the trail's foot traffic but also to enable those who can't walk into the forest. We'd like to be able to bring in seniors and those with mobility challenges in 4WD vans. We are also looking into rerouting the footpath part of the upper Thompson Road trail around a very wet spring area.

### **Historic Site Cleaned and Opened Up**

At the former Thompson Farm, a wonderful volunteer effort was made to clean up around and expose the barn and

house stone foundations. The walls still stand pretty straight. What a beautiful setting! We plan to use this location for events and forest education, hopefully with access for mobility-challenged people. We hope to have an annual “Celebrate Marshfield” gathering at this site. Volunteers for this project, in addition to committee members, were Mary McCarthy, Patrick Pfeifer, Nancy Everhart, and Gary Leach.

### **Keeping the Fields and Trails Mowed**

Rich Phillips has continued to brush hog the Thompson Road and the field portion of the Moon Trail. Rich has also bush hogged the fields around the old foundation. This work helps to maintain the former hayfields near that old farm. Rich’s ongoing mowing has helped contain the spread of unwanted burdocks and ticks in the tall grasses. Also, invasive knotweed and honeysuckle have been mowed down and continue to be an ongoing project.

### **New Parking Area and Kiosk Built on Jake Martin Road**

Trails information and mapping is being added to the kiosk in the new parking area. We are updating the STF maps to include the newer bike trails. We hope to have updated maps placed at both parking areas.

### **Hiking Trails**

The STF has about six miles of trails, about half of which are designated for foot travel and the other half, including the Thompson Road and Moon Field Trail are open to travel by horse and bicycle. We are planning a trail’s marker review to maintain good visual markers in the forest. The Twinfield Snow Travelers continue to use and maintain the VAST snowmobile trail that passes through the STF. Extensive trail clean-up was needed following this year’s storm damage. Many volunteers have come to our “work days” with chainsaws, weed wackers, and boundless energy to help keep all our trails open and safe. Many thanks to the following for the numerous hours volunteered to keep these trails clear this year: Diana Batzel, Ellen Cooke, Sarah Galbraith, Sarah Fowler, Ed Jalbert, Rich Phillips, members of the RIPM (Riders in Plainfield Marshfield), Tristan von Duntz, Drew McNaughton, Dan

Schall, and Johnny Schmitt (and his team) for the snow machine trail upkeep.

### **Boundary Marker Project**

Perimeters have been marked with the STF's border signage. We have a lot more area to cover and we plan to have some work bees this Winter and next Spring. If you like discovering off-trail terrain and would like to be on this boundary team let us know.

### **Bike Trails**

The bike club (RIPM: Riders in Plainfield and Marshfield) began a new trail project this year. The new trail connects the new parking area on Jake Martin Road to the Moon Field. This project included flagging the new route and extensive bridging construction. The bridging materials (\$400) were paid for by RIPM through memberships and donations. The bike club is preparing signage to go on the new kiosk at the Jake Martin parking area to give information to mountain bikers.

### **Management Plan Update**

In the coming year, we will be focusing our efforts on updating the STF Management Plan. With the help from the Urban Forestry Grant we've been asking our Marshfield community what they see for the future use of the STF. Thank you all for the feedback. It really helped to understand how you feel the forest should be managed. With this feedback, and hopefully ongoing input from our town, we will fine tune the goals stated in the original plan. The discussions and work to update the Plan will include logging, wet lands, and balancing the community's wishes for use.

### **Sugaring and Haying**

Jim Brimblecombe reports having 2826 taps this year in the sugarbushes to either side of Guernsey Brook. Bob Light had 62 taps along the Thompson Road adjacent his farm. The Moon Field and Jake Martin Rd. field continue to be hayed by the Martins and Steve Newton, respectively. Income derived from those sugaring and haying the STF are found in the General Government and Designated Funds reports within the Annual Town Report. We thank

our working forest partners for their hard work and contributions to our forest.

**Education .**

Three educational events took place at the STF in 2018. In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the annual Mother’s Day Spring Wildflower Walk took place on a bluebird-like mid-May day. A Spring Bird Walk, which has also occurred for several years running, and a second autumn Beautiful Tree Walk, were the other featured educational events held at the Town Forest this past year. All three events held are cosponsored by the Conservation Commission and the Jaquith Library.

**Volunteer Hours**

There were over 241.5 volunteer hours of physical labor, machinery work, and organizational time during this year to maintain and improve the STF.

**Invitation**

Our meetings are the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Old Schoolhouse Common. Please attend to let us know your ideas. Your input is particularly needed during 2019 as the Management Plan is updated. This is an amazing town asset. We want your input on how you think it should be managed. If you are not comfortable or are not able to make it to our meetings you can email or mail your comments to Rich Phillips, the Chair of the committee, or to the town clerk.

Respectfully Submitted, Stranahan Stewardship Committee

Ellen Cooke  
Sarah Fowler  
Brett Engstrom  
Rich Phillips

Sarah Galbraith  
Michael Sabourin  
Jenny Warshow  
Ed Jalbert (CC)

## MARSHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Marshfield Conservation Commission (MCC) has been in existence for twelve years. The Commission is composed of nine community members appointed by the Select Board. We meet monthly on the first Wednesday at 7 PM at the Old Schoolhouse Common. The meetings are open to the public, and we welcome attendance by any interested community members. We participate in service activities on town land, lead field trips, and sponsor talks by local experts. All activities are posted on flyers, in Front Porch Forum, or via email (if you sign up to be on our distribution list).

The primary goal of the Conservation Commission is to encourage community involvement in protecting and enhancing the town's natural resources. We are strictly non-regulatory and provide advisory information to the Select Board and other town boards. Marshfield is one of approximately 110 towns that have conservation commissions since the enabling legislation passed in 1977.

Members: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Annie Reed (Chair), and Rachel Rudi.

The Marshfield Conservation Commission has been involved in the following activities during 2018

### Wildlife Pamphlet:

- Sara Norton with help from Adelaide Tyrol and Tracey Hambleton produced a pamphlet that provides helpful tips to protect wildlife habitats and corridors.
- Copies were distributed to various agencies, organizations, and other conservation commissions.
- Plainfield CC purchased 150 copies
- Copies are available at the Conservation Commission table at Town Meeting.

### Natural Marshfield Series:

- Climate Change movie and discussion with Roger Hill
- Tom Wessels, Antioch College. Self Organization in Nature
- Joe Roman, UVM. Economics of Conservation

### Field Trips:

- A birding trip to the Stranahan Town Forest in May to observe spring migrants;
- Visit to Emerald Ash Borer infected trees to view damage and signs of infestation

- Arranged a tour of the new sugaring operation in Marshfield

#### Tree and Shrub Sale:

- Sold trees and shrubs at a sale undertaken jointly with the Plainfield Conservation Commission. Material was locally sourced whenever possible.
- Surplus plant materials were planted at The Martin Covered Bridge property.
- The MCC made over \$750 as a result of the sale. These funds are earmarked for future conservation projects in Marshfield;

#### Tree Plantings:

- Planted cedars, red maples, and elderberries along Winooski River with help from Twinfield students. Trees were purchased by the Friends of Winooski
- Weeded the permaculture garden at the OSC.

#### Town Plan:

- Coordinated with Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) to draft four maps showing large forested blocks and wildlife corridors as required by Act 171
- Provided the maps along with a narrative addressing Act 171 to the Planning Commission for incorporation into the Town Plan.

#### Water Quality:

- Participated in Upper Winooski Flood Resilience Project
- Continued to monitor the upper Winooski River and tributaries at 9 locations in Marshfield to identify high quality streams and those that are high in phosphorus.
- Three sample events occurred under low flows and 3 immediately following rain events.
- Sampled 5 swimming locations for bacteria levels during low flows, when swimming use is more likely to occur.
- Report can be found on Friends of the Winooski River website.
- Worked with the CVRPC on a "water wise woodlands" project.
- Helped organize three woodland walks for forest landowners to demonstrate proper woodland management practices that protect water quality, and flood resiliency.

#### Green Up:

- Members of the Marshfield Conservation Commission helped organize trash pickup in Marshfield. Drew McNaughton served as town coordinator, and other members served as block coordinators. Julie Shedd, a teacher at Twinfield, organized students to help.

## ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

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During 2018 the Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee worked on a few projects. The first of these was to begin drafting an enhanced energy plan which would comply with Act 174. Act 174 allows communities to obtain standing with the Public Utility Commission for energy projects in the town. In order to obtain this, the town must draft an enhanced energy plan which provides guidance on the preferred siting of renewable energy projects. The Energy Committee will be working with the Planning Commission to ensure that the drafted plan can be adopted into the town plan.

The Energy Committee had a robust presence at the Fall Foliage Festival at the Old Schoolhouse common, including several things. Committee members and friends offered rides in hybrid and electric vehicles, and answered questions about them. Several solar installers were present, providing information about how homeowners could get solar installed.

Other activities were also undertaken or participated in by Committee members. Several Books and DVDs related to climate change were provided to the Jaquith Library to enhance its collection. A group of Marshfield and Plainfield residents were involved with applying for an electric vehicle charging station grant to be located at Twinfield Union School. The same group of residents was also involved in revitalizing a discussion of weatherizing Twinfield Union School. A few Committee members attended the annual VECAN conference, and brought back information to share from the event. The Committee was also involved in discussions regarding the safety of the Molly's Falls dam, and helped to ensure that Marshfield became party to the Public Utility Commission case.

In 2019 the Committee has several items planned. The first of these is to see the enhanced energy plan through to incorporation as part of the town plan. Action will continue related to ensuring the safety of the Molly's Falls dam is addressed. The Committee plans to participate in the Fall Foliage Festival, as well as other events, and hopes to expand the offerings. The Committee hopes to apply for a grant that would fund installation and operation of an electric vehicle charging station at the Old Schoolhouse Common. The committee is also applying jointly with Plainfield for the Climate Economy Model Communities program.

We are always glad to welcome new members with a passion for teaching, acting, and working towards a lower carbon future. You are encouraged to join us the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm at the Old Schoolhouse Common.

## **CEMETERY BYLAWS**

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The following restrictions shall apply to the use and operation of all cemeteries in the Town of Marshfield.

1. A concrete liner, vault or air-tight urn (for cremations) shall be used for all burials.
2. All vaults or liners shall be covered with at least twelve (12) inches of earth.
3. In one standard grave lot the following shall be permitted:
  - A. One (1) standard burial and one cremated burial which shall be immediately in front of the headstone;
  - B. Two (2) cremated burials immediately in front of the headstone and one (1) infant burial;
  - C. Four (4) cremated burials.
4. Vaults and liners shall be centered as close as possible in each grave lot. Vaults/liners shall not be placed closer than four (4) feet from the edge of the travelled road.
5. All monument foundations shall be at least four feet deep, and shall be 6 inches wider and 6 inches longer than the monument to allow for a 3 inch protective apron on all sides, and shall be buried at or just below ground level. Installation of the monument foundation shall be overseen by the Sexton or his/her designee. The fee for this service shall be \$20.00 per hour.
6. All corner markers shall be installed by the Sexton or his/her designee. The fee for this service shall be \$20.00 per hour.
7. No trees, shrubs or bushes shall be planted except with the approval of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners or Board of Selectmen or their authorized representative.
8. The opening date for burials shall not be earlier than May 1st and the closing date for burials shall not be later than November 1st.
9. Cost of grave lots: \$500.00 for Marshfield residents, \$750.00 for non-residents.
10. Excavation, back fill and reseeded:

Full Burials	\$700.00
Cremations	\$400.00

Most recent revision November 13, 2018 by the Marshfield Selectboard

To schedule any work in the cemeteries, call Sexton Joe Mangan at 426-3121.

## CEMETERY OPERATING FUND

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Balance, Jan. 1</b>	<b>32,902</b>	<b>33,456</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Interest</b>	2,519	2,623
<b>Appropriation</b>	8,600	8,600
<b>Burials</b>	1,400	4,175
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>12,519</b>	<b>15,398</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
<b>Sexton</b>	800	800
<b>Additional Labor</b>	28	0
<b>Burials</b>	900	2,550
<b>Maintenance</b>	1,275	1,375
<b>Flags</b>	100	150
<b>Capital Repairs</b>	0	0
<b>Cemetery Mowing</b>	8,600	8,600
<b>Insurance</b>	22	8
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	241	1,870
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>11,965</b>	<b>15,353</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Balance, Dec. 31</b>	<b>33,456</b>	<b>33,502</b>

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Balance, Jan. 1</b>	<b>116,479</b>	<b>126,751</b>
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Investment Income</b>		
<b>Mutual Fund Dividends</b>	3,041	2,005
<b>Change in Market Value</b>	4,991	(9,202)
<b>Capital Gains</b>	490	334
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	8,522	(6,864)
<b>Lot Purchases</b>	1,750	3,000
<b>Total Income</b>	10,272	(3,864)
<b>Balance, Dec. 31</b>	<b>126,751</b>	<b>122,887</b>

## BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31

	<b>2,017</b>	<b>2,018</b>
Cash/Money Market	13,984	12,470
Owed from General Fund	(1,960)	2,600
Bonds/Government Securities	45,423	43,820
Mutual Funds	102,760	97,499
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>160,207</b>	<b>156,389</b>
Perpetual Care Fund Balance	126,751	122,887
Operating Fund Balance	33,456	33,502
<b>Total Both Funds</b>	<b>160,207</b>	<b>156,389</b>

## **BIRTHS**

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<b><u>Name of Child</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Parents</u></b>
Barnett, Kaydence Marie	Merry Ann Marie Noyes & Joshua Mitchell Barnett
Barnett, Sophia Hope	Gail Louise McDonald & Norbert Frederick Barnett IV
Bean, Caius William	Bonnie Leah Cooper & Zachary John Bean
Graves, Kendall Elizabeth	Heather Marie Graves & Seth Robert John Graves
Grenier, Charlotte Louise	Marielle Grenier & Paul Michael Grenier
Howard, Arrow Jean Dakota	Tanya Jean Gile & Kelly Luther Howard
King, Sophia Jean	Eleanor Mae King & Adrian Lee King Jr.
Mashler, Richard Carson	Sarah Beth Allain & Carson Richard Mashler
Mulligan, Owen Dennis	Cathleen Marie Mulligan & Luke Daniel Mulligan
Rovetto, Luciano Pietro	Amy C. Leventhal & John G. Rovetto
Ruggles, Vera Lyn	Susanna Jean Paye & Michael Thomas Ruggles
Tetreault, Violet Rose	Sierra Nicole Slothower & Kyle Elliott Tetreault
Truedson, Liberty Susan	Andrea Marie Truedson & Marc William Truedson
Watkins, Samuel Cooper	Sarah Elizabeth Watkins & Stephen Paul Watkins
Xenakis, Zosimos Orion	Natasha Lynn Xenakis & Michael George Xenakis

## MARRIAGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Residence</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location of Ceremony</u>
Natasha Lynn Patten	Marshfield	Michael George Xenakis	Marshfield	1/20/2018	Marshfield
Tyler Leigh Carroll	Marshfield	Victoria Anne Dailey	East Calais	2/17/2018	Bairre City
Erik Holm Pendleton	Marshfield	Macey Martyne Mayfield	Marshfield	4/21/2018	Marshfield
Angela Teresa Mayo	Marshfield	Scott Eric Ackermann	Marshfield	5/5/2018	Cabot
Eugene Patrick Mulligan	Peacham	Melissa Anne Glassford	Marshfield	6/23/2018	Marshfield
Royal Snetsinger Healy	New York	Anna Phullara Tyrol	New York	6/30/2018	Waitsfield
Linda Sue Trisdale	Marshfield	Billy Joe Bornstein Jr.	Marshfield	7/18/2018	Wrightsville
Timothy Daniel Morris	Marshfield	Erin Michelle Mulligan	Cabot	8/4/2018	Marshfield
Jessica Leigh Fuller	Marshfield	John Thomas Cozza	Marshfield	8/18/2018	Marshfield
Brittany Alda Bickford	Marshfield	Jacob Henry Chouinard	Marshfield	8/18/2018	Marshfield
Sarah Beth Allain	Marshfield	Carson Richard Mashler	Marshfield	10/31/2018	Marshfield

## DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Bell, Cheryl A.	68	9/29/2018	Hyde Park
Cayia, Dorothy L.	94	1/2/2018	Berlin
Celley, Philip Lee	65	8/16/2018	Berlin
Chapelle, Robert Norman Sr.	97	2/15/2018	Barre City
Dexter, Arnold Perley	79	1/18/2018	Berlin
Dufresne, Leopold Norbert	77	6/13/2018	Marshfield
Flagg, Christine	54	5/14/2018	Marshfield
Flye, Mary Frances	87	1/4/2018	Chelsea
Folsom, Stanley Denton	90	9/3/2018	Berlin
Holt, Anne Constance	80	11/4/2018	Marshfield
Larsen, William Lauritz	73	12/21/2018	Marshfield
Lowry, Ruth	89	6/6/2018	Marshfield
Mears, Richard Merrill	82	4/28/2018	St. Johnsbury
Phillips, August Thomas Sr.	79	8/7/2018	Burlington
Salls, Shirley Rose	90	9/29/2018	Marshfield
Sayers, Greta Madine	80	2/27/2018	Berlin

## **SUMMARY OF CIVIL ORDINANCES ADOPTED as of December 31, 2018**

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### **#1 Burning and Disposal of Solid Waste**

Prohibits dumping and burning of solid waste and requires the removal and proper disposal of hazardous fluids (antifreeze, oil, gasoline) and the battery from junked or long unused vehicles.

### **#2 Regulating Cemetery Operations**

Incorporates already existing by-laws and covers cemetery closure to all persons at night, vandalism, driving over graves, etc.

### **#3 Regulating use of External Facilities - Old Schoolhouse Common and other town lands and buildings**

Restricts the use of the Town land and facilities surrounding the Old Schoolhouse Common, prohibits smoking on the Old Schoolhouse Common property, limits motor vehicles to parking areas and graveled driveways, prohibits alcoholic beverages, and makes it unlawful to deface or destroy Town property.

### **#4 Regulating Domestic Pets**

Brings together in one document the licensing, rabies, vicious dog, nuisance and disturbance control requirements.

### **#5 Road Naming and Road Addressing**

Authorizes the Selectboard to name all public and private roads in Marshfield, establishes a numbering system unique for each dwelling, and requires the numbers to be displayed at each dwelling.

### **#6 Traffic Ordinance**

Sets speed limits on Town roads.

The complete text of these ordinances can be reviewed online at [www.town.marshfield.vt.us/ordinances](http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/ordinances) or obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

## DOGS

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Dog licenses for the current year are available beginning on January 2. The deadline for licensing is April 1. Puppies must be licensed when they are six months old. You may license your dog by stopping by the office, or via the mail if you send the following:

- Current rabies certificate (if we already have one on file, we will mail yours back to you). A dog's first rabies shot is good for one year; subsequent shots are good for three years.
- Spay/neuter certificate if applicable
- A description of the dog, including name, breed, size, color, and age
- A check for the appropriate fee, made payable to the Town of Marshfield

The 2019 dog license fees are as follows:

	Current	Late	New Dog After Oct. 1
<b>Neutered/spayed dog or wolf-hybrid:</b>			
License	4.00	6.00	2.00
Town Pet Control Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Spay/Neuter Surcharge	4.00	4.00	4.00
State Rabies Control Surcharge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Unneutered/Unspayed dog or wolf-hybrid:</b>			
License	8.00	12.00	4.00
Town Pet Control Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Spay/Neuter Surcharge	4.00	4.00	4.00
State Rabies Control Surcharge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>

### Dog Licenses Issued in 2018

Male	30
Male Neutered	130
Female	38
Female Spayed	<u>136</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>334</b>

## **2019 RABIES CLINICS**

There will be a rabies clinic at the Marshfield Town Garage on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. Rabies vaccines will be \$10, and distemper vaccines will be \$30. Hardwick Veterinary Clinic at 64 N Main Street in Hardwick will be conducting its rabies clinics this spring during the first 4 Saturdays in March (March 2, March 9, March 16, and March 23). The clinics will run from 8:30 am through 10:00 am. It will be \$20 for a rabies vaccine. No appointments are necessary.

## **DOG ORDINANCE**

Marshfield's Civil Ordinance #4, Regulating Domestic Pets, prohibits an owner from allowing their dog to run at large or be a nuisance to others. Marshfield does not have a leash law but dogs are required to be under their owner's control at all times.

Dogs that are not licensed, or dogs that violate the ordinance may be picked up by Marshfield's Dog Officer. Violations that may cause your dog to be impounded include excessive barking, damage to property, scattering refuse, harassing pedestrians, cyclists, or passersby, worrying or attacking livestock or other pets, obstructing traffic, or threatening.

If your dog is impounded, you will be required to pay an impoundment fee and boarding fees before getting your dog back. In addition, the town ordinance allows the Selectboard to impose penalties. If your dog is found to be threatening or attacking livestock, the state statute requires the Selectboard to see that the dog is destroyed.

If you have a complaint about a neighbor's dog causing a disturbance or nuisance, the ordinance requires you to first contact the owner when feasible. If you are unable to resolve the issue with the owner, you should report the issue to the Selectboard. You will be required to follow up the report with a written complaint.

Full text of the ordinance is available on the town's website, <http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/>, or at the Town Clerk's office.

## NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGE DISTRICT

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The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District assists the Marshfield community by providing recycling services in your area. Your local transfer station is located on Saw Mill Rd. in Cabot and is open year-round on Saturdays, 8:00am-12:00pm.

Accepted materials include: plastic containers #1-4 & #5 food-grade containers (no black plastic containers accepted), all colors of glass, tin, aluminum, paper, cardboard, books, batteries, CFL bulbs, certain electronics (computers and TV monitors included), scrap metals, aerosols, plastic bags (any color), and waste oil all free of charge. Trash and tires are accepted for a fee. Ask the transfer station attendant for more details, or call the NEKWMD at 802-626-3532.

### 2019 Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 4</b>	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Danville</b> Stump Dump
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 11</b>	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Guildhall</b> Town Hall
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 18</b>	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Albany</b> Transfer Station
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 25</b>	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Bloomfield</b> Town Clerks
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 1</b>	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Derby</b> Recycling Center
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 8</b>	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Westmore</b> Transfer Station
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 22</b>	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Westfield</b> Transfer Station
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 6</b>	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Holland</b> Recycling Center
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 27</b>	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	<b>Newbury</b> Town Garage
<b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 21</b>	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Lyndon</b> Recycling Center

**Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM!** The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 1, 2017 to October 7, 2017. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

**\*\*HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS\*\***

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The NEKWMD finished 2018 by processing slightly less recycling compared to 2017 – approximately 2750 tons in 2018 compared to approximately 2975 tons in 2017. Significant drops in organics and cardboard were responsible for most of the decline. A few items, including mixed paper, batteries, and tires saw increases in tonnage, while most other items saw tonnages that were flat or lower than last year. Recycling markets remained steady throughout most of 2018 and were generally average or slightly lower than average.

The District ended 2018 with a deficit of \$41,069.02. The District ended 2017 with a surplus of \$55,755.82. Revenues in 2018 were 11% above projections. While budgeted expenses were 16.3% above projections. The catastrophic failure of our baler on September 24, 2018 was the largest reason for the deficit. Not only did we have to pay to ship materials off-site, we lost revenue from the sale of those materials. We anticipate having a new baler by the end of February, 2019.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District membership in 2018. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The NEKWMD is entering 2019 with a proposed budget of \$825,073 – an increase of 8.5% compared to 2018. The vast majority of the increase is due to the addition of a \$41,000 baler payment over the next 5 years. The surcharge rate of \$24.25 will increase by \$0.50 for 2019. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$26.59.

The NEKWMD was staffed by nine full-time and four part-time employees in 2018. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The nearly 50,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

**NEKWMD Executive Committee**

## WARNING – TOWN MEETING 2019

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The legal voters of the Town of Marshfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Twinfield Union School in said Town on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 9:00 E.S.T. in the forenoon to act upon the following articles.

**Article 1.** To elect the following Town Officers:

Moderator	1 year
Town Clerk	1 year
Town Treasurer	1 year
Selectperson	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Lister	3 years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year
First Constable	1 year
Second Constable	1 year
Town Juror	1 year
Town Agent	1 year
Budget Committee Member	5 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Library Trustee	3 years

**Article 2.** To elect School Directors to serve on the Union District Board, as follows:

School Director	3 years
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**Article 3.** To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,105,147 as the Selectboard Budget. Said amount made up as follows: \$735,458 to be raised in taxes; \$288,068 from other income; and \$81,621 previous year surplus to be applied. Said budget amount to be allocated as follows:

\$280,578 for the payment of indebtedness and general expenses (\$155,138 from taxes and surplus, and \$125,440 from other income);  
\$649,023 for the support of highways and bridges (\$552,526 from taxes and surplus, and \$96,497 from other income);  
\$69,082 in support of the Marshfield Fire Department (all from taxes and surplus);  
\$46,100 in support of Emergency Services;  
\$15,230 in support of the Planning and Zoning Department (\$12,735 from taxes and surplus, \$2,495 from permit fees);  
\$1,900 in support of the Marshfield Recreation Committee (all from taxes and surplus);  
\$43,234 in support of the Old Schoolhouse Common (\$33,167 from building lease/rentals and other income, \$30,469 allocated from other town departments, \$20,402 used to lower taxes).

- Article 5.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$78,954 in support of the Jaquith Public Library.
- Article 6.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$6,455 in support of the Marshfield Historical Society.
- Article 7.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$14,000 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries.
- Article 8.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,333 as its share of the cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.
- Article 9.** To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$13,207 to be allocated as follows:

Central VT Adult Basic Education	\$ 575
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,400
Central VT Home Health & Hospice	\$ 3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	\$ 350
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 300
Friends of the Winooski	\$ 300
Good Beginnings	\$ 300
Green Mountain Transit	\$ 882
Home Share Now	\$ 200
Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,000
Our House	\$ 100
Peoples Health and Wellness	\$ 400
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 100
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 3,000
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 200
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program	\$ 250
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$ 100
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 150
Washington County Youth Svc Bureau	<u>\$ 250</u>
Total	\$13,207

- Article 10. a.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes;
- b. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts;
- c. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide funds for the amounts previously voted;
- d. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, August 16, 2019, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers; and
- e. To see if the Town will vote to have the School taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of

business on Friday, November 15, 2019, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers.

**Article 11.** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Dated January 22, 2019  
Richard Baker, Laurie Colgan, and Christopher Martin

Marshfield, Vermont, January 23, 2019 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Warning for the Annual Town Meeting for the year 2019 and that it was recorded before posting.

Attest, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

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**WARNING**  
**NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE**

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 to act on the following article.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$825,073?

**NOTICE**

The polls will be open at Twinfield Union School from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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## NOTICE TO VOTERS

### **BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerks Office by February 3, 2019. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 23, 2019.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE:** There is no deadline to register to vote. You will be able to register to vote on the day of the election.\*\* You can register prior by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to **olvr.sec.state.vt.us**.

**REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at **mvp.sec.state.vt.us**. The latest you can request ballots is noon on March 4, 2019. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

### **WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:**

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before noon on March 4, 2019.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

**FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)**

*\*\* Election officials are active participants in the open town meeting, so registering at the polls may require you to wait until there is a break in the meeting. You are strongly encouraged to register before Election Day, either online or at the town office.*

## PHONE NUMBERS, MEETINGS and OTHER INFORMATION

**Town Web Address:** <http://town.marshfield.vt.us>

**Town Clerk's hours:** Tues. - Friday 8:00-12:00 & 12:30-4:00  
Telephone: 426-3305 email: [clerk@town.marshfield.vt.us](mailto:clerk@town.marshfield.vt.us)

**SELECTBOARD:**

Laurie Colgan	426-3653
Richard Baker	522-1020
Christopher Martin	454-8441

**ROAD FOREMAN:**

Tim Kspegka	426-3631
Town Garage	426-3752

**LIBRARY:**

Susan Green	426-3581
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**VILLAGE CLERK:**

Meg Eberhardt	426-3393
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**VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

Becky Wigg, President	630-200-5285
Ian Covey	426-3099
Bruce Hayden	426-3310
Brendan McLane	426-3013
Josh Reil	917-3226

**DOG OFFICER:**

Mia Roethlein	363-0929
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**Jaquith Library Trustees** meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**Marshfield Conservation Commission** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**Marshfield Development Review Board** meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. when required.

**Marshfield Energy Committee** meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**Marshfield Fire Department** meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. (at the Marshfield Fire Station).

**Marshfield Historical Society** meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**Marshfield Planning Commission** meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**Marshfield Selectboard** meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

**Recreation Committee** meets the last Thursday of March and September at 7:00 p.m.

**Stranahan Stewardship Committee** meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

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