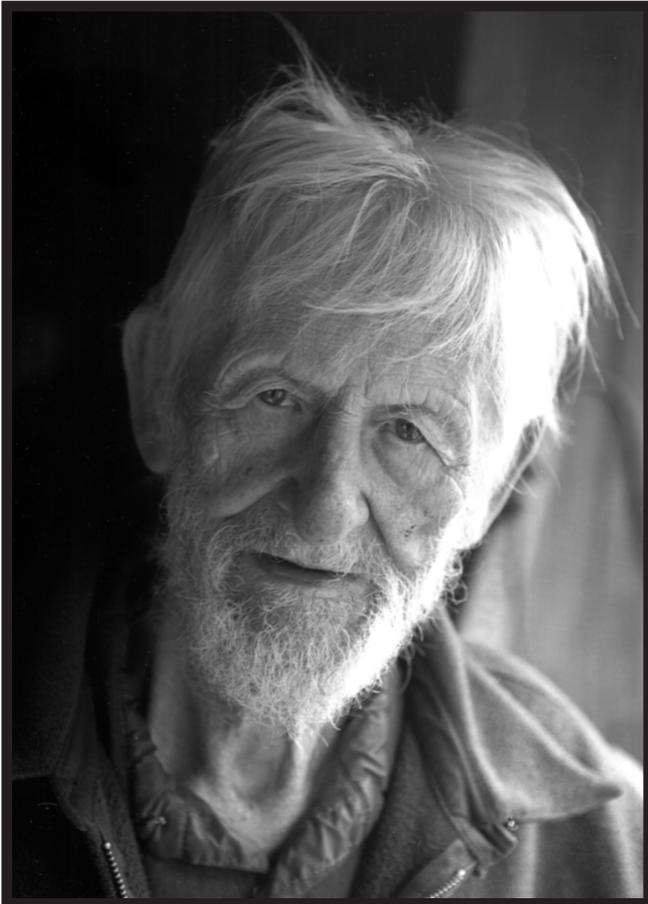


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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
2016



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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator Michael Caccavo

Town Clerk & Treasurer Bobbi Brimblecombe

Selectpersons

Term Expires 2017 Andrew Perchlik

Term Expires 2018 Christopher Martin

Term Expires 2019 Laurie Colgan

School Directors

Term Expires 2017 Patrick Healy

Term Expires 2018 Jack Hoffman

Term Expires 2019 Jill Wilson

Auditors

Term Expires 2017 Thomas Maclay

Term Expires 2017 (appointed) Audrey Huntington

Term Expires 2019 Doris Dufresne

Listers

Term Expires 2017 Lois Burnham

Term Expires 2018 Meg Eberhardt

Term Expires 2019 Karen O'Donnell

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Bobbi Brimblecombe

First Constable Shawn Codling

Second Constable James Arisman

Budget Committee

Term Expires 2017 Doris Dufresne

Term Expires 2018 Deanna Martin

Term Expires 2019 Michael Caccavo

Term Expires 2020 Thomas Maclay

Term Expires 2021 Betsy Brigham

Library Trustees

Term Expires 2017 Kathie Alyce

Term Expires 2018 Liza Earle-Centers

Term Expires 2018 Jennifer Barlow

Term Expires 2019 Annie Reed

Term Expires 2019 Sonia Carrasco

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 2017 Faeterri Silver

Term Expires 2017 Robert Light

Term Expires 2018 Melissa Seifert

Term Expires 2018 Jon Groveman

Term Expires 2019 Michael Schumacher

Term Expires 2019 Ivan Shadis

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

Development Review Board

Term Expires 2017 Gary Leach

Term Expires 2018 James Arisman

Term Expires 2018 Jenny Warshow

Term Expires 2019 Michael Schumacher

Term Expires 2019 Les Snow

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

Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Term expires May 2017 Ivan Shadis

Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee vacant

Representative to Northeast Kingdom Waste Mgmt District vacant

Conservation Commission

Term expires 2017 Allen Banbury

Term expires 2017 Steve Fiske

Term expires 2017 Bob Popp

Term expires 2018 Anne Miller

Term expires 2018 Taber Allison

Term expires 2019 Anne Reed

Term expires 2019 Ed Jalbert

Term expires 2020 Sarah Norton

Term expires 2020 vacant

Energy and Climate Change Committee

Lawrence Black, Wes Cate, Dan Chodorkoff, Michael Horowitz, Anne Miller, John Morris, Richard Phillips, Nick Seifert, Joel Trupin, Rebecca Wigg

Stranahan Stewardship Committee

Term expires 2018 Brett Engstrom
Term expires 2018Michael Sabourin
Term expires 2018Jenny Warshow
Term expires 2019Rain Banbury
Term expires 2019 Ellen Cooke
Term expires 2019 Sarah Fowler
Term expires 2019 Rich Phillips

Recreation Committee

Lincoln Earle-Centers, Drew McNaughton, Penni Ann Stearns,

Fire Chief Thomas Maclay II

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

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

Town Service Officer Beth Stern

Cemetery SextonJoe Mangan

Pound Keeper Laurie Speicher (dogs), CVHS (cats)

Dog Officervacant

Fence Viewers

Chris Bellamy, Dennis Ducharme, Richard Phillips

Tree Warden..... Ronald Smith

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & WoodDennis Ducharme

Weigher of Coal Albert St. Cyr

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

Road Foreman Daniel Tetreault

Road Crew..... Scott Ciampi
Timothy Ksepka
Guthrie Perry

TOWN MEETING 2016

Moderator Michael Caccavo opened Town Meeting at 9:07 on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Twinfield Union School. A total of 173 out of 1,093 registered voters checked in for the open meeting. 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 \$521.10 for the Onion River Food Shelf.

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

Moderator	Michael Caccavo	1 year
Town Clerk	Bobbi Brimblecombe	1 year
Town Treasurer	Bobbi Brimblecombe	1 year
Selectperson		3 years

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

	Laurie Colgan	3 years
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Auditor		3 years
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Doris Dufresne was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

	Doris Dufresne	3 years
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Lister		3 years
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Karen O'Donnell was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

	Karen O'Donnell	3 years
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Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Bobbi Brimblecombe	1 year
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First Constable	Shawn Codling	1 year
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Second Constable	James Arisman	1 year
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Town Juror	Michael Caccavo	1 year
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Town Agent	Michael Caccavo	1 year
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Budget Committee Member	Betsy Brigham	5 years
Library Trustee	Anne Reed	3 years
Library Trustee	Sonia Carrasco	3 years

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

School Director 3 years

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

Jill Wilson 3 years

At this point in the meeting, at Tom Maclay's request, those assembled held a moment of silence for John Warshow.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Moved and seconded to accept the article as printed.

Fire Chief Tim Maclay explained that awards have recently been given to firefighters in recognition of their years of faithful service. Jacob Gouge, Rodney Dimick, Dolly Dimick, and John Taylor: 5 years. Hazel May: 10 years. Tim Morris and Darrell Burkhalter: over 25 years. Tim Maclay: over 45 years. Tom Maclay and Ronald Pitkin: over 50 years.

Chris Martin spoke on behalf of the Selectboard to recognize John Warshow's more than 20 years of service to Marshfield. The Town Report is dedicated to John.

Liza Earle-Centers spoke on behalf of the Library Board. The Library is having a volunteer appreciation day in April but the Board wants to recognize Janet Nielsen for her service to the Library. She has served as volunteer Librarian on Tuesday afternoons for several years, saving the town thousands of dollars.

Marilyn Davis thanked the families of all of those who volunteer their time.

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,006,683 allocated as follows, with \$255,107 from other income, \$107,861 previous year surplus to be applied and \$643,715 to be raised in taxes:

\$254,476 for the payment of indebtedness and general expenses (\$110,015 from other income and \$144,461 from surplus and taxes);

\$603,960 for the support of highways and bridges (\$87,297 from other income, \$51,663 from surplus and taxes);
\$63,548 in support of the Marshfield Fire Department (all from surplus and taxes);
\$21,445 in support of the Planning and Zoning Department (\$2,000 from permit fees, \$19,445 from surplus and taxes);
\$2,250 in support of the Marshfield Recreation Committee (all from surplus and taxes);
\$61,004 in support of the Old Schoolhouse Common (\$25,330 from building lease/rentals, \$30,465 allocated from other town departments, \$5,209 from surplus and taxes).

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Selectboard Chair Andy Perchlik explained that the Selectboard's goal is to not raise taxes but to still provide the services that the citizens need. He noted that the Selectboard's budget is roughly \$1,000 over what was raised last year. The Board gave employees a 1% raise this year. He referred voters to pages 16 and 17 in the town report for a comparison of this year's budget to that of prior years. He noted that the Board added \$5,000 to the Planning budget. The Town applied for a grant to study the current zoning regulations. The Town did not receive the grant but the Board felt that the project is worth pursuing and hopefully the work that will be completed with this budget will allow us to be successful in getting a grant in the future. He explained that the Board has heard from people that the coverage we receive from our contract with the Washington County Sheriff is not enough, and so the Board signed a three-month trial contract with the Vermont State Police. They did not commit to the full year because the contract is expensive, and voters will be asked to decide later today whether they want to continue that coverage.

Betsy Brigham noted that the budget has decreased and she wondered what the employee raises have been over the last few years. Treasurer Bobbi Brimblecombe did not have the information at hand but believes the raises have been between 1 and 2.5% over the last few years. She will post the information on the Town's website.

Betsy explained that one request for an appropriation was inadvertently overlooked when the Budget Committee met to discuss the requests. She moved to increase the Selectboard's budget by \$100 to support Our House. Beth Stern seconded.

Rich Phillips questioned whether it would be better to do this under Article 15, where the Budget Committee's recommendations are voted. Moderator Caccavo explained that this is the correct time to do it. Increasing the Selectboard budget by \$100 with the recommendation that they support Our House is allowed. Adding a new request to Article 15 would not be allowed.

Beth Stern moved to amend the amendment to add another \$200 and encourage the Selectboard to pay it to Home Share Now. She explained that this organization mailed a request for funding but the request was never received by the Town. Faeterri Silver asked what happened to the request from the People's Health and Wellness Clinic. Bobbi Brimblecombe explained that they did not submit a request but that is not unusual; some years they do and some years they don't.

Marilyn Davis asked voters to consider the difference between a request that was overlooked and a request that was not received. Mike Caccavo explained that the Our House request was overlooked because it was included in a letter thanking the Town for last year's appropriation. The Town did not receive a request from Home Share Now.

The amendment to the amendment passed by voice vote. The amendment to add \$300 to the budget passed by voice vote.

Allen Banbury asked if the Selectboard could estimate the cost savings that the Town will see as a result of the mild winter. Andy Perchlik explained that the savings was included in the surplus that is being used to lower taxes for the coming year, but it is difficult to estimate the amount of the savings because each winter spans two tax years.

Lincoln Earle-Centers pointed out that we should be using the term Selectboard or Selectpersons instead of Selectmen.

All in favor of the article as amended.

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$76,822 in support of the Jaquith Public Library.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Jules Rabin spoke in appreciation of the Jaquith Library, noting that Emerson and Thoreau were part of a vibrant intellectual society, and he feels that our Library provides a good platform to keep us in touch with the intellectual activities of our town; it is a wonderful adjunct to public education. He thanked Librarian Susan Green and the Library Trustees. Mike Caccavo noted that the library activities are advertised on Front Porch Forum, and anyone can sign up to be on the email list. Susan invited people to become library patrons.

All in favor.

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

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Winnie Valenza thanked the Historical Society for the wonderful job they did setting up the Hap Hayward room and making the displays available whenever the library is open. She feels that it is a wonderful asset.

All in favor.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Lucy Blue has been doing research on green burials and urged people to consider green cemeteries.

All in favor.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$15,000 in support of the Cabot Ambulance Service.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

All in favor.

Article 9. 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 adopt the article as warned.

All in favor.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to explore other options for ambulance services.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Tim Maclay explained that the reason for exploring other options is because Cabot Ambulance is experiencing staffing difficulties and can't respond to many calls. East Montpelier Ambulance Service would be much faster. It would be much more expensive but the service would be good.

Chris Martin explained that the Selectboard has received some complaints about service and response times. They want to know if voters want them to research what our options are and what it would cost. He thinks it would probably be in the range of \$45,000 - \$50,000 for a paid service. He noted that's a rough estimate, and service is usually billed on a per-capita basis.

Beth Stern asked if switching services would replace both the Cabot Ambulance and the Plainfield Fast Squad. Chris explained that if the article passes, the Selectboard would sit down with all of the various services to see where they are headed.

Wes Cate recommended talking to East Montpelier, noting they have put a lot of resources into upgrading their service. It's closer to some parts of Marshfield and they always have someone there.

Tim Booth would like to know how many calls we have a year. The Town Report states that Cabot responded to 44 calls in Marshfield in 2015. He doesn't think it would be appropriate to double the ambulance budget at this time.

Jules Rabin noted that if estimates are correct, the East Montpelier service would amount to about \$1,000 per call plus what we pay individually. He feels that the Selectboard should investigate with other towns the possibility of consolidating services.

Doris Dufresne asked what the tax implications would be of spending \$45,000 on a service. She was referred to page 17 of the Town Report; it would be about \$35 for a \$100,000 house.

Marilyn Davis noted that years ago when her husband had a heart attack, the ambulance was there in 3 minutes. Recently when a friend needed an ambulance it took 20 minutes, and that's a long time to wait.

Suzan Condon stated that she lives close to the Cabot border and would hate to see the Town do away with the service altogether. She feels that we should be helping them to recruit more volunteers.

Allen Banbury feels that the Selectboard has the responsibility to investigate other options without asking voters' permission. He also feels that \$1,000 per life saved is not excessive.

Jack Hoffman noted that the article is only authorizing the Board to investigate and come back with a report for residents to vote on. He also noted that we are charged by population, not by the call (except for what the individual would be charged). Chris Martin explained that when the Board gets a complaint about a service, the Board doesn't know if the complaint refers to an isolated incident, so they wanted to generate a discussion among a larger group of people.

Dan Chodorkoff noted that the new ambulance service replaces what we have now, we are talking about an increase of about \$20,000 or \$17.34 per \$100,000 house.

Rich Baker suggested bringing various options to Town Meeting next year so that we have alternatives to vote on.

Dwight Baker explained that this issue has been years in the making, with the ebb and flow of membership in Cabot.

Barbara Bendix stated that with something that's a matter of life and death, one complaint is one too many.

Rachel Gouge identified herself as the Training Officer of the Cabot Ambulance Service. She stated that they are very dedicated but they are losing members faster than they can recruit. She thinks looking into the various alternatives to see what we can do is a good idea.

The article passed by voice vote.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to enter into a contract with the Vermont State Police for law enforcement, through the end of 2016, at a cost of \$13,000?

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

A voter voiced his opposition to the "school to prison pipeline." He stated that the country spent \$5 trillion to go to war, and we should not be giving money to the Vermont State Police to scapegoat and stigmatize the poor. He feels that it would be better to use the money to help poor kids go to school, or we could give it to the library. He feels that the police should ask the state for money if they need it. He feels that they never get the right criminals, and the prison population has tripled since 1970. He feels that these discussions matter, because we should not be giving any more money for war and police and stigmatizing the poor. When asked his name, he first refused to identify himself but later gave his name as Randall Meyer.

Jacob Gouge stated that excessive speed and driving under the influence can result in tragedy. As a firefighter he has worked with the police and hasn't met any bad ones. He noted that being a police officer doesn't make you a bad person.

Sarah Hooker asked what the police did during the three-month trial period. Andy Perchlik replied that they patrolled; they were not just doing speed traps. He noted that they gave out more warnings than tickets.

Dan Chodorkoff asked if we get any revenue from the contract. Andy stated that we are looking into whether that would be possible, but to get revenue from tickets written on Route 2, we would need to have a new ordinance because our current ordinance only covers town roads. Dan asked what prompted the contract, speeding or the current round of break-ins. Andy

explained that the Board received complaints about speeding, and the Sheriffs don't have time to do more enforcement in Marshfield. The Board looked into other options and the VSP was the only alternative.

Suzan Condon asked whether domestic violence issues are included, because she has seen as many as 7 troopers responding to a complaint that is often resolved among the family. Andy explained that if a call comes in when the trooper is working a scheduled Marshfield shift, they will respond.

Rich Baker asked if the Board has looked into a speed cart, noting that education might be better than a violation. Chris Martin explained that we are part-owners of a cart with Calais and Plainfield but it hasn't been used in years. He explained that kids would use the cart to see how fast they could go. He noted that the cart would be more effective if there was someone there to enforce the violations. He also noted that it requires someone to move it around and set it up. He explained that Calais wants to own the cart alone.

Faeterri Silver feels that seeing cops just instills fear but doesn't change behavior. She noted that when the Planning Commission did a survey, one of the questions was what people like least about living in Marshfield, and some people cited speeding but she doesn't think that seeing cops will change behavior.

John Morris asked if the police would be off-duty, and how many hours they would be here. Andy explained that they would be working overtime, usually in 2 or 3 hour blocks of time, for a total of 20 hours per month.

Wes Cate explained that there is technology available that would allow for taking a picture when someone is speeding, and perhaps the speed cart could be retro-fitted. Andy stated that the Board can look into that.

Lorilla Banbury told voters her car was hit while turning into a neighbor's driveway on Route 2. She was told by the police that the stretch of Route 2 between Twinfield and Marshfield Village is the most dangerous stretch of road in this part of the State. There have been 8 major accidents in the last year.

Kyle Cushman stated that in addition to speeders, she has been passed by a Catamount bus on Route 2 in a no-passing zone. She believes that there is a lot of drinking and driving on our back roads, judging by the number of beer cans along the roadsides.

Jamie Spector spoke in opposition to the article. She would rather give more money for education and prevention and supporting people. She would like to see the Selectboard investigate other options to reduce speeding. She would rather see us increase the appropriations to the social service agencies.

Sarah Hooker asked the Selectboard not to give up on the speed cart. She feels that some people are just not paying attention.

Lani Seifert feels that the article is well-intentioned but we can't make a good decision without more facts.

Mary Leahy stated that she lives alone in a fairly remote area, and she is comforted when she sees a trooper go by. She has heard about an increasing number of break-ins. She supports appropriations but for people who feel vulnerable, until there is a societal response to crime, the Vermont State Police presence is comforting. She wondered whether we could contract with them for peak crime times.

Suzan Condon asked whether we could allocate the money for an educational program at the school. The moderator stated that it would not be a valid amendment to the article.

David Warshow asked whether there is data available about how much difference 20 hours per month makes.

Lucy Blue noted that she lived in a town that had a reputation for being tough on enforcement, so no one speeded. In that town people also put up signs to remind drivers to slow down. She wondered what the chances are that a trooper driving around would actually see a crime happening.

Tom Maclay moved to call the question. Jules Rabin seconded. The motion was approved by more than 2/3 of the voters (by a show of hands).

The article was defeated, 41 in favor and 54 opposed, by a show of hands.

At 11:50 the meeting recessed for lunch. The meeting reopened at 12:40 after more announcements.

Article 12. 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 the article as printed.

Hearing no objections, Moderator Caccavo invited Chris Loyer from Green Mountain Transit Agency to speak. He stated that ridership is down 15% all across the state. He attributed this to lower gas prices. The Route 2 commuter bus still meets the State's criteria to continue the route.

Brett Engstrom spoke in favor of the bus, noting that it costs only \$8.00 for 100 miles if you go to Burlington, even when gas prices go back up.

Allen Banbury noted that we need to preserve the infrastructure because even if we don't need it now, we will.

All in favor.

Article 13. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$11,782 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 Economic Development Corp	\$ 100
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$ 3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	\$ 250
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 250
Friends of the Winooski	\$ 300
Green Mountain Transit	\$ 882
Green Up Vermont	\$ 100
Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,100
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 1,600
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	\$ 100
Washington County Mental Health	\$ 800
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	\$ 200

Moved and seconded to accept the article as printed.

Suzan Condon stated that Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice is a fee-for-service organization, but they are asking for the lion's share of the appropriation. She noted that the Director's salary is quite substantial. She also noted that the other organizations don't ask for a fee for their services. She loves nurses and the care that they give but they are requesting far more than other agencies.

Tom Maclay respectfully disagreed. His wife needed care and they helped speed her recovery.

Suzan repeated that she doesn't dispute that their service is excellent but they charge insurance companies for their services. She moved to cut their request in half and give \$100 to each organization that is in the article for less than

\$1000, and an extra \$25 to the four that are in for \$100. Darlene Furey seconded.

Tom Maclay explained that the smaller amounts may be what they asked for. He thinks the town should just cut the appropriation if voters want to, but shouldn't increase the appropriation to the others.

Dwight Baker stated that if your wife was dying of cancer and you had to take care of her alone, you would see how valuable this agency is. Peggy Bresse is appalled at the thought of cutting this agency because of the work they do.

Joanne Brooking noted that all of the agencies on this list help people. The mentoring program, for instance, does a lot and could do more with more money, but they don't bill people. She supports Suzan's amendment.

Darlene Furey values the services of Home Health & Hospice but they do bill, and other agencies are saving lives as well but can't bill for their services.

Rich Phillips feels that we should look into their financial situation further before we cut.

Beth Stern stated that as a director of a social service agency, she knows that all of these agencies are struggling. Federal funds are going down, and health care reform might be changing how they are funded. She trusts the Budget Committee; maybe the organizations are providing more info to the Budget Committee. They may be asking for money for free services that they provide.

Mary Leahy noted that not all of the appropriations are in the warning in the amount requested

Betsy Brigham is a member of the Budget Committee. She explained that they try to limit requests and the amount that the requests increase each year. Some requests are due to the Medicaid cost shift.

Dina Bookmyer-Baker noted that CVHH&H has free programs for caregivers.

Faeterri Silver stated that if an organization asks for a certain amount of money and we give them more, they would appreciate it.

The amendment was defeated by standing vote. The article was approved as originally warned.

- Article 14.**
- 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 12, 2016, 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 11, 2016, 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 printed. Bobbi Brimblecombe moved to amend paragraph e. to have the school taxes due on November 18 instead of November 11 to avoid a conflict with Veterans' Day.

The amendment was approved. The article was approved as amended.

Article 15. To see if the voters will approve the following?

- Whereas, the earth's temperature continues to increase at an unprecedented rate, polar ice is melting at an increasing rate and we are experiencing unusual weather and extreme weather events at an increasing frequency; and
- Whereas, scientists nearly unanimously agree the increase in global temperature is the cause of the changing weather, the increase is primarily caused by carbon dioxide emissions from combustion of fossil fuels and unless these emissions are cut substantially we will leave to future generations a much less desirable place to live; and
- Whereas, Marshfield town government and its various committees have the ability to affect the reduction of fossil fuel use through decisions about town infrastructure and operations, through education and assistance to residents to reduce fossil fuel use and to implement climate sensitive requirements in land use regulations.
- Be it resolved, that all elements of Marshfield's government and committees should take all responsible and legal actions within their respective subject areas and in collaboration with others to reduce fossil fuel use by the town's operations and to assist residents to do the same.

- Be it further resolved, that the Select Board or its designee should provide a report on progress under this resolution in the 2016 town report.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as warned.

Rich Phillips explained that the article was generated by the Energy Committee and here by petition. He stated the following:

- An increase of 2°C is what scientists believe can be accommodated by the environment. The average temperature has already increased by 1°C. A total of 585 gigatons of carbon could be released into the atmosphere before the temperature increases by 2°C. Currently there are 2,785 gigatons of carbon in the gas and oil reserves that we already have in storage.
- Fifteen of the warmest 16 years on record have occurred since the year 2000.
- Global land temperature has increased.

Rich explained that fuel companies are still exploring new fuel supplies. Their lobbying is paying off – Congress doesn't act. The issue is too big for politicians. They ignore the scientific evidence that the world is in trouble. Forward progress is left to state and local governments. We can change our behavior and make some reductions in fossil fuel use in our towns. The article intends to help people and the town stay focused on the issue, and to help people reduce their carbon footprint. We can continue home visits and education. We can address energy efficiency in zoning regulations. We can make energy improvements to town buildings.

Jacob Gouge stated that the line that makes him nervous is "implement climate sensitive requirements in land use regulations" which sounds like "make it more expensive and difficult to build a house in Marshfield." He has installed solar panels, has no incandescent lights, and has an efficient heating system. He would rather see programs to help people voluntarily do the right thing without making it more difficult for his children to stay here.

Jay Moore stated that Rich is right – this is the most important issue we face right now.

Michele Gonzales stated that she has made weatherization improvements but doesn't like this article because it is vague and can be interpreted differently in the future. She appreciates what we have here but doesn't want to see it get too difficult to live here. It needs to be clearly stated.

Faeterri Silver doesn't think we as a town need to vote on this. The Town can choose to use the trucks appropriately – they don't need a piece of paper to tell them to do it. We don't need rules and regulations.

Dina Bookmyer-Baker explained that the article doesn't say that regulations will be implemented – they would still have to be approved by the Town.

As a member of the Energy Committee, Dan Chodorkoff sternly supports the resolution. The intent is not to increase regulations but to encourage the Town to cut down our carbon footprint. It is not empowering the Planning Commission to adopt regulations. We would have our say on any regulations that are proposed. He feels we have nothing to lose and nothing to fear from passing this resolution.

Lawrence Black, who just left the Energy Committee after several years, agrees with concerns over global warming, especially regarding transportation. He moved to amend the 3rd paragraph of the article to change "requirements" to "recommendations" and to amend the 4th paragraph of the article to delete "and legal". Wes Cate seconded.

Sue Morris asked whether the two amendments could be separated.

Andy Perchlik reasoned that since the 3rd paragraph begins with "whereas" it doesn't need to be amended because the Town already has the authority to do what it says. He would be OK with the change to the 4th paragraph.

Rich Phillips explained that he is OK with taking out "and legal", noting that it was put there to avoid illegal actions. Regarding the zoning regulations, the Town does have the right to implement requirements. All this article is asking is for committees to think about how they can reduce fossil fuel use.

Dina Bookmyer-Baker stated that land use regulations are requirements. The Board already has this power. You are not adding anything by passing this.

Michael Sabourin offered a friendly amendment to the amendment, to delete "should take all responsible and legal actions within their respective subject areas and", to add "shall", and delete "to" (in two places). Suzan Condon seconded. The paragraph would then read as follows:

- Be it resolved, that all elements of Marshfield's government and committees shall in collaboration with others reduce fossil fuel use by the town's operations and assist residents to do the same.

Marilyn Davis noted that the difference between "should" and "shall" is pretty significant. "Should" gives committees some leeway.

Jack Hoffman agreed that “should” vs. “shall” is important. This amendment is telling them to reduce fossil fuel use with no alternatives.

Dan Chodorkoff stated that the intent is not to give mandates but to get committees to think about climate change.

Wes Cate feels that we are in danger of falling victim to vagueaphobia. The right thing to do is to go along with the second part of the first amendment. Regarding the amendment to the amendment, maybe we should drop it and try again.

Tim Morris stated that “shall” is very difficult. We have a Selectboard that is sensitive to the problem and we need to trust them to do the right thing.

Jopseph Gainza would appreciate the Town Selectboard being given the authority to exempt departments that use fuel to save lives, such as the Fire Department and Highway Department.

Mike Caccavo explained that Robert’s Rules limits speaking more than twice. He asked for a vote on allowing people to speak a third time. This was voted down by voice vote.

Lucy Blue prefers the word “should” and noted that’s what the drafters preferred, and the Board could still require it if they chose.

The amendment to the amendment was defeated.

Going back to the original amendment, Jack Hoffman moved to divide it into two parts. Lawrence withdrew the first part of his amendment. Jack withdrew his motion.

The amendment on the floor now is to delete “and legal” from the fourth paragraph. Mary Leahy feels there is safety in the word “legal”, because people have different interpretations of the word “responsible” so she would like the word “legal” to stay.

Brett Engstrom stated that the group is getting bogged down when the meaning is clear. The Town needs to put forth an example for the people. The Town has already made progress. This article encourages the board and committees to keep pushing forward. We need to urge the boards to keep setting a good example for the people and for other towns.

Joe Gainza stated that he originally suggested the word legal to the drafters but he understands the reservations. He stated that in Paris, 195 countries got together and made an agreement that we can’t go above 1.5°C because climate change is happening at a much faster rate than even scientists predicted. We have to take it seriously. We are worried about our neighbors

imposing requirements but the Earth is going to impose requirements. Carbon scientists believe we have 10 years until we have reached the point where the climate gets out of control. We need to show the rest of Vermont that people are willing to do something.

Jacob Gouge stated that he doubts there is anyone opposed to the intention of the article. The concern is that the result might not be what is intended.

The amendment was approved by voice vote.

Alexandra Noyes stated that this is a sane article and asked if we don't pass this, who will?

All in favor.

Article 16. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Jay Moore asked the Selectboard to explain the issues that he has heard about regarding the Stranahan Town Forest. Andy Perchlik explained that there is a draft amendment to the management plan that has been posted on the website. The Selectboard is talking about restructuring the Stewardship Committee and perhaps increasing the number of members, and having members represent the entire Town and not just their interest group. There will be a public hearing at the next Selectboard meeting. Joanne Brooking asked what happens to the money that the Town receives from sugaring and logging, and who decides. Andy explained that the management plan covers many different uses of the forest. The sugaring and logging money is split between the general fund and the town forest fund.

Dan Chodorkoff stated that he has been happy with the management. When the land was purchased, it was with the intent to have many uses. Everyone knows you need to have some logging for forest health, but it seems there has been a shift in the emphasis from forest health to maximizing income. He stated that his donation was not made based on that philosophy, and he wondered if the philosophy changed if his donation would be refunded.

Chris Martin explained that the Board has always thought there should be responsible forestry. No one has ever suggested that we need to maximize income. No one has suggested clearcutting. The only harvest that has been done was selective thinning in the sugarwoods, once. Chris said his understanding was that the donations were made to the Vermont Land Trust, to purchase conservation easements.

Bob Popp clarified that 50% of the income from the property goes into the Stranahan Town Forest fund until the fund reaches \$5,000. The rest of the income goes into the general fund and is used to lower taxes.

Peggy Bresee asked if the Board is going to base their decision on what people say at the public hearing. Andy replied yes.

Suzan Condon feels like the tops of the trees could be used to supplement the wood piles for low income people in town. She wants to know what happens to the surveys people fill out, and who makes the decisions because she has suggested this before. Andy agreed that it is a good idea.

Albert Whitcomb suggested that to reduce global warming, we should all leave our cars at home next year and walk to Town Meeting.

David Warshow and Wes Cate volunteered to set up a projector for use at next year's meeting.

Tessa Brimblecombe was thanked for bringing the microphone to those people wishing to speak.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Article 17. To see if the voters will adopt the proposed zoning bylaw amendment dated October 5, 2015 and approved by the Town of Marshfield Selectboard on January 5, 2016 **(voted by Australian ballot)**

Yes	240
No	167
Spoiled	0
Blank	<u>61</u>
Total	468

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on March 1, 2016.

Attest, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Marshfield Budget Committee met on December 6th 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 discussions with members of the Selectboard and with a trustee for the library, 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.

Cabot Ambulance	15,000
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	500
Capstone Community Action	300
Central Vermont Council on Aging	1,400
Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation	100
Central Vermont Home Health	3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Svc	250
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	1,100
Our House	100
People's Health & Wellness	300
Plainfield Fast Squad	5,500
Twin Valley Seniors	2,000
Twinfield Learning Center	200
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250
Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually	150
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts	100
Vermont Center for Independent Living	100
Washington County Mental Health	800
Washington County Youth Service Bureau	250
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	\$ 33,332

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

NET BUDGET AND ESTIMATED TAX RATE

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Administration	170,035	168,908	152,284	158,480	148,929	150,927	144,461	150,085
Highways	405,369	430,460	559,776	505,636	520,748	515,435	516,663	502,374
Flood Repairs	0	0	82,918	1,200	0	0	0	0
Fire Department	46,068	46,068	56,904	58,142	58,037	63,548	63,548	63,647
Planning & Zoning	15,474	15,974	15,567	18,202	18,534	16,347	19,445	19,642
Recreation	2,275	2,275	3,140	3,140	2,790	3,950	2,250	2,250
Buildings & Grounds	-953	13,976	11,072	14,826	17,609	5,933	5,209	-4,472
Total Selectboard Budget	638,268	677,660	881,661	759,627	766,647	756,140	751,576	733,526
Less Flood Reimbursements	0	0	-345,525	-22,473	0	0	0	0
Net Selectboard Budget	638,268	677,660	536,136	737,154	766,647	756,140	751,576	733,526
Less Surplus/Plus Deficit	-13,354	-27,914	73,254	-135,661	-95,863	-112,909	-107,861	-109,847
Total Tax, Selectboard Budget	624,914	649,746	609,389	601,492	670,783	643,231	643,715	623,679
Jaquith Library	59,805	63,773	63,957	65,383	75,000	74,850	76,822	79,850
Historical Society	4,375	4,375	4,375	4,375	5,501	8,455	6,455	6,455
History Center	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0
Cemeteries	6,500	5,000	6,500	6,500	8,000	8,500	8,500	8,600
EMS	12,500	12,000	14,000	14,000	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500
Other Appropriations and Bus	15,783	15,983	17,308	18,315	18,915	19,915	20,415	21,165
Total Taxes to be Raised	723,877	750,877	715,529	710,065	803,699	775,451	776,407	760,249
Tax Rate	0.632	0.6513	0.6158	0.6096	0.6813	0.6567	0.6508	0.6372 *

This report shows the expenses for each department, less the income for that department. Income and Expenditures are reported separately in each department's report.

TAXES NEEDED FOR INDIVIDUAL WARNING ARTICLES

	Taxes Needed	Effect on Tax Rate	Taxes for \$100,000 Property	Taxes for \$150,000 Property	Taxes for \$200,000 Property
Article 4	\$ 623,679.00	0.5228	\$ 522.77	\$ 784.15	\$ 1,045.53
Article 5	\$ 79,850.00	0.0669	\$ 66.93	\$ 100.40	\$ 133.86
Article 6	\$ 6,455.00	0.0054	\$ 5.41	\$ 8.12	\$ 10.82
Article 7	\$ 8,600.00	0.0072	\$ 7.21	\$ 10.81	\$ 14.42
Articles 8 & 9	\$ 20,500.00	0.0172	\$ 17.18	\$ 25.77	\$ 34.37
Article 10	\$ 8,333.00	0.0070	\$ 6.98	\$ 10.48	\$ 13.97
Article 11	\$ 12,832.00	0.0108	\$ 10.76	\$ 16.13	\$ 21.51
Total	\$ 760,249.00	0.6372	\$ 637.24	\$ 955.86	\$ 1,274.48
Every \$10,000 in the budget	\$ 10,000.00	0.0084	\$ 8.38	\$ 12.57	\$ 16.76
For a penny on the tax rate	\$ 11,930.37	0.0100	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00

* The Selectboard budget includes Highways, General Government, the Town Office, the Fire Department, the Old Schoolhouse Common, Employment Taxes and Benefits, and Zoning and Planning.

2016 AUDITORS' REPORT

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		123.00
General Fund - Sweep Account	0.40%	40,252.65
Union Bank Money Market		11.78
Union Bank Insured Cash Sweep	1.84%	394,575.39
Northfield Savings Bank CD	1.09%	308,150.73
Fire Dept. Investments	2.03% – 3.14%	22,101.37
A/R Delinquent Taxes	12.00%	81,977.61
Owed from Cemetery Funds		1,744.50

- Indebtedness -

	Interest Rate	Balance
Truck Loan - 2015	2.00%	66,000.00
Truck Loan – 2016	1.45%	88,000.00
Grader Loan	2.00%	32,000.00
Solar Panel internal loan	varies	12,799.79

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

The solar installation was funded with an internal loan from the designated funds to the general fund. The interest rate on the designated funds varied between 0.5% and 1.45%; that is what was used for the solar loan each month.

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2016

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
- Assets -			
Cash on Hand	123.00		123.00
Sweep Account	40,252.65		40,252.65
Insured Cash Sweep	118,739.15	275,836.24	394,575.39
Money Market		11.78	11.78
CD, Designated Funds		308,150.73	308,150.73
Fire Dept Invest Account		22,101.37	22,101.37
Delinquent Taxes	81,977.61		81,977.61
Reserve for Del Taxes	(81,977.61)		(81,977.61)
Solar Panel Loan		12,999.79	12,999.79
Owed from Cemetery Funds	1,744.50		1,744.50
Total Assets	<u>160,859.30</u>	<u>619,099.91</u>	<u>779,959.21</u>
- Liabilities -			
Damage Deposit	1,296.54		1,296.54
Performance Bond	500.00		500.00
Prepayments	10,299.52		10,299.52
Payroll Liabilities	27.27		27.27
Solar Panel Loan	12,999.79		12,999.79
Grader Loan		32,000.00	32,000.00
2015 Truck Loan		66,000.00	66,000.00
2016 Truck Loan		88,000.00	88,000.00
Total Liabilities	<u>25,123.12</u>	<u>186,000.00</u>	<u>211,123.12</u>
- Fund Balances -			
Fund Balances, 12/31/15	25,889.04	361,899.55	387,788.59
2015 Surplus(Deficit)	<u>109,847.14</u>	<u>71,200.36</u>	<u>181,047.50</u>
Fund Balances, 12/31/16	135,736.18	433,099.91	568,836.09
Liabilities + Fund Balance	160,859.30	619,099.91	779,959.21

TOWN ASSETS

Property:		<u>Cost</u>
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
Total Property		<u>187,195</u>
 Equipment - major:		
2011 Pickup		39,604
2012 International truck		89,650
2015 International truck		112,448
2016 International truck		134,767
2007 Challenger tractor & mower		70,000
2013 John Deere grader		188,000
2000 John Deere loader		87,200
2004 John Deere excavator		56,500
New bucket for excavator		10,477
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
Roller shelves (6)		3,100
Computers and printers		10,877
Office equipment		15,615
Office furniture		840
Air conditioners (2)		987
Total Equipment		<u>937,844</u>

TOWN ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>
Fire Station Improvements	
Security System	9,377
Air Vacuum System	15,912
Sprinkler System	15,577
Total Fire Station Improvements	<u>40,866</u>
Fire Station Equipment	
Standby Generator	14,369
Communications Equipment	25,010
Computers	4,162
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
Total Fire Station Equipment	<u>234,093</u>
TOTAL	1,399,997

SELECTBOARD REPORT

2016 was another good year as far as Marshfield Town governance goes. We had our ups and downs, but nothing worth complaining about. Overall the town is running well. The town is benefiting from the volunteers and employees that have been serving the town for many years. There are many that have put in years of service to the town, but it is worth mentioning specifically Bobbi Brimblecombe as Clerk/Treasurer (19 years), Dan Tetreault as Road Foreman (19.5 years), Scott Ciampi as a Road Crew member (16 years) and Ernie Penley served as OSC facilities manager for 14 Years. Having such dedicated and long-term employees and volunteers saves the town money, makes managing town affairs easier, and creates a better town for all of our residents.

The Selectboard would also like to publicly thank James Arisman for his service to the Town in 2016 as Constable and Health Officer. James has done great and thankless work for the town, dealing with some of the most unpleasant issues the town has to deal with. He did so professionally, efficiently, effectively, and with compassion for the residents that were facing difficulties.

The Selectboard deals with a wide range of responsibilities and issues over the course of a year. Below are the issues that we spent the majority of our time on or were significant for other reasons:

Budget: We set the town tax rate for 2016 at \$0.6508, which was .32 of a cent lower than was approved at town meeting. This represents the second year of a lower town tax rate, and a rate that is about 4.5% lower than it was in 2014. At the end of the year we approved a draft budget for 2017 that we expect will allow the Selectboard to lower the tax rate for the third year in a row.

Old Schoolhouse Common: Ernie Penley's retirement after 14 years of service maintaining the building, in addition to the many volunteer hours and extra work Ernie did for the town, made it necessary for the town to replace him. In the end we couldn't find someone to do all that Ernie did, and ended up hiring Dan

Tetreault to take on Maintenance and a cleaning company to do the cleaning.

We had several instances of vandalism and attempted break-ins, which restarted past investigations in to a security system and better outdoor lighting for the building.

We also spent considerable time on issues related to the different uses of the building, specifically between recreational use of the gym and private/town offices, and library during the day. Trying to improve that situation we rebuilt the wall separating the gym and its neighboring office and investigated sound deadening options.

Stranahan Town Forest Committee – No issue during the year took up more time or elicited more emotions than the Stranahan Town Forest Committee. After many meetings and discussions with residents the management plan for the Forest was revised and a new committee appointed.

Dogs, Beavers, Chickens, and Cows – Similar to most years we had a lot of problems with dogs: bites, barking, and unwelcome roaming off their owner's property. We also spent time this year with wandering cows and chickens, and continued to try and find the best way to live in harmony with the beavers that build dams that threaten to flood our roads.

Hollister Hill Apartments - Throughout the year the Town met and worked with the non-profit owners of the apartments (Housing Foundation Inc.) on their plan to demolish the existing structures and rebuild new ones. The town applied for a grant that we will use to support the Housing Foundation's re-construction project.

EMT/Ambulance Service - Discussions continued about what Marshfield should do to try and assure its residents get the best medical attention in emergencies. These discussions with the Cabot Ambulance voluntary service as well as other services are on-going and will likely need to be dealt with in near term.

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES
General Fund

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Income				
Selectboard Managed Income				
Property Taxes	768,634	779,407	786,981	763,249
Natural Disasters	17,974	0	0	0
Town Office	15,400	13,150	14,396	14,320
General Government	104,632	93,865	99,902	97,316
Highways	90,788	87,297	87,285	87,297
Buildings & Grounds	56,010	55,795	56,334	55,795
Fire Department	0	0	68	0
Zoning/Planning	1,640	2,000	1,940	2,000
Total Selectboard Income	<u>1,055,078</u>	<u>1,031,514</u>	<u>1,046,905</u>	<u>1,019,977</u>
Previous Year Surplus	112,909	107,861	107,861	109,847
Total Income	<u>1,167,987</u>	<u>1,139,375</u>	<u>1,154,766</u>	<u>1,129,824</u>
Expenses				
Selectboard Managed Expenses				
Natural Disasters	5,400	0	0	0
Town Office	105,743	112,000	106,742	114,348
General Government	40,774	44,597	36,339	44,901
Highways	568,497	603,960	536,205	589,671
Buildings & Grounds	59,164	61,004	53,657	51,323
Fire Department	58,389	63,548	63,183	63,647
Zoning/Planning	13,091	21,445	14,647	21,642
Recreation	3,298	2,250	1,686	2,250
Employ. Benefits	73,551	97,879	99,769	105,472
Total Selectboard Expenses	<u>927,906</u>	<u>1,006,683</u>	<u>912,227</u>	<u>993,254</u>
Other Town Departments	91,805	91,777	91,777	94,905
Outside Appropriations	40,415	40,915	40,915	41,665
Total Expenses	<u>1,060,126</u>	<u>1,139,375</u>	<u>1,044,919</u>	<u>1,129,824</u>
Surplus	107,861		109,847	

PROPERTY TAXES

	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Budget 2017
Town Taxes				
Town Tax Prior Year *	0	0	53	0
Town Taxes Collected	739,768	776,407	722,148	760,249
State Adjustments - Town Tax	9,571		9,628	
Total Town Taxes	749,339	776,407	731,829	760,249
Education Taxes				
Education Tax Prior Year *			137	
Education Tax Collected	1,472,111		1,473,073	
State Adjustments - School Tax	28,752		27,085	
Annual Adjust - Prev Yr Ed Tax	43,169		50,807	
School Tax Administration Fee	3,703		3,721	
Education Tax Liability	(1,645,647)		(1,653,594)	
Total Education Taxes	(97,912)		(98,771)	
Taxes abated **	0		(1,669)	
Delinquent Tax Income	112,424		148,764	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	4,783	3,000	6,829	3,000
Total Property Taxes	768,634	779,407	786,981	763,249

* 2015 taxes collected in 2016 due to delays in the Current Use Program

TAXES ASSESSED – 2016

Taxable Grand List as of the Date of Town Tax Rate Setting: \$119,303,658

Setting the Town Tax Rate:	776,407.39	330,000
Amount of Taxes Needed	1,193,036.58	1.7287
Divided by Grand List (in 100ths)	0.6508	60,000
Equals Town Tax Rate		1.6139
		6,673.05
		0.0056

Setting the Local Agreement Rate:	330,000
Value of Exempt Property @ 30,000 per veteran	1.7287
Multipled by Homestead Education Rate	60,000
Value of Exempt Property @ 30,000 per veteran	1.6139
Multipled by Non-Residential Education Rate	6,673.05
Equals Amount of School Tax to Make Up	0.0056
Divided by Grand List Equals Local Rate	

Total Tax Rate, Homestead Property	
Town	0.6508
Local Agreement	0.0056
School	1.7287
Total	2.3851

Total Tax Rate, Non-Residential Property	
Town	0.6508
Local Agreement	0.0056
School	1.6139
Total	2.2703

Town Tax	Homestead Education	Non Residential Education	Late Homestead Filing Penalty	Total School Taxes ²	Total Taxes
Taxes Billed ¹	1,413,167.57	604,343.28	2,017.88	2,019,528.73	2,801,942.12
Taxes Paid To Treasurer				-1,473,072.85	-2,195,220.71
State Adjustments				-448,351.90	-457,979.83
Delinquent Taxes				98,103.98	148,741.58

¹ Reflects changes to the Grand List after the tax rate was set

² Includes an administrative fee (.225 of 1%) that the town keeps

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
2012	1,731.59	1,731.59	0.00
2013	3,595.11	3,595.11	0.00
2014	2,787.05	2,304.77	482.28
2015	73,885.84	72,036.98	1,848.86
2016	<u>148,741.58</u>	<u>69,095.11</u>	<u>79,646.47</u>
Balance due	230,741.17	148,763.56	81,977.61

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>
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 \$ 11,859 in fees in 2016.

TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

The following policy was approved by the voters at Town Meeting 2008:

To avoid delinquent penalties and interest, your payment must be received by 4:00 p.m. on the due date, or **hand-cancelled** by the post office and mailed by the tax due date. To be considered timely, you must ask the post office to hand-stamp the envelope and be sure that the postmark is legible. **Metered or illegible postmarks (postal service or others) will not be accepted.**

Do not rely on the automatic postmark by the postal service. Recently a batch of town mail was postmarked 2 weeks after it was taken to the local post office. You can avoid this type of error by having the payment hand-cancelled.

The Town Clerk's Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 – 12:00 and 12:30 – 4:00. **A payment drop box has been installed for those taxpayers who are unable to get to the office during open hours. The depository is located on the outside of the Old Schoolhouse Common, to the left of the front door.** The box will be emptied at 4:00 on the due date, and taxes left in the box after the office is closed that day will be considered delinquent.

Taxpayers have the option of paying more often than the August and November due dates. We are happy to accept quarterly or monthly payments. If you have any questions about tax payment options, please call me at 426-3305.

If you own the home that serves as your primary residence, you are required to file your homestead declaration by April 15th. Even if you are not eligible for income sensitivity, you must file. There is a penalty assessed if you file after April 15th. In addition, a fee will be withheld from your state payment if you file your application for income sensitivity after April 15th. These fees are assessed by the tax department and paid to the town. **You are required by law to file the homestead declaration by April 15th even if you get an extension for filing your income tax returns. Even if you are not required to file income tax returns, you still need to file the homestead declaration, every year.**

Please save a copy of your bill for filing your income taxes; we cannot fax bills to accountants without hearing directly from you.

We are now able to debit your bank account directly for payment of your property taxes, on the due date. Anyone wishing to sign up for this service should contact the town office for an enrollment form. If you do not wish to take advantage of that service, payment is preferable in the form of a check or money order. When a check is presented at the town office, whether for taxes, dog license, or some other purpose, it is scanned and submitted to the bank electronically. Residents need to be aware that their funds will be withdrawn from their account sooner than in the past, perhaps even the same day. *We do not accept post-dated checks.*

Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk/Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Beginning in 2017, citizens will be able to register to vote at the polls on Election Day. It remains to be seen how this will work on Town Meeting Day when the election officials are busy with the open meeting; I encourage you not to wait until Town Meeting Day to register, so that you don't have to wait for a break in the meeting. You can register online at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>.

Another feature of the State's new election management system is My Voter Page. By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

If you have trouble logging in, please let me know, and I will look at the information that we have for you to see what is missing.

We have been scanning Marshfield's land records since 2010. The land records index is available online at no charge. The web address is <http://vermont-townclerks-records.com> (sign in as a guest). In the coming year we are considering making the actual images available as well. There is a small subscription cost that supports the vendor, with no cost to the Town.

Our web address is <http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/>. Information continues to be added to the website. Please let me know if you have suggestions for what else might be added. I can be reached at 426-3305 or clerk@town.marshfield.vt.us

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Town Office Income				
Office Fees	11,001	9,000	9,996	10,000
Dog Licenses	3,383	3,300	3,622	3,500
Marriage Licenses	540	450	375	420
Liquor/Tobacco Licenses	395	325	325	325
Automobile Registration Fees	81	75	78	75
Total Town Office Income	<u>15,400</u>	<u>13,150</u>	<u>14,396</u>	<u>14,320</u>
Town Office Expenses				
Town Office Staff				
Clerk/Treasurer	42,943	43,372	43,373	44,240
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	28,120	28,151	28,316	28,714
Custodian	828	1,514	308	0
Additional Wages	80	100	75	100
Social Security	3,918	4,528	3,922	4,523
Medicare	916	1,059	917	1,058
Retirement	5,033	5,252	5,197	5,289
Mileage	492	500	525	500
Total Staff Expenses	<u>82,331</u>	<u>84,476</u>	<u>82,633</u>	<u>84,424</u>
OSC Allocation	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Cleaning Service			275	650
Postage	1,718	2,500	1,714	2,000
Supplies	1,625	2,000	1,788	2,000
Telephone	1,222	1,250	1,324	1,350
Computer Ezxpense	3,542	4,150	3,310	7,000
Office Equipment	664	1,250	459	1,250
Town Report	1,470	1,700	1,520	1,600
Advertising	153	500	104	500
Printing		250		250
Elections Expense		1,000	404	200
Marriage License Expense	420	350	305	250
Dog License Expense	1,426	1,400	1,732	1,700
Total Town Office Expense	<u>105,743</u>	<u>112,000</u>	<u>106,742</u>	<u>114,348</u>
NET COST	90,343	98,850	92,346	100,028

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
General Government Income				
Interest Income	13,490	7,815	10,430	8,316
Current Use Refund	77,706	73,000	74,632	75,000
Vermont Forests & Parks	10,299	10,000	12,615	12,000
Traffic fines	1,050	2,000	1,009	1,000
Stranahan Town Forest Income	2,044	2,100	2,156	2,000
to Stranahan Fund	(1,022)	(1,050)	(1,078)	(1,000)
Miscellaneous Income	1,066	0	139	0
Total General Government Income	<u>104,632</u>	<u>93,865</u>	<u>99,902</u>	<u>97,316</u>
General Government Expenses				
Town Officer Expenses				
Delinquent Tax Collector	8,997	9,000	11,859	9,000
Delinquent Tax Penalty	(8,997)	(9,000)	(11,859)	(9,000)
Lister Wages	2,299	4,000	3,064	4,000
Selectboard Stipend	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Health Officer Stipend	250	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	128	500	516	500
Social Security	945	1,090	1,202	1,090
Medicare	221	255	281	255
Mileage	106	400	247	400
Total Town Officer Expenses	<u>7,525</u>	<u>10,320</u>	<u>9,536</u>	<u>10,320</u>
Lister Services/Supplies	2,374	1,000	296	1,000
Health Officer expense	0	100	133	100
Energy Committee Expense	90	500	0	500
Conservation Commission	199	300	124	300
County Tax	10,015	10,500	9,779	10,500
Town Officers' Liability Ins.	2,275	2,285	2,285	2,632
General Liability Insurance	945	1,236	1,233	992
Employment Practices Ins.	1,075	1,795	1,795	2,159
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	10,310	3,614	3,545	6,258
Bank Service Charge	56	75	53	75
Legal Services	798	4,000	116	4,000
VLCT Dues	2,674	2,697	2,697	2,790
Traffic/Law Enforcement	1,215	5,400	4,113	2,500

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
9-1-1 Signs/Expenses	0	25	0	25
Repeater Station	250	250	250	250
Transfer to Reappraisal Account	500	0	0	0
Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted	473	500	383	500
Total General Government Expenses	40,774	44,597	36,339	44,901
NET INCOME	63,858	49,268	63,564	52,415

EMPLOYMENT TAXES AND BENEFITS

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Employee Expenses				
Workmen's Compensation	14,112	14,099	13,720	15,358
Unemployment Insurance	746	675	674	706
Health Insurance	57,221	81,355	83,876	87,158
Training	1,372	1,500	1,399	2,000
Benefits Administration	0	250	0	250
Retirement Gift	100	0	100	0
Total Employee Expenses	73,551	97,879	99,769	105,472

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Highway Department Income				
Highway/State Aid	85,009	85,000	84,988	85,000
Sanding Twinfield	2,657	0	0	0
Plow/Sand Other Towns	2,297	2,297	2,297	2,297
VLCT Safety Grant	99	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Income	727	0	0	0
Total Highway Income	<u>90,788</u>	<u>87,297</u>	<u>87,285</u>	<u>87,297</u>
Highway Department Expenses				
Highway Staff Expenses				
Road Crew Wages	168,749	175,798	166,637	179,314
Social Security	9,919	10,899	9,783	11,117
Medicare	2,320	2,549	2,288	2,600
Retirement	9,350	9,355	8,770	9,542
Milage	724	1,500	673	1,500
Pagers	347	300	241	400
Uniforms	2,125	2,000	2,244	2,000
Total Staff Expenses	<u>193,535</u>	<u>202,401</u>	<u>190,635</u>	<u>206,473</u>
Garage Expenses				
Electricity	1,625	1,600	1,484	1,600
Heating Oil	5,326	6,000	4,884	6,000
Capital Repairs	0	0	4,763	7,000
Supplies	425	1,000	636	1,000
Telephone	1,217	1,300	1,643	1,500
Rubbish Removal	800	750	842	750
Fuel Tank Assessment	50	50	50	50
Safety Equipment	662	2,000	552	2,000
Garage Insurance	1,448	1,482	1,482	1,557
Misc. Garage Expenses	3,082	2,000	445	2,000
Total Garage Expenses	<u>14,634</u>	<u>16,182</u>	<u>16,781</u>	<u>23,457</u>
Equipment/Maintenance				
2011 Pickup	107	1,600	1,290	1,600
2007 International	1,193	0	0	0
2012 International	1,963	3,000	2,337	3,000
2015 International	516	4,000	2,926	4,000

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
2016 International	1,946	4,000	2,541	4,000
2013 Grader	4,869	3,500	3,009	3,500
2000 Loader	78	1,000	992	1,000
2004 Excavator	609	1,000	893	2,000
Tractor/Mower	513	600	294	2,500
Trailer for Excavator	0	500	279	500
Sanders	0	2,000	746	2,000
Plows	979	2,000	2,597	2,500
Chain Saws	359	500	163	500
Chipper	0	1,000	0	1,000
Tire Chains	2,880	9,000	4,194	6,000
Sanders	438	438	85	400
Tools	995	1,000	734	1,000
Tractor Loan Payment	7,800	7,650	7,650	0
To Equip. Fund	80,574	70,000	70,000	80,500
Vehicle Insurance	8,384	8,389	8,389	8,741
Misc. Equip. Expenses	7,241	2,000	680	2,000
Total Equip. Maint.	<u>121,442</u>	<u>123,177</u>	<u>109,799</u>	<u>126,741</u>
Materials				
Staymat	78,832	80,000	94,848	95,000
Stone	1,577	4,000	0	3,000
Winter Sand	55,784	55,000	35,385	40,000
Salt	15,179	19,000	17,378	16,000
Salt reimb. Twinfield	0	0	(1,477)	0
Chloride	12,588	13,000	12,935	14,000
Equip./Vehicle Fuel	26,871	33,000	16,983	23,000
Grease & Oil	447	2,000	1,133	2,000
Welding Supplies	503	500	810	1,000
Cold Patch	182	600	508	600
Erosion Control	2,285	3,000	378	3,000
Mulch Hay	1,259	1,400	1,496	1,400
Misc. Materials	138	1,000	572	1,000
Total Materials	<u>195,644</u>	<u>212,500</u>	<u>180,950</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Highway Infrastructure				
Culverts Purchased	9,632	14,000	3,958	14,000

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Culverts Reimbursed	(1,186)	0	0	0
Road Signs	629	2,000	992	2,000
Guardrails	0	2,000	0	4,000
To Paving Fund	3,500	3,500	8,500	5,000
Paving Loan Payment	20,400	20,200	20,190	0
To Bridge Fund	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Private Contracts	6,767	4,500	900	4,500
Total Infrastructure	<u>43,241</u>	<u>49,700</u>	<u>38,040</u>	<u>33,000</u>
Total Highway Expenses	568,497	603,960	536,205	589,671
NET COST	477,709	516,663	448,920	502,374

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

1. The Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect from November 1st to April 30th. 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.

MARSHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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. 2016 marked the 107th anniversary of our fire department, and this coming August marks the 27th anniversary of the opening of our current firehouse.

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, to fire prevention classes in the local schools, in today's world, emergency preparedness is the buzz word. Planning for every conceivable disaster 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 2016 the Marshfield Fire Department responded to 47 alarms.

Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department 2016 Call Breakdown

Classification	Total
Motor Vehicle Accidents	17
CO2 / Fire Alarm Activations	7
Chimney Fires	1
Structure Fires	5
Vehicle or Electrical Fires/ Furnace Malfunctions	4
Service Calls: Smoke, Odor removal, Etc.	5
Grass, Brush, Wildland Fires	4
Hazardous Cond., Hazmat Spills, Downed Lines, Etc.	3
Water Rescues, Medical Assists, Etc.	1
Agricultural, Involving Tractors or Farm Animals	0
	47

Motor vehicle accidents continue to comprise the largest percentage of our call volume. 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 pretensioners 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!

The upgrade on our Pumper is almost complete at the time this report was written. Built in 1992, our truck is 24 yrs. old. Because the truck chassis is in such excellent condition, we will be doing a complete refurbishing for the engine. This will bring the truck into full NFPA and OSHA compliancy, and will also result in a cost savings of approx. 66% of the cost of replacing the truck. Engine 2, when completed, will be our primary response vehicle for both structure fires and motor vehicle accidents.

Serving your community through the fire department is a terrific way to become involved. There is always a need for more personnel to help not only as fire fighters, but as truck drivers, for station maintenance, for assistance with the paper work, as well as teaching our local students about fire safety. The Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department continues to look towards our future. The requirements for becoming a member of your fire department include honesty, integrity, and above all, a willingness to attend trainings. This can be a very challenging job. 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 been running a siren test on the fire station during training nights (Tuesdays) for several months. 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

	Actual 2015	Budget 2016	Actual 2016	Budget 2017
Fire Department Income			68	
Fire Department Expenses				
Administration				
Worker's Compensation	2,121	1,700	1,721	2,000
Fireman's Disability	2,010	2,100	1,847	2,100
Office Supplies	199	500	285	500
Operating Supplies	0	100	0	100
Postage	0	50	0	50
Dues & Subscriptions	256	400	360	400
Liability and Vehicle Ins.	7,741	7,200	8,440	7,200
Total Administration	12,327	12,050	12,653	12,350
Firefighting				
Operating Supplies	240	1,000	738	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	62	450	5	450
Small Tools & Equipment	1,687	200	358	200
Personnel Protect. Gear	94	3,000	2,199	3,000
Contract Services	0	100	0	100
Breathing App. Maint.	2,234	1,200	0	1,200
Repairs	0	100	0	100
Total Firefighting	4,317	6,050	3,300	6,050
Communications				
Operating Supplies	847	1,500	120	1,450
Repairs & Maintenance	360	0	0	0
Computers and Software	0	200	0	200
Capitol West	10,156	11,400	13,350	11,400
Radio/Pager Repairs	388	1,000	602	1,000
Total Communications	11,750	14,100	14,072	14,050
Training				
Operating Supplies	80	300	0	300
Books, Training Aids	0	100	0	100
Contract Services	0	274	490	274
Total Training	80	674	490	674

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Fire Prevention				
Operating Supplies	47	150	0	150
Books, Handouts	425	150	42	150
Total Fire Prevention	<u>472</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>300</u>
Fire Station				
Capital Improvements	0	0	14,955	0
Fire Station Heating Oil	1,143	2,500	1,673	2,300
Operating Supplies	81	500	134	500
Repairs & Maintenance	394	300	1,038	300
Small Tools & Equipment	0	300	0	300
Telephone	1,565	1,800	1,637	1,800
Insurance	948	974	974	1,023
Contract Services	1,780	900	1,065	900
Electricity	1,801	2,000	1,965	2,000
To FD Building Fund	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Fire Station - Other	1,750	0	0	0
Total Fire Station	<u>11,962</u>	<u>11,774</u>	<u>25,941</u>	<u>11,623</u>
Trucks/Fire Fighting/Rescue				
Operating Supplies	148	500	144	500
Repair & Maintenance	2,333	3,000	519	3,000
Tools & Equipment	0	100	218	100
Total Trucks/Fire/Rescue	<u>2,482</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>880</u>	<u>3,600</u>
To FD Equipment Fund	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>5,804</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total Fire Department Expenses	58,389	63,548	63,183	63,647
NET COST	58,389	63,548	63,115	63,647

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Old Schoolhouse Common

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Buildings & Grounds Income				
Allocations from Other Town Budgets				
Town Clerk's Office	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Library	12,840	12,836	12,840	12,836
Historical Sociey	6,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
Total Allocations	<u>30,469</u>	<u>30,465</u>	<u>30,469</u>	<u>30,465</u>
Lease Income - Private				
Rebop Records	4,692	4,686	4,692	4,686
Onion River Food Shelf	5,016	5,014	5,016	5,014
Sunwise Surveying	4,788	4,788	4,788	4,788
Ellie Blachly	4,548	4,546	4,548	4,546
Schumacher Constructions	4,548	4,546	4,548	4,546
Total Businesses	<u>23,592</u>	<u>23,580</u>	<u>23,592</u>	<u>23,580</u>
Total Leases/Allocations	<u>54,061</u>	<u>54,045</u>	<u>54,061</u>	<u>54,045</u>
Gymnasium	1,314	1,000	1,399	1,000
Bandstand Rental	35	50	18	50
Meeting Room	35	50	213	50
Kitchen	25	100	185	100
Community Dinners	400	400	400	400
Tables and Chairs	140	0	29	150
Other Income	0	150	30	0
Total Income	<u>56,010</u>	<u>55,795</u>	<u>56,334</u>	<u>55,795</u>
Buildings & Grounds Expenses				
Staff Expenses				
Wages	10,884	11,372	5,437	6,574
Social Security	675	705	337	408
Medicare	158	165	79	95
Total Staff Expense	<u>11,716</u>	<u>12,242</u>	<u>5,853</u>	<u>7,077</u>
Electricity				
Electricity used at OSC	3,537	4,000	4,241	4,000
Solar Meter Charge	225	240	265	240
Electricity Produced	(3,715)	(3,000)	(4,002)	(3,500)
Solar Incentive	(1,589)	(1,600)	(1,627)	(1,600)
Net Cost of Electricity	<u>(1,543)</u>	<u>(360)</u>	<u>(1,124)</u>	<u>(860)</u>

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Old Schoolhouse Common

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Solar Panel Loan Payments				
Principle	12,612	12,612	12,612	13,000
Interest	145	150	167	238
Total Solar Loan	<u>12,757</u>	<u>12,762</u>	<u>12,779</u>	<u>13,238</u>
Heating Oil	276	0	479	500
Pellet Fuel for Boiler	6,607	5,000	4,657	4,000
Propane for Cooking	279	300	241	300
Building Maintenance	3,265	3,500	2,798	3,500
Janitorial Supplies	1,105	1,000	617	500
Heating Repairs	0	500	370	500
Solar Panel Expenses	0	100	0	100
Contract Labor	2,100	3,000	2,300	3,000
Cleaning Service	0	0	990	3,340
Alarm System	963	750	717	750
Insurance	4,985	5,117	5,117	5,350
Rubbish Removal	1,304	1,350	1,372	1,450
Water Expense	2,102	2,150	2,111	2,150
Sewer Expense	2,928	2,928	2,928	2,928
Elevator Maintenance	0	500	150	500
Equipment Expense	0	0	620	0
Pellet Boiler Loan Pmt	7,319	7,165	7,152	0
Transfer to Building Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous Expense	0	0	530	0
Total Expenses	<u>59,164</u>	<u>61,004</u>	<u>53,657</u>	<u>51,323</u>
NET COST	3,154	5,209	(2,677)	(4,472)
Cost Including Allocations in Other Town Budgets	33,623	35,674	27,792	25,993

ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

We want to thank the townspeople of Marshfield for voting “yes” on changes to the Zoning Bylaws at Town Meeting last year. The changes were designed to clarify certain provisions of the Zoning Bylaws that had come to our attention in an effort to make implementing zoning in Marshfield more efficient and clear.

As the Planning Commission noted last year in the 2015 Town Report, our goal for 2016 was to begin a process to comprehensively review Marshfield’s Zoning Bylaws. The Planning Commission believes it is time to examine our Zoning Bylaws to ensure that they are working for the Town in the 21st century.

With the assistance of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, the Marshfield Planning Commission held an initial meeting last year to get input from townspeople about what is working and what needs improvement in the Zoning Bylaws. At the meeting, we presented a brief history of zoning in Marshfield, reviewed the current Zoning Bylaws and Zoning District Map, and received input from meeting attendees about what to focus on in terms of updating our Zoning Bylaws. However, following the meeting, the Planning Commission determined that greater participation from townspeople is essential to crafting comprehensive changes to the Zoning Bylaws. Accordingly, we put the effort on hold while the Planning Commission explored ways to improve our outreach to the Town.

The Planning Commission plans on revisiting this issue in 2017 after we update our Town Plan before it expires in September. The Town Plan is the underpinning of our zoning, and creates the vision for our community in terms of growth, development and quality of life.

The Planning Commission strongly encourages you to weigh in changes to the Town Plan that the Planning Commission proposes. Hearings will be held sometime this late spring or early summer.

The Planning Commission, working with the Selectboard, obtained formal State of Vermont Village Designation for Marshfield Village as a Village Center in 2016. The designation maps a village center, creates tax incentives for business within the designated area, and will help the Town obtain grants related to planning and development in the future. Contact the Planning Commission if you would like more information about the Village Designation.

The Planning Commission meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Old School House Common. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. As noted above, your valuable input is vital to the Planning Commission as we consider changes to the Zoning Bylaws and Town Plan.

ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Zoning / Planning Income				
Building Permits	180.00	270.00	220.00	270.00
Accessory Use Permits	720.00	800.00	760.00	800.00
Site Plan Review	140.00	200.00	247.50	200.00
Conditional Use Permits		200.00	327.50	200.00
Subdivision Permits	255.00	250.00	215.00	250.00
Lot Line Adjustment	65.00	130.00	130.00	130.00
Certificate of Occupancy	280.00	150.00	40.00	150.00
Total Zoning / Planning Income	<u>1,640.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,940.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Zoning / Planning Expenses				
Staff Expenses				
Zoning Administrator	8,954.29	9,174.00	9,236.68	9,357.00
Planning Comm. Clerk	634.24	1,000.00	332.67	1,200.00
CRB Clerk	103.52	600.00		400.00
Social Security	600.91	668.00	593.30	679.00
Medicare	140.54	156.00	138.75	159.00
Mileage - Office Staff	360.19	500.00	389.40	500.00
Total Staff Expenses	<u>10,793.69</u>	<u>12,098.00</u>	<u>10,690.80</u>	<u>12,295.00</u>
Advertising	176.96	500.00	227.03	500.00
Legal Fees		1,000.00	347.67	1,000.00
Regional Planning Dues	1,746.80	1,747.00	1,746.80	1,747.00
Postage	13.70	200.00	32.74	200.00
Supplies		50.00		50.00
Printing		200.00	29.75	200.00
Copying	7.50	50.00		50.00
Maps	352.50	500.00	586.50	500.00
Development Review Board		100.00		100.00
Planning Grant Expenses				
Study/Downtown Designation		5,000.00	985.92	5,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>13,091.15</u>	<u>21,445.00</u>	<u>14,647.21</u>	<u>21,642.00</u>
NET COST	11,451.15	19,445.00	12,707.21	19,642.00

FEE SCHEDULE FOR ZONING AND SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

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.

PERMITS NEEDED

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>

RECREATION COMMITTEE

2016 has slipped away as we enter a new year. Looking back, the Marshfield Rec. Committee continued to offer many of the same programs and activities that have become new staples around town, as well as continuing to add to the playground area. Last winter we continued our “Friday Fun Days” activities in the gym, as well as setting up and maintaining the Village Ice Rink, facilitating another successful spring of Little League Baseball fun, and hosting the all-ages kickball game during the annual Harvest Festival. The playground has added a tether ball set for youngsters to enjoy. This past year the committee continued to host the well-loved cardio dance fitness classes in the gym, and to support the family dance at the Opera House in Plainfield.

Goals for the coming year include getting a spotlight on a timer installed for the ice rink to extend skating hours into the winter evening, hosting family movie nights with the projector in the library, and building some new kid-sized picnic tables for the playground area.

It’s been another wonderful year to live and play in Marshfield. Please get in touch if you have any ideas you’d like the Rec. Committee to consider. Thanks to Penni and all the coaches for all their work with baseball in the spring, and to all the volunteers who helped clear the ice rink last winter, take down the ice rink in the spring, and to the volunteers and firefighters who helped set up and fill the rink this winter.

Feel free to contact Lincoln with any questions or ideas you have for the Recreation Committee:

426-2018, or LincolnLincoln@hotmail.com

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Recreation/Programming Expenses				
Little League Field	2,418	300	50	300
Transfer to/from Rec Fund	(1,418)	0	0	0
Portapotty Rental	588	600	490	600
Recreational Programs	110	400	419	400
Seasonal Events	0	350	0	350
To Playground Fund	600	600	600	600
Ice Skating Rink	1,000	0	0	0
Picnic Tables	0	0	126	0
Total Recreation Expenses	<u>3,298</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>1,686</u>	<u>2,250</u>

OUTSIDE APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Outside Appropriations				
Cabot Ambulance	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed	600	500	500	500
Capstone Community Action	300	300	300	300
Central Vt Council on Aging	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Central Vt Economic Devel Corp	0	100	100	100
Central Vermont Home Health	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Svc	150	250	250	250
Family Center of Washington Cty	200	250	250	250
Friends of the Winooski	300	300	300	300
Green Mountain Transit	882	882	882	882
GMTA Commuter Bus	8,333	8,333	8,333	8,333
Green Up Vermont	100	100	100	100
Home Share Now	200	200	200	200
Onion River Food Shelf	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Our House	100	100	100	100
People's Health & Wellness	300	0	0	300
Plainfield Fast Squad	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	50	0	0	0
Twin Valley Seniors	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,000
Twinfield Learning Center	300	200	200	200
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250	250	250	250
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually	150	150	150	150
VT Assoc of Conservation Districts	100	100	100	100
Vt Ctr for Independent Livin	100	100	100	100
Washington County Mental Health		800	800	800
Washington Cty Youth Serv Bur	200	200	200	250
Total Outside Appropriations	<u>40,415</u>	<u>40,915</u>	<u>40,915</u>	<u>41,665</u>

Information submitted by these organizations may be found on the Town's website.

OTHER TOWN ENTITIES

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Other Town Departments				
Cemeteries	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,600
Historical Society	8,455	6,455	6,455	6,455
Jaquith Public Library	74,850	76,822	76,822	79,850
Total Other Town Departments	<u>91,805</u>	<u>91,777</u>	<u>91,777</u>	<u>94,905</u>

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Bandstand Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		1,533.74
Interest	14.28	
Replace Electrical Outlet	(74.54)	
Balance, December 31, 2016		1,473.48
Bridge Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		73,581.28
Interest	720.88	
Budget Appropriation	3,500.00	
Balance, December 31, 2016		77,802.16
Conservation Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		6,773.36
Interest	72.02	
Proceeds from Plant Sale	988.34	
Sale of Marshfield Booklets	116.50	
Balance, December 31, 2016		7,950.22
Energy Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		489.96
Interest	4.68	
Balance, December 31, 2016		494.64
Engineering Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		3,300.83
Interest	31.39	
Balance, December 31, 2016		3,332.22
Fire Department Building Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		4,516.12
Interest	55.65	
Budget Appropriation	2,500.00	
Transfer from FD Equipment Fund	9,196.12	
General Fund Contribution to Repairs	5,758.88	
Insulating Fire Station	(8,025.00)	
Painting Fire Station	(6,930.00)	
Siding Repairs	(433.00)	
Balance, December 31, 2016		6,638.77

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund	
Balance, January 1, 2016	226,072.96
Interest, Bank Accounts	1,660.96
Interest, Investments	610.17
Budget Appropriation	15,000.00
Transfer to FD Building Fund	(9,196.12)
Down Payments on Truck Refurb.	(50,000.00)
Tires	(4,408.08)
Change in Market Value-Investments	92.55
Balance, December 31, 2016	179,832.44
Fire Department Ed Duke Fund	
Balance, January 1, 2016	15,194.90
Interest	137.09
Donations to the Fund	400.00
Donations from the Fund	(250.00)
Computer/Software/Supplies	(667.05)
Jackets/Uniforms/Insignia	(719.20)
Balance, December 31, 2016	14,095.74
Highway Equipment Fund	
Balance, January 1, 2016	49,873.98
Interest	434.51
Budget Appropriation	70,000.00
Sale of Used Excavator Bucket	2,000.00
New Excavator Bucket	(10,477.00)
Transfer for Tractor Payment	7,650.00
Principal Payment - Tractor	(7,500.00)
Interest Payment - Tractor	(150.00)
Principal Payment - Grader	(16,000.00)
Interest Payment - Grader	(960.00)
Principal Payment - 2015 Truck	(22,000.00)
Interest Payment - 2015 Truck	(1,760.00)
Principal Payment - 2016 Truck	(22,000.00)
Interest Payment - 2016 Truck	(1,597.87)
Balance, December 31, 2016	47,513.62
Martin Covered Bridge Fund	
Balance, January 1, 2016	16,850.62
Interest	150.43
Maintenance of Grounds	(338.37)
Mowing	(1,500.00)
Balance, December 31, 2016	15,162.68

DESIGNATED FUNDS

OSC Building Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		26,543.05
Interest	270.57	
Budget Appropriation	3,000.00	
Transfer for Pellet Boiler Loan	7,152.34	
Principal Payment - Pellet Boiler Loan	(7,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Pellet Boiler Loan	<u>(152.34)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2016		29,813.62
Paving Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		38,329.22
Interest	184.47	
Budget Appropriation	3,500.00	
Additional Appropriation	5,000.00	
Transfer for Paving Loan	20,190.32	
Paving Grant - State of Vermont	84,374.82	
Paving - Creamery St	(100,471.40)	
Principal Payment - Paving Loan	(20,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Paving Loan	<u>(190.32)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2016		30,917.11
Pet Control Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		9,755.56
Interest	97.20	
Surcharge on Dog Licenses	1,038.00	
Dog Impoundment Penalty	30.00	
Dog Officer, 2 years	(943.13)	
Pound Fees	<u>(290.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2016		9,687.63
Playground Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		4,914.79
Interest	50.43	
Budget Appropriation	600.00	
Donations	<u>100.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2016		5,665.22
Reappraisal Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2016		155,033.72
Interest	1,542.78	
State Appropriation	<u>7,904.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2016		164,480.50

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Records Restoration

Balance, January 1, 2016		32,799.40
Interest	319.38	
Fees Collected	4,220.00	
Imaging Plat Maps	(75.00)	
Land Records Software	(2,730.00)	
Land Records Microfilm	(66.30)	
Balance, December 31, 2016		34,467.48

Recreation Fund

Balance, January 1, 2016		518.55
Interest	5.39	
Recreation Fees	801.00	
Fitness Class Expense	(750.00)	
Balance, December 31, 2016		574.94

Solar Project Loan

Balance, January 1, 2016		(25,611.79)
Principle Payments from General Fun	12,612.00	
Interest Payments from General Fund	166.50	
Interest Expense	(166.50)	
Balance, December 31, 2016		(12,999.79)

Stranahan Town Forest Fund

Balance, January 1, 2016		1,929.30
Interest	19.35	
Income from Sugaring and Haying, ha	1,077.98	
Trail Maps	(99.60)	
Materials, Work on Thompson Road	(729.80)	
Balance, December 31, 2016		2,197.23

Total Designated Funds, December 31, 2016 **619,099.91**

Fire Dept Investment Account	22,101.37
Designated Funds in Bank Accounts	596,998.54
	619,099.91

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND PROJECTION

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Balance, January 1	49,874	47,514	38,778	121	3,843	10,824	29,284	62,204	1,384	18,524
Appropriation	70,000	75,000	80,000	85,000	90,000	95,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
FEMA payment	7,650	5,500								
Extra for tractor/chipper	435									
Interest										
Purchases:										
Pickup			(40,000)					(40,000)		
a. Purchase truck in 2014, 2020, 2026					(100,000)					
b. Purchase truck in 2015, 2021, 2027						(100,000)				
c. Purchase truck in 2017, 2023, 2029		(101,000)						(100,000)		
Purchase Chipper										
Purchase Grader										
Purchase/Overhaul Excavator	(8,477)							(120,000)		
Purchase Loader				(110,000)						
Loans:										
a. Borrow for truck in 2014, 2020, 2026					75,000					
b. Borrow for truck in 2015, 2021, 2027						75,000		75,000		
c. Borrow for truck in 2017, 2023, 2029										
Borrow for Excavator		75,000								
Borrow for Grader										
Borrow for Loader				90,000						
Payments:										
a. Pmt on 2014/2020/2026 truck loan	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)	(22,319)	(16,500)	(16,200)	(15,900)	(15,600)	(15,300)
b. Pmt on 2015/2021/2027 truck loan	(23,598)	(23,276)	(22,957)	(22,638)	(22,319)	(16,500)	(16,500)	(16,200)	(15,900)	(15,600)
c. Pmt on 2017/2023/2029 truck loan			(16,500)	(16,200)	(15,900)	(15,600)	(15,300)	(16,200)	(16,500)	(16,200)
Pmts on Excavator	(16,960)	(16,640)	(16,320)							
Pmts on Grader	(7,650)									
Pmts on tractor					(19,800)	(19,440)	(19,080)	(18,720)	(18,360)	
Pmts on loader										
Balance, December 31	47,514	38,778	121	3,843	10,824	29,284	62,204	1,384	18,524	55,224

DESIGNATED FUNDS POLICY

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.

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

We issued over 155 burning permits in 2016. Unfortunately we had two wildland fires one of which nearly burned a barn down and did burn one vehicle. I wish citizens would stop and think when they start a grassland or brush fire. If it gets out of control it can take a lot of manpower to extinguish. Trained manpower is getting scarce as we do not have the number of volunteer fire fighters we need. I only ask that that you call for a permit. If it is safe to burn I will issue one.

Permits cover the burning of brush and natural wood only. State Law prohibits burning anything that is not natural material. A Fire Warden can only issue permits for natural materials. You will have to deal with the Environmental Protection Agency if you want to burn other types of materials.

In 2006 I asked all residents to resist the urge to burn in the spring when conditions for wildland fires are at their highest. I am asking again that you refrain from burning in the spring. Out of control fires take a lot of manpower, something we do not have during the daytime as most volunteers are working out of town.

Fire Wardens are given daily weather reports and fire danger reports. We know when to stop issuing permits. We ask that you refrain from burning when the State said it is not safe.

Please call when you want to burn. It only takes a phone call. State law states you cannot burn without a permit, even when it's raining. The permit system keeps the Fire Department alert to places where burning is permitted. When neighbors see smoke they call in a fire report. Many times the fire fighters are saved response when we know.

You may obtain a permit by calling me at 426-3265 or assistant Fire Warden Tim Maclay 454-7853. **PLEASE GET A PERMIT BEFORE YOU STRIKE THAT MATCH!** Let's have a safe year in 2017. Thanks for your cooperation.

Tom Maclay, Fire Warden

MARSHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Marshfield Conservation Commission (MCC) has been in existence for ten 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 as requested. 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).

The Marshfield Conservation Commission has been involved in the following activities during 2016:

Field Trips:

- A trip to the Stranahan Town Forest on Mother's Day to view the Spring flora;
- A birding trip to the Stranahan Town Forest later in May to observe spring migrants;
- A fall trip to the Old Growth Forest at Lord's Hill;
- A winter trip to Stranahan Town Forest for winter tree identification;
- Above trips were co-sponsored by the Jaquith Library and were well attended.

Stranahan Town Forest:

- A member of the MCC has agreed to be a liaison with the Stranahan Stewardship Committee
- Began some control of invasive plants at the Town Forest; this needs to be an ongoing effort.

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 \$950 as a result of the sale. These funds are earmarked for future conservation projects in Marshfield;
- About 60 individual orders, among the highest since the sale began.

Natural Marshfield Series:

- The Conservation Commission and the Jaquith Library have sponsored a monthly lecture/discussion on a natural history related topic. Topics included:
 - Presentation by Friends of the Winooski
 - Presentation on Citizen Science by Leila Nordmann
 - Climate Change and Animals of the North by Sue Morse
 - Vernal Pool trip with Annie Reed
 - Presentation on New Flora of Vermont by Art Gilman
 - Presentation on Moths by Michael Sabourin
 - Visit to Old Growth Forest on Lord's Hill with Bob Popp
 - Discussion of Microbiomes by David Montgomery & Anne Bikle
 - Origin and History of Vermont Fishes by Rich Langson
 - Winter Tree Identification with Ed Jalbert.

Green Up:

- In 2016 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. Twinfield students collected about 200 bags of trash in Marshfield & Plainfield. Efforts entailed the following activities:
 - Collecting bags of trash at the town garage, about 43 bags collected along with 29 tires, a metal barrel, and television sets.
 - Advertising via press releases and posters;
 - Arranging for trucks at the town garage;
 - Procuring and distributing trash bags;
 - Approximately 34 volunteers participated.

Tree Plantings:

- Assisted Friends of the Winooski with tree planting along the Winooski in Marshfield.

Water Quality Monitoring

- For the 9th consecutive year we partnered with The Friends of the Winooski River, the Cabot Conservation Committee, and the Plainfield Conservation Commission to conduct water quality sampling thru a state grant;
- Bacteria monitoring was done at 5 locations on the Winooski River in Marshfield. For 2 of the base flow samplings, the highest levels occurred just above the GMP hydro station; for 3 high flow events, bacteria levels were high at all sampling stations.
- Water quality sampling for alkalinity, chloride, phosphorous, and nitrogen was done on the Winooski above & below the water treatment facility, at the Martin Covered Bridge, and on 3 streams: Naismith, Guernsey and Marshfield Brooks.
- A report will be available on the Friends of the Winooski website.

- The Conservation Commission and Friends are always looking for additional volunteers to assist in this effort.

Beaver Issues:

- Chair contacted the Furbearer Control person in Fish & Wildlife to seek advice, and also met with Select Bd and Town Rd Foreman; MCC agreed to assist them in identifying problem areas.
- Chair along with Road Foreman and VT Fish & Wildlife visited various sites in Lanesboro, Beaver Meadow, and Brook Rd to review the need for preventive measures.

Invasive Plants:

- Members mapped invasive plants on all of the town roads in Marshfield
- We will provide a workshop to the town road crew next summer on identification of the more common invasives as a way of preventing their spread and introduction into new areas.

Other:

- Participated in field visit to Stranahan Town Forest to review the mountain bike trail proposed by the Vt. Mt Bike Assoc.
- Posted an invitation to participate in phenology study on Front Porch Forum and provided access to Community of Observers forum.
- Hosted a presentation on Conservation Planning at the Town Level by the VT Fish & Wildlife Conservation Planner, Jens Hilke. Presentation was attended by members of the Planning Commission and Stranahan Stewardship Committees.
- Exchange program with Middlesex CC: we visited their town forest to participate in laying out trails and members of their commission visited the Stranahan to view our trail network.

Marshfield Natural History:

MEADOW, MARSH, AND MOUNTAIN: A journey through the natural landscape of Marshfield. Published by the Conservation Commission the booklet features 10 essays depicting various natural features in Marshfield, authored by local residents with illustrations by local artists. It is available for a minimum \$3 donation at venues around Marshfield and Plainfield and at Town Meeting

VIRGINIA STRANAHAN MEMORIAL TOWN FOREST

The Stewardship Committee for our 620-acre Stranahan Memorial Town Forest (STF) had a busy year, including a restructuring of the Committee and activities on several fronts listed below. The Committee appreciates the support of residents throughout the year and particularly during the restructuring discussions. 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, biking, horseback-riding, and snowmobiling are available in our town forest along trails designated for the various means of travel.

Committee Restructuring

The Select Board (SB) had concerns with the operation of the Committee. Committee members and residents attended several meetings to hear the options being considered and provide input. The (SB) decided early in the year to revise the organization of the Committee and provide further guidance for its operation. Committee members had been selected to represent particular interests such as logging, sugaring, and snowmobiling on the Committee. The SB decided that the members should all focus on the interests of the Forest and the town and deal with the particular interests as issues arise. The Committee was dissolved and replaced by a new Committee of seven members with the revised representation. The new Committee did not begin functioning until July. The former committee included Jim Brimblecombe, John Domey, Ed Jalbert, Diana Batzel and Jenny Warshow. Angella Gibbons also served earlier. Thank you all for your dedication and for the important part you played in the stewardship of our town forest.

Jake Martin Road Parking Area

Two parking areas have been planned for the STF. The Hollister Hill Road parking area was completed but the Jake Martin Road parking area was not. Currently, parking for this southern STF access is adjacent to the circle in front of Kate Smith's house. Kate has been very generous in allowing this temporary parking solution on her property. The Committee and the Select Board have agreed to proceed with constructing a new parking area on Jake Martin Road. After reviewing three sites, a site was selected on the west side of Jake

Martin. This site is as originally mapped in the STF management plan and conservation easement. It will be the trailhead for hiking and biking trails. Cost to the STF fund for a graveled parking area is about \$4,300. The fund cannot afford this expense so we intend to proceed initially with a dirt parking area. We expect this project will be completed in the spring.

Beavers

This year a solution was found to manage the overflow from the beaver dam alongside the Thompson Road crossing of Guernsey Brook. The overflow has made the road impassable at times for walking and definitely impassable for maintenance vehicles. Various solutions to correct the overflow without removing the beavers were developed by the Stranahan Committee and Conservation Commission members. Fortunately the beavers were gone by early fall 2015 allowing a fix without impacting them. This year road foreman Danny Tetreault removed the dam, reset the existing culvert, and added a second culvert. The cost to the STF fund was \$730. We will watch for any new dam building activity. The area has little of the material left to build a dam so near term activity is not likely.

Hiking Trail and Field Maintenance

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, are open to travel by horse and bicycle. Twinfield Snow Travelers continue to use and maintain the VAST snowmobile trail that passes through STF. Many thanks to the following for the numerous hours volunteered to keep these trails clear this year: Rain Banbury, Ellen Cooke, Rich Phillips, Sarah Fowler, Ed Jalbert, Diana Batzel. The encroaching trees in the large field near the center of the property were removed by Rich and Ed and the Thompson Road was brush hogged.

Bike Trails

The first leg of a bike trail constructed by the Riders in Plainfield-Marshfield (the Club) was completed in 2015 and the second leg was completed this year including a significant and well-designed bridge spanning a wetland. The trail now extends from the Moon Field to the Thompson Road (about a mile). The Club reports that a total of 700 volunteer hours and \$1,500 in materials were required for this project. The Club has worked hard to bring their vision to reality. The result is a well-designed trail that has brought and will continue to bring more people into the Forest. The Club has proposed a fairly extensive new trail deeper into the forest. The Committee is considering this, trying to

balance the uses and reduce impact on wildlife. The Club would like to develop 5 or 6 miles of trails to allow for about 2 hours of riding.

Logging

No bids were received for logging a designated area of forest in 2015. There was discussion about adding more acreage to the bid proposal in hopes of getting bids. This has not been pursued. The demand for the type of wood available in these areas is very low at this time so we will not seek bids again in the near future. Logging discussions are still in the planning phases. The STF Committee is considering inviting the County Forester and the Land Trust's Forester to help with these discussions.

Sugaring and Haying

Jim Brimblecombe reports having 2820 taps this year in the sugarbushes to either side of Guernsey Brook and production was well above average. 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

Education

Spring wildflower and bird walks took place at the STF this year as they have each year Mother's Day weekend for the last several years. EarthWalk Vermont, a local environmental education organization, used the forest for a one week wilderness camp for teens. Annie Reed uses the forest as an outdoor classroom for her wildlife ecology courses at CCV

Projects for 2017

1. Construct Parking Area on Jake Martin Rd.
2. Complete the boundary marker project
3. Improve trail markers
4. Improve drainage along the Moon Trail and Thompson Road
5. Management Plan update

Our meetings are the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Old Schoolhouse Common. Please attend to let us know your ideas.

Respectfully Submitted
Stranahan Stewardship Committee

ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Marshfield's Energy and Climate Change Committee is tasked with studying and addressing energy use, energy efficiency, and energy conservation within the Town of Marshfield's municipal, residential, and commercial buildings, their associated infrastructure and related transportation requirements, and the contributions of the resulting consumption of energy to global changes in climate.

Historically, the committee has focused on and had notable accomplishments in the areas of public transportation, residential efficiency, energy education of the general populace, and addressing the energy use of the Old Schoolhouse Common through changes to the heating plant, changes in the lightning system and the installation of a solar electric system. Subcommittees have formed to research and report on transportation, weatherization, education, and other areas as needed.

Current committee work is addressing energy planning (for our upcoming town plan rewrite), changes in solar siting in Vermont law, outreach to other Marshfield municipal bodies, and promoting a lecture series.

Future committee work discussed includes studying other municipal energy uses searching for potential conservation avenues; working with Twinfield and the Washington Northeast Supervisory Union to assist in energy reductions and renewable energy options at the school; obtaining more detailed survey information than currently available about heating and hot water fuel types and other energy uses in Marshfield residences with an eye to identifying savings options for residents; providing guiding information to homeowners who are interested in pursuing solar electric, biomass heating, or weatherization; inviting other speakers to the Jaquith Public Library to address energy and climate topics.

The committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7pm in the Old Schoolhouse Common, at the Jaquith Public Library. Occasional exceptions to the meeting date due to holidays are

noted in the public minutes of the committee in the previous month. Minutes of meetings are available on the Town of Marshfield website. Marshfield also closely coordinates information and opportunities with Plainfield's Energy Coordinator at these meetings.

The Energy and Climate Change Committee is currently seeking new members who are interested in working on planning and implementing municipal-scale weatherization, transportation, renewable energy, and other energy-conservation and climate-related work.

To contact the committee, please email Michael Horowitz: michaelh@fairpoint.net

Solar at OSC

2016 was another banner year for solar production. The 17.64 kW tracker system, installed at the OSC in 2013, again collected over 26,000 kWh in 2016. In both 2015 and 2016, collection was 10% higher than the original design. In combination with the lower consumption at the OSC, due to efficiency measures and the departure of the Senior Center, the system that was designed to provide two thirds of the OSC demand is now meeting that whole demand and some from the town garage and the fire station.

As of early January, the system has collected just over 100,000 kWh and saved the town about \$20,000 in energy costs. It has also avoided the release of about 64,000 pounds of CO₂.

This means we are about a third of the way toward offsetting the full cost of the system. That cost was originally paid through an internal loan from the town's own funds, so the roughly \$600 we have paid in interest on that loan has stayed within the town. That loan will be fully repaid by the end of 2017, and we expect the system to finish paying for itself in about 2025.

Speaking of the future, the town clerk has received a letter from Green Mountain Power outlining some changes to the net metering agreement. One change, a slight adjustment to how the rebate is calculated, took effect at the beginning of January. Other changes, including how generation credits are distributed and transferred and what fees may be paid by them, will not take effect

until the system is ten years old (in January of 2023). The main effect of these changes will be the loss of the extra solar incentive at the end of ten years. This extra six cents certainly speeds the payback, but its loss does not significantly change the payback period because it comes near the end of that period.

Climate Change Lecture Series

The Energy Committee sponsored a series of presentations at the Jaquith Library that focused on issues related to climate change. We were able to draw on the expertise of folks from surrounding communities to learn more about this important subject. The first was author Brian Tokar (*Climate Justice*) who discussed the state of climate action following the Paris climate talks. Grace Gershuny (*The Organic Revolution*) offered a presentation on agriculture and climate change. Plainfield resident Michael Billingsley spoke to us about climate change and resiliency. Finally, our state representative, Janet Ancel, talked about current legislative efforts as related to climate change. About a dozen people attended each session.

Outreach to Marshfield's Municipal Bodies

During the 2016 town meeting a resolution was put forward by the energy committee encouraging all municipal bodies to consider what impact their actions are having, or can have, on climate change. This resolution passed. During 2016, and continuing into 2017 the Energy Committee has reached out to the committees, boards, commissions and other bodies of Marshfield to discuss and promote this resolution. This work has spurred conversations and actions related to assessment of energy use, evaluation of grant opportunities, and more.

Anne Miller
Michael Horowitz

Wes Cate
John Morris
Joel Trupin

Dan Chodorkoff
Nick Seifert

MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Marshfield Historical Society has a new meeting day. Mark your calendars to meet on third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Hap Hayward History Center, located on the second floor of the Jaquith Public Library in the Old School House Common. We welcome new members and occasional visitors. Bring your stories, old photos, or mystery artifacts from Marshfield's past to our next meeting.

The Hap Hayward History Center features a main exhibit honoring Marshfield's historian and sawyer Hap Hayward. Other objects on display include Civil War, World War I and sports memorabilia, items from long-ago Marshfield businesses, and an exhibit commemorating long-time librarian, Zula Mears. Two additional exhibit cases provide space for a new exhibit in 2017 and items for sale including mugs, sun catchers and copies of *A Walking Tour of Marshfield Village*.

Marshfield, Vermont; A Photographic Album 1860-1930 is also available for purchase again. We worked with L. Brown Printing to reprint this popular book by local author Caleb Pitkin.

In 2016 the Historical Society offered three public programs. January's program featured *The Sketches and Humor of Stanley Lyndes* presented by Cabot farmer Dawn Andrews. April's presenter, Paul Gillies, entertained and informed a crowd of over 70 people with his talk *The Magic and Mystery of Ancient Roads*. Janet Nielsen created a slide show entitled *Main Street Marshfield: Before and After the Fires*. She presented this show during fall Foliage Days on October 2nd to an audience of about 30 people. She will reprise this popular program in the coming year.

Have an interest in genealogy? Janet Nielsen donated a year's subscription to www.genealogybank.com. Anyone may access this site using Janet's email address "JanetN@myfairpoint.net" and password "jaquith." The site has newspaper records from long ago as well as genealogical information.

The Hap Hayward History Center is open during regular Library hours and for special evening events. We welcome donations of Marshfield photos, documents, and historical items. Stay tuned for our schedule of presentations for 2017. Visit us at the Marshfield, Vermont web site: www.town.marshfield.vt.us. Click on Boards and Commissions to find our link.

MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
Checking Balance, Jan. 1	2,265	4,178	4,351
Income			
Book Sales	200	50	
Card Sales	10	20	
Mug Sales	12	6	
Other Sales	27	7	
Appropriation	8,455	6,455	6,455
Donations	0	136	
Interest Income	3	4	
Total Income	<u>8,707</u>	<u>6,679</u>	<u>6,455</u>
Expense			
Rent	6,455	6,455	6,455
Other Expenses	339	50	
Total Expense	<u>6,794</u>	<u>6,505</u>	<u>6,455</u>
Net Income	1,913	174	0
Checking Balance, Dec. 31	4,178	4,351	4,351

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

A library is a feast to which we are all invited

–Katherine Paterson



Library Services – Books are just the beginning

It doesn't matter your tastes, the Jaquith has something for you - borrow a book, video, audio book or magazine. Find a comfy chair and read a pile of travel books or plan a garden. Come to a book group. Access the internet with high speed wireless service.

Peruse art in the Second Floor Art Gallery. Attend a concert, a lecture, a film, a reading, or come to an art opening. Check out a free state park pass and go swimming, hiking, birdwatching or reading lakeside. Borrow a museum pass and visit the ECHO Museum, Vermont History Museum, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Farms, Billings Farm and Museum, and Vermont Historical sites. We even have passes to Ben and Jerry's!

Programming Highlights from 2016

There is so much happening in your small community library! Here is a sample of the many events the Jaquith provided in 2016.

Harvest Festival – 250 people came out to enjoy family friendly activities, including music with the amazing singer/composer Myra Flynn and local high school musicians, face painting, cider pressing, pop-corn popping, arts and crafts, community kickball, “Marshfield: Before and After” history program, book sale, bake sale, BBQ, horse and wagon rides and the Friends of the Jaquith Annual Chili Cook-off.

Natural Marshfield – This series about the local environment presents walks and talks with speakers addressing fascinating and important aspects of the local natural world. 2016 events included *Is that Sapling a Son of a Beech or a Son of a Birch*; *Origins of Vermont Fishes*; *The Hidden Half of Nature: Microbial Ecology*; *A Walk in an Old Growth Forest*; *Looking at Moths*; *Vernal Pools walk*; *Mother's Day Spring Wildflower Walk*; and *Spring Bird Walk*.

Summer – We had over *a thousand people* come out for our summer events!! The 2016 summer reading programs were based on the theme “On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!” *91 kids signed up for the summer reading program*, happily proving that kids STILL read!

Children’s programs included a Bike Rodeo; Fun with Hula Hoop, Jump Rope and Hopscotch; Fun and Games from Around the World; Rockin’ Ron the Friendly Pirate; Circus Time; and Tyke Kwon Do. Family fun night events included Storytelling with Lawrence Black; Falconry: The Noble Sport (with VINS); Flight Club; Intuitive Archery; Secrets of Soap; and a Frisbee Challenge. The summer concert series had an amazing line-up of talent including Cajun Double Fiddles, Cold Country Bluegrass and Dana and Susan Robinson, Michael Arnowitt, Kick ‘Em Jenny, Kava Express and the Dave Keller Band.

Variety of Programs – All through the year, the Jaquith provided a variety of other informative and interesting programs and workshops: a Young Writers Workshop in which 7 children ages 8-14 wrote stories which were printed into hardbound books; Intro to Ham Radio Workshop; Remedies for Anxiety and Sleep; Climate Degradation and Local Preparedness; Planetary Gods and Goddesses; Climate Change and Tax Policy; annual Winter Clothing Drive, annual Book Sale, Open House and Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, monthly song-circle, a number of ongoing film series, including a new children’s series, Art and Author events, book group, children’s story time and playgroup with activity.

This is your library. This means YOU! This library functions and THRIVES because of the many, many people who come together to help. The Jaquith is all it is because people in this community are willing to share their knowledge, attend an event, lend a hand, perform, organize, coordinate, haul books, donate for the silent auction, dust shelves, attend performances, make chili, cornbread or cookies and show up and take part.

So, **Volunteer!** We need help with shelving, processing books, circulation, tidying up, moving books, cleaning DVDs and CDs or helping with events. If you have a skill to share, some knowledge to impart, have something you want to learn about, hear about a

program somewhere else and want to see it come here, see a gap in the collection, or have an idea to improve the library services, please speak up. Your library is counting on you!

Gratitude

We are 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 donate their concerts and to the people who helped plan, set-up and clean-up afterwards. Thank you to the artists and authors who share their creativity with us. Thanks to the Library Trustees and the Friends for their work. Thanks to the bakers who supplied library programs and concerts with treats. Thank you to those who sponsored the summer concert series, presented the summer library programs, assisted with the summer programming, and the summer concert barbeque, bake and book sales. 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.

This library could not function as fully as it does without the selfless gifts of time, enthusiasm, energy and love of the library that these countless individuals give. **Thank you!**

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday:	9 am to 12 pm; 3 pm to 7 pm
Tuesday and Thursday:	3 pm to 6 pm
Saturday:	9 am to 1 pm

Check out www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org or call 426-3581 to find out all the great things that are happening at your library.

SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Town Account

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Available, Jan. 1	21,017	21,017	21,017	21,017
Income				
Previous Year Surplus	1,200	1,600	1,603	0
Town Appropriation	74,850	76,822	76,822	79,850
Fundraising	4,361	3,825	3,995	2,750
Interest and Dividends	22	11	18	1,210
Total Income	<u>80,432</u>	<u>82,258</u>	<u>82,439</u>	<u>83,810</u>
Expense				
Previous Year Deficit	0	0	0	829
Books	6,777	6,500	6,537	6,500
Magazines	598	535	543	350
Computer Expenses	2,059	2,130	2,473	1,705
Telephone	223	368	696	800
Old Schoolhouse	12,840	12,840	12,840	12,840
Cleaning Service	0	0	510	1,560
Insurance	1,147	1,147	1,164	1,221
Supplies	1,228	1,000	556	610
Postage>Returns	900	800	545	770
Programs	11	50	0	0
Maintenance	0	0	0	0
Equipment	45	0	150	0
Conference Fees	0	140	0	140
Mileage	0	50	0	50
Service Charge	47	50	4	25
Staff Expenses				
Librarian	27,364	27,412	27,608	27,965
Children's Librarian	6,645	7,011	7,178	7,150
Substitutes	2,508	2,178	3,190	2,387
Custodian	969	1,066	472	0
Social Security	2,069	2,335	2,085	2,285
Medicare	484	546	536	534
Retirement	1,933	1,987	2,001	2,027
Health Insurance	10,984	14,113	14,181	14,062
Total Staff Expenses	<u>52,954</u>	<u>56,648</u>	<u>57,250</u>	<u>56,410</u>
Total Expense	78,829	82,258	83,269	83,810
Surplus/Deficit	1,603	0	(829)	0
Applied to next year	(1,603)		829	
Available, Dec. 31	21,017	21,017	21,017	21,017

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Jaquith Account

	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Actual 2016</u>
Available, Jan. 1	9,130	8,944
Income		
Grants	2,050	2,350
Donations	7,166	4,725
Conscience Can	86	83
Jaquith Book Replacement	64	178
Jaquith Booksale	220	194
Amazon Rewards	0	123
Total Income	<u>9,585</u>	<u>7,652</u>
Expenses		
Payroll	1,550	1,600
Books	1,500	1,216
Playgroup	364	301
Programs	5,555	5,083
Expansion Expenses	176	413
Other Donation/Grant Purchases	627	739
Total Expenses	<u>9,772</u>	<u>9,351</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(186)	(1,699)
Available, December 31	8,944	7,245
Balances		
Town Account Balance	21,017	21,017
Jaquith Account Balance	8,944	7,245
Plus Surplus to be applied	1,603	(829)
Less Prepayments	(64)	0
Total, Checking and Savings Accts	<u>31,500</u>	<u>27,432</u>
Mutual Fund Balance, December 31	69,995	73,683

* Dividends were reinvested in 2015 and 2016 so they did not appear in the budget until 2017.

CEMETERY BYLAWS

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:

Adults	\$600.00
Infants	\$225.00
Cremations	\$225.00

Most recent revision February 21, 2012 by the Marshfield Selectboard

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

CEMETERY OPERATING FUND

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Balance, Jan. 1	38,419	33,160
- Income -		
Investment Income		
Bond Interest Income	2,486	2,486
Money Market Earnings	1	1
Total Investment Income	2,487	2,487
Appropriation	8,500	8,500
Burials	1,275	470
Total Income	12,262	11,457
- Expense -		
Operating Expenses		
Sexton	800	800
Additional Labor	879	0
Burials	775	575
Capital Repairs	6,843	2,143
Cemetery Mowing	8,000	8,000
Setting Stones/Markers	100	0
Insurance	25	9
Flags	100	100
Other Expenses	0	88
Total Operating Expenses	17,521	11,715
Net Income	(5,259)	(257)
Balance, December 31	33,160	32,902

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Balance, Jan. 1	107,699	108,639
- Income -		
Investment Income		
Mutual Fund Dividends	1,834	3,912
Change in Market Value	(3,644)	2,929
Capital Gains	0	0
Total Investment Income	(1,811)	6,841
Lot Sales	2,750	1,000
Total Income	939	7,841
 Balance, December 31	 108,639	 116,479

Balance Sheet as of December 31

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2,016</u>
Cash/Money Market	8,978	11,465
Owed to General Fund	0	(1,745)
Bonds/Government Securities	44,992	45,262
Mutual Funds	87,829	94,399
Total Assets	141,799	149,382
 Perpetual Care Fund Balance	 108,639	 116,479
Operating Fund Balance	33,160	32,902
Total Both Funds	141,799	149,382

CABOT AMBULANCE SERVICE

It was a relatively calm year for EMS in the towns of Cabot and Marshfield. Folks seem to be taking care of themselves and staying safe, so call volume was down from previous years. Of course, that's a good thing! We would rather see you all around town, than in need of our services.

Cabot Ambulance has both added and lost personnel this year. One of our members retired, having served in EMS for many years, both here and in Massachusetts. We've gained a couple of new recruits who are in training, and others of us have moved to a higher certification. Quite a few of our members remain active in the EMS world, either at the hospital ED or at other local agencies. This is important, as it helps keep us up to date on the current methods.

We have, at the time of this writing, 5 Advanced EMT's, 4 EMT's, 1 EMR (Emergency Medical Responder), 2 EMR students, and 1 junior member on the roster. One of the AEMT's intends to be taking the paramedic course in New Hampshire over the next year and a half, and we wish him all the best.

Education is a nonstop process for those in EMS, and there is always something more to learn. As the state makes changes in our protocols, and as research reveals better methods of care, we must adapt our thinking and practices to give the highest care possible to our communities. We are committed to making this a priority.

In 2016, Cabot Ambulance has responded to 113 calls, of which 68 were in Cabot and 45 in Marshfield. We performed 47 transports, and treated 65 patients. We were on scene at 19 motor vehicle accidents, some with death resulting. There were several requests for lift assists as well as medical alarm activations. The opiate overdose reversal drug naloxone was administered twice, and is now carried by several of our EMT's in their personal jump kits for quicker administration.

While call volume was down, we struggled a bit this year in getting full crews together for some calls. This is always a disappointment to us, but we are glad to have the backup of East Montpelier and Barre Town crews when it happens. Plainfield FAST squad has been active on the Marshfield calls. Volunteerism is down nationally, and it is true even here. As jobs become more demanding, and more time is spent away

from our communities, people are less available for calls. We are always looking for more members, so if you have some time you'd like to give, or just want to see what we do, contact Sheila Brown at sheilab313@aol.com.

Respectfully,

Joshua Gouge, Vice-President
Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service

PLAINFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE

The Plainfield Fast Squad has been serving the communities of Plainfield and Marshfield since 1991. We've been providing quality patient care in a timely manner, averaging a nine minute response time for at least the last four years. We have a very dedicated team of volunteers that are committed to our community. We currently have two members who are taking the "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician" class, which will bring our number up to four AEMT's in our department. This enables us to provide Advanced Life Support to our patients. An AEMT is able to offer a higher level of patient care including services i.e. IV's, medications, and advanced airways. We have six EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians), and two Emergency Responders. We have a new member who will be taking the EMT class starting in Hardwick this month. We are still looking for a few more dedicated, and team oriented individuals. We've made wellness check visits on patients that have called on our services. We brought blood glucose strips to an elderly patient who was homebound. We received over 150 calls last year, slightly down from the year before, which is good news!

It is with great appreciation that the Plainfield Fireman's Club has recently purchased five First Responder jackets for some of the members that needed them.

For all emergencies call 911.

Gregory Light, Head of Service
Plainfield Fast Squad
(802) 839-8878

DOGS

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 2017 dog license fees are as follows:

	Current	Late	New Dog After Oct. 1
Neutered/spayed dog or wolf-hybrid:			
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>
Total	12.00	14.00	10.00
Unneutered/Unspayed dog or wolf-hybrid:			
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>
Total	16.00	20.00	12.00

Dog Licenses Issued in 2016

Male	39
Male Neutered	128
Female	41
Female Spayed	<u>157</u>
Total	365

2017 RABIES CLINICS

We have been unable to find a veterinarian willing to hold a clinic in Marshfield this year. The Hardwick Veterinary Clinic will take walk-ins on each Saturday in March, for rabies vaccines only, from 8:30 – 10:00 – the cost will be \$15.

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.

BIRTHS

<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Name of Parents</u>
Brule, Alice Stephanie	F	Shawna LeAnn Brule & Giles Collin Brule
Douglass, Karsen Paul	M	Nichole Marie Stacey
Heintz, Alice Stewart	F	Kathryn Elizabeth Leffel & Benjamin Pender Heintz
Martin, Evelyn Rae	F	Helen Rose Warren
Montgomery, Jayden Joseph	M	Jillian Victoria Cherry & Joseph Maurice Montgomery
Purdy, Jonluke David	M	Heather Jean Purdy & Matthew James Purdy
Randolph, Juni Babette	F	Chaya Beate Asalam Thanhauser & Adam David Randolph
Stewart, Frances Blake	F	Mary Elizabeth Blake & Matthew Raymond Stewart

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>
Durkee, Debrah Lynn	Woodbury	Barnett, Derrick Nathan	Marshfield	2/24/2016	Woodbury
Parrish, Danelle Marie	Marshfield	Hollyer, Andrew Gregory	Williamstown	4/22/2016	Barre City
Meade, Eric Michael II	Marshfield	Quattrocci, Emily Victoria	Marshfield	4/30/2016	Waitsfield
Barrett, Holly	Cabot	O'Rourke, Michael James	Marshfield	6/11/2016	Marshfield
Brandt, Thaddeus Abel	Cabot	Mulligan, Susanna Claire	Marshfield	8/20/2016	Marshfield
Rogers, Kevin Scott	Marshfield	Ericson, Lindsay Paige	Marshfield	9/23/2016	Marshfield
Horton, Sean Michael	Marshfield	Bissell, Kristin Ann	Marshfield	10/1/2016	St. Johnsbury
McDowell, Joshua Caleb	California	Morris, Jennifer Judith	Marshfield	10/8/2016	Marshfield
Buckley, Charles Alexander	Marshfield	Lewis-Rock, Samantha Lyn	Marshfield	10/10/2016	Marshfield

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Arthur, Margaret Karlyn	66	F	4/13/2016	Williston
Brandt, Wilmer	96	M	10/10/2016	Marshfield
Healey, Jeri Lee	73	M	6/15/2016	Berlin
Irving, Leonard George	92	M	11/6/2016	Berlin
James, Cassandra Lynn	49	F	9/11/2016	Syracuse, NY
Mangan, Denise M.	69	F	2/6/2016	Berlin
Maston, Connie Lynn	60	F	1/11/2016	Marshfield
Matthew, Jake Graves	18	M	8/17/2016	Marshfield
Newton, Edythe Lorraine	98	F	3/10/2016	St. Johnsbury
Oatley, Helen M.	78	F	3/9/2016	Berlin
Olson, Cheryl Starr	72	F	9/7/2016	Marshfield
Osmond, Susan Ellen	68	F	2/7/2016	Marshfield
Rinker, Andrew Kirk	19	M	8/7/2016	Marshfield
Roberts, Wayne Ellsworth	80	M	8/2016	East Montpelier
Robertson, Lloyd A.	60	M	11/13/2016	Woodbury
Spooner, Beverly Hood	82	F	5/16/2016	Burlington
Surridge, Peter T.	74	M	5/1/2016	Marshfield

SUMMARY OF CIVIL ORDINANCES ADOPTED **as of December 31, 2016**

#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 or obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The NEKWMD finished 2016 with a 2% decrease in recyclables processed compared to 2015. However, ten towns and eight schools reported increases in recycling. Recycling markets began the year on the low side, but rebounded during late summer and into the fall. Although commodity prices rebounded toward the end of the year, it was not enough to overcome the expenses incurred for equipment repairs in 2016. The District ended 2016 with a deficit of \$53,459. Revenues in 2016 were 5% below projections. While budgeted expenses were 2.4% above projections.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District in 2016. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) guided most of our activities in 2016 and will continue to do so for the next several years. 2017 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with Act 148. The NEKWMD will assist 11 Towns with establishing food scrap collection at their transfer stations before July 1, 2017.

The NEKWMD is entering 2017 with a proposed budget of \$755,527 – an increase of 5.3% compared to 2016, but only a 1.6% increase compared to 2015. The surcharge rate of \$23.25 will increase by \$1.00 for 2017 to \$24.25. Our surcharge on trash remains below the State average of \$25.07.

The NEKWMD was staffed by ten full-time and four part-time employees in 2016. 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 2017

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 7, 2016 at 9:00 E.S.T. in the forenoon to act upon the following articles.

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

Moderator	1 year
Town Clerk	1 year
Town Treasurer	1 year
Selectperson	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Auditor	1 year
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

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

School Director	3 years
School Director	1 year

Article 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$993,254 allocated as follows, with \$259,728 from other income, \$109,847 previous year surplus to be applied and \$623,679 to be raised in taxes:

- \$264,721 for the payment of indebtedness and general expenses (\$114,636 from other income and \$150,085 from surplus and taxes);
- \$589,671 for the support of highways and bridges (\$87,297 from other income, \$502,374 from surplus and taxes);
- \$63,647 in support of the Marshfield Fire Department (all from surplus and taxes);

\$21,642 in support of the Planning and Zoning Department (\$2,000 from permit fees, \$19,642 from surplus and taxes);

\$2,250 in support of the Marshfield Recreation Committee (all from surplus and taxes);

\$51,323 in support of the Old Schoolhouse Common (\$25,330 from building lease/rentals, \$30,465 allocated from other town departments, \$4,472 used to lower taxes).

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$79,850 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 \$8,600 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$15,000 in support of the Cabot Ambulance Service.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,500 in support of the Plainfield Fire and Rescue Service.

Article 10. 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 11. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$12,832 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 Vt Economic Development Corp	\$100
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$ 3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	\$ 250
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	\$ 1,100
Our House	\$ 100
Peoples Health and Wellness	\$ 300
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 2,000
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	\$ 100
Washington County Mental Health	\$ 800
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	\$ 250

- Article 12.**
- 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 18, 2017, 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 17, 2017, 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.

Article 13. Will the Voters of Marshfield, Vermont pass the following resolution:

Whereas nearly 60 million people worldwide are displaced by violence, political strife, or natural disaster and forced to become refugees; and

Whereas millions of additional people worldwide are driven to seek out immigration opportunities for better lives and well being for their families; and

Whereas immigration has been the cornerstone of our state and nation's development and prosperity throughout our history; and

Whereas the Town of Marshfield recognizes that the federal government and federal agencies have no legal authority to require local enforcement of immigration policy; and

Whereas Marshfield has no formal existing agreements to enforce immigration policy; and

Whereas the Town of Marshfield does not inquire about a resident's immigration status in providing municipal services or in the course of law enforcement; and

Whereas federal funding may not be withheld based on a municipality's willingness to enter into agreements regarding the enforcement of immigration policy.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Marshfield, Vermont select board the following:

The Town of Marshfield formally announces its intention to be a designated sanctuary town; and

As a sanctuary town, the Town of Marshfield, Vermont will have policies that direct employees to refuse the application of any request from a state or federal agency that requires the identification of a resident's immigration status; and

The Town of Marshfield, Vermont shall refuse any request to be an extension of any federal immigration policy

enforcement actions and shall not enter into any agreement to carry out such enforcement; and

The Town of Marshfield, Vermont calls on Vermont's congressional representatives in the U.S. House and Senate to work vigorously for just immigration reform which protects the most vulnerable residents in our nation.

Article 14. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Laurie Colgan, Christopher Martin, and Andrew Perchlik

Marshfield, Vermont, January 24, 2017 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Warning for the Annual Town Meeting for the year 2017 and that it was recorded before posting.

Attest, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

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 7, 2017 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 \$755,527?

NOTICE

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

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by February 5, 2017. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. **SAMPLE BALLOTS** will be posted by February 25, 2017.

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 for the Twinfield Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 6, 2017. (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 the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerks 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

SELECTBOARD:

Laurie Colgan	426-3653
Andrew Perchlik	426-3032
Christopher Martin	454-8441

ROAD FOREMAN:

Daniel Tetreault	661-8174
Town Garage	426-3752

LIBRARY:

Susan Green	426-3581
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VILLAGE CLERK:

Deborah Tousignant	426-3393
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VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

Justin Campbell, President	595-0221
Arthur Gilman	426-3272
Bruce Hayden	426-3310
Brendan McLane	426-3013
Jennifer Potter	426-2125

DOG OFFICER: vacant – call Selectboard

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.

Town Clerk's Office
122 School Street, Room 1
Marshfield, VT 05658
<http://town.marshfield.vt.us>

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting on March 7, 2017

Need a Ride? Call one of your Selectboard members listed inside this cover.