

**Annual Report
of the Town of**

Brookfield



VERMONT

January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fire.....	911
White River Valley Ambulance.....	911 (802-234-6800)
Williamstown Rescue Unit	911 (476-4111)
Sheriff-Orange County.....	685-4875
State Police.....	911 (802-234-9933)
Fire Warden.....	728-5739
Town Garage.....	276-3090
Town Clerk.....	276-3352
Sheriff – Orange County.....	685-4875

Town Clerk’s Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Selectboard Meetings: Town Clerk’s Office 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.

Brookfield Library Hours:

Winter: Tuesday: 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., Wednesday: 1:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Summer: (Memorial Day to Labor Day) Tuesday: 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.; Wednesday: 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., Thursday: 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.; Saturday: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Library Trustees meet First Tuesday at Brookfield Library at 7:00 P.M.

Brookfield Elementary School.....	276-3153
Randolph Union High School	728-3397

Chartered: August 5, 1781

Please visit our website @ www.brookfieldvt.org and see us on Facebook
Town E-mail address: townclerk@brookfieldvt.org

Landfill Hours:

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Saturday 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. *except holidays*
Telephone number: 728 6737

Household Hazardous Waste Days for Residents: One day in Spring and One day in Fall
Exact Times and Dates to be announced *For acceptable materials contact (802) 223-7221*

Cover Photo: Brookfield Center Cemetery, October 2001

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TOWN OF BROOKFIELD ANNUAL MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of Brookfield are hereby warned to meet for the annual Town Meeting at the Brookfield Elementary School auditorium at 1725 Ridge Road, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

Article:

1. To elect all officers as required by law for the ensuing year by Australian ballot. For this purpose, the polls will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
2. To hear and act on reports of the Town Officers.
3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues.
4. To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law in two installments, and if so, to set the dates.
5. To see if the Town will authorize support of Big Heavy World for the sum of \$250.00.
6. To see if the Town will vote to approve the discontinuance and disbanding of the Brookfield Cemetery Commission, with authority over the Town cemeteries to revert to the Selectboard (per 18 VSA 5381).
7. To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town General Fund and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.
8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to complete a property line adjustment with the property owners adjacent to the Town Garage property, consisting of the following:
 - Transfer of ____ acres from adjoining parcel 89 to the Town Parcel 88.
 - Transfer of _____ acres from adjoining parcel 90.1 to the Town Parcel 88 in exchange for an access easement for Parcel 90.1, across Parcel 88 along the western boundary of Parcel 88 to its intersect with the VT Route 65 Right-of-Way.
 - Payment to be either in cash or an adjustment of property taxes for the adjoining landowners.
9. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to purchase a new Grader for up to \$290,000, and to determine whether the terms for such purchase shall be payment in full in the first year, installments over a term of years, or leasing the equipment.
10. To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town Highway Fund and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.

11. To transact any other proper business.

Dated at Brookfield, Vermont, this 4th day of February 2017.

Attest: Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

There will be an informational meeting about the Town Budget on Monday evening, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Brookfield met for the annual Town Meeting, at the Brookfield Elementary School auditorium at 1725 Ridge Road, Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect all officers as required by law for the ensuing year by Australian ballot.

Polls were declared open at 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Article 2: To hear and act on reports of the Town Officers.

John Benson, Selectboard Chair, addressed the meeting thanking Perry & Joy Kacik for organizing the dedication for the Floating Bridge Celebration.

J. Benson is the President of the Vermont Society of Engineers and wanted to recognize Greg White for being named Engineer of the Year this year.

The storm damage repair has been completed on Old Cross Road and Farnsworth Lane has been completed.

J. Benson recognized Teresa Godfrey, Delinquent Tax Collector for doing a fabulous job in collecting back taxes which allowed the reduction of the tax rate. It also helped reduce the amount needed to borrow to pay for the new dump truck. The capital plan shows the Town will need to replace the grader soon and it is about \$250,000 - \$300,000 for a new one. The back taxes collected in the past can be used to help with this purchase.

The Ridge Road section, that was repaved a few years ago, was crack sealed. With the grant from the Agency of Transportation, the final section of the Ridge Road and the portion of Northfield Road that goes under I-89 will be repaved.

J. Benson recognized that the Planning Commission has dedicated an immense amount of time and effort updating the Town Plan.

The Town Office has been painted inside and following the energy audit plan that was completed a few years ago, the insulation in the Library walls and attic has been put in. Two new windows have been installed in the attic. The remaining windows will be replaced in the next few weeks.

The Emergency Medical Services plan, which identifies how Brookfield is covered, has been changed to WRVA using mutual aid with services from neighboring towns as the first responders if they are located closer than WRVA. This system will be tested and reviewed over the next several months.

Patsy French, State Representative, spoke to the voters about the difficulty in getting the budget balanced. Money was increased for Medicaid and it includes the cost of Dr. Dinosaur and Choices of Care Program. More people are becoming eligible with 60% going to home health care and 40% to community health care within nursing homes.

Representative French spoke of the opiate crisis and how it is affecting more young children that have to come into the system while their parents are being helped.

She also spoke of the Legislature's school consolidation plans and the budget caps.

Article 3: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues.

Motion by D. Montie, seconded by Billie Gosh, to approve authorization. Motion carried.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes paid into the treasury as provided by law in two installments, and if so, to set the dates.

Motion by A. Adler, seconded by L. Runnion that first payment of 2016/2017 property taxes due November 5, 2016; second payment due May 6, 2017. Motion carried.

Article 5: To see if the Town will authorize support of the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation for the sum of \$648.50.

Motion by S. Reid, seconded by Dove Cogen, to authorize the support.

Bob Haynes, Executive Director, said they have been in operation since 1984. They are one of 12 economic development corporations in the state. Their management support has helped businesses continue to grow. This is their first

time requesting from Brookfield. They work as an ombudsman with the small businesses and Legislature and will testify for owners at their request.

Motion was called. Motion carried with 1 nay vote.

Article 6: To see if the Town will authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 to complete a speed limit study on selected Town highways and to allow the Selectboard to engage the service of a qualified consultant to perform this study.

Motion by Dove Cogen, seconded by S. Edson.

Discussion began with a recap of what the Town approved from Town Meeting 2015 for Police services. A Public Safety Committee was formed to research recommendations. Unless posted, the Town speed limit is 50 mph and the Selectboard is limited by State Statute for road speeds. If we want to lower a road's speed limit to 25 mph, there has to be a speed study done by the State. The study will allow the Selectboard to reduce the speed on Town roads, but it can't set a speed limit on State roads.

Motion was called. Motion carried with a few nays.

Article 7: To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$456,487.50 (\$455,839.00 + \$648.50) meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town General Fund and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.

Motion by L. Stowell, seconded by M. Maeder.

C. Keeler opened for discussion. There was none so the motion was called. Motion carried.

Article 8: To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$692,800.00 (\$691,300.00 + \$1,500.00) to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town Highway Fund and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.

Motion by D. Montie, seconded by L. Stowell.

There was discussion on the gravel used and the availability of gravel. Since the Wheatley gravel pit has been closed, the Highway Department has had to use processed materials.

D. Montie wanted to know how the collections of back taxes was decided to use for the budget.

J. Benson said some of the money was part of the previous year balance and there is potential to use the balance of back taxes towards a new grader but it will be included in the warning to be put to a vote.

S. Edson wanted to know what the State plans are for Route 65.

J. Benson said the State is proposing to resurface all of Route 65 using gravel on the gravel and repave where paved. The State is looking at the intersection of Route 65 and West Street. Route 65 and Route 14 are on the list to be done.

B. Fallon would like to know how to get a barrier fence on Route 65. D. Montie is the Chair and representative for Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission and she can send a letter with your concerns.

Motion called. Motion carried.

Article 9: To transact any other proper business.

D. Childs, Town Representative for ECFiber, stated that no Town tax dollars can be used to fund ECFiber. There are 24 other towns within the 1400 mile network and the system has been wired through the Kibbee Road area. ECFiber has borrowed \$40 million to complete the entire project. Where Brookfield is on the list depends on how many are signed up for it. He recommended that Brookfield residents show their interest by subscribing on the ECFiber website.

Due to fire codes, the Town is no longer able to have tables in the Elementary School hall so P. Kacik reminded everyone that the annual Ice-Out tickets and information about the Floating Bridge were available in an adjacent school room.

G. Brees, Town Auditor, commented that the financial responsibility of the auditors is meeting monthly and reviewing town records, the credit card use, delinquent taxes, payroll, etc. Everything appears to be in order and they would like to thank Teresa Godfrey, Town Treasurer, and the Selectboard for taking care of the towns' finances.

T. O'Donnell, West Brookfield Village Trust, said they have been continuing the upkeep of the Historic Meeting House. They are thinking of ways to use the space more frequently.

B. Fallon touched on several items:

- Green-up Day is May 7th. She would like to see more people and kids participate. This is no longer a State-sponsored event so there is a need for financial support.

- The Cemetery Commission is in need of new committee members. The 2 remaining members, Mike Herold & Melanie LaRocque, will not be running for office next year.
- The Marvin Newton House Historical Society is trying to maintain the building. It is in desperate need of repair. There needs to be more involvement.

M. Herold added that he has been on the Cemetery Commission for 3 years. A lot of work still needs to be done. There are huge crevasses in the East Hill Cemetery that need filling. He hopes that in 2017 someone will take his place on the committee.

L. Kelly, Brookfield Community Partnership, is starting to plan for the Old Town Hall events and reminded everyone they can sign up to help or for email contact.

Several residents voiced their concerns about establishing community services web-links for those interested on the Town website. The Selectboard is willing to consider it with parameters.

Senator Mark McDonald discussed the marijuana bill currently being considered in the Legislature, commenting that it will probably not pass in the upcoming session. He added his support for the efforts of ECFiber to expand locally.

M. Stoddard commended the Highway Department for the job done on Old Cross Road. He would like to discuss with the Fire Chief about using the culvert as a dry hydrant.

J. Kacik wanted to thank the Selectboard and Teresa Godfrey for the time and thought they put in to the Town issues.

K. Anderson spoke of being the sole employee of the Restorative Justice Program. She works with kids & young adults from Brookfield when they get out of jail. It is paid through grants.

Motion by L. Stowell, seconded by V. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD OFFICERS 2016

Moderator for Town & School Meeting.....	Charles Keeler
Town Clerk.....	Teresa Godfrey
Administrative Assistants.....	Teresa Godfrey, Karyn "KC" Peterson
Assistant Town Clerk/Assistant Treasurer.....	Karyn "KC" Peterson
Selectboard term exp 2017.....	Cory Haggett
Selectboard term exp 2018.....	John Benson
Selectboard term exp 2019.....	Jeffrey Kimmel
School Dir BES/term exp 2017.....	James A. Merriam
School Dir BES/term exp 2017.....	Kate Forrer
School Dir BES/term exp 2017.....	Kristin Husher
School Dir RUHS/term exp 2017.....	Laura Rochat
School Dir OSSU/appointed.....	James A. Merriam
School Dir OSSU/appointed.....	Kate Forrer
School Dir OSSU/appointed.....	Kristin Husher
School Dir OSSU/appointed.....	Laura Rochat
School Dir OSUD/term exp 2019.....	Kate Forrer
School Dir OSUD/term exp 2018.....	Laura Rochat
Lister/term exp 2017.....	Teresa Godfrey
Lister/term exp 2018.....	Stuart Edson
Lister/term exp 2019.....	Phyllis Humez
Auditor/term exp 2017.....	Mary Waldo
Auditor/term exp 2017.....	Brenda Flint
Auditor/term exp 2018.....	Ginny Brees
Treasurer.....	Teresa Godfrey
Delinquent Tax Collector.....	Teresa Godfrey
Constable.....	Kevin Joyal
Second Constable.....	Vacant
Grand Juror (3).....	Charles Barnum, Mary Doyle, Alice Kempe
911 Coordinator.....	Charles Barnum
Agent to Deed Land.....	Charles Barnum
Agent to Defend Suits.....	Vacant
Memorial Day Comm.	Mary Doyle, Alice Kempe
Library Trustee/term exp. 2018.....	Daniel Childs
2018.....	Kym Anderson
2019.....	Amy Borgman
2017.....	Emily Noyes
2017.....	Catherine Wright
Cemetery Committee	
2017.....	Melanie Larocque
2017.....	Michael Herold
2019.....	Vacant

Fence Viewer(not mandated)
 Weigher of Coal.....(not mandated)
 Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood.....(not mandated)

Planning Commission: (6)

Mardee Sanchez (Chair)	Martha Judy	Colin Duclos
Jeff Girard	William White	

Board of Adjustment: (5)

Jeff Kimmel (Chair)	Tom Allen	Kym Anderson
Theresa White		

Report of the Brookfield Selectboard for 2016

In comparison to the past few years with Tropical Storm Irene, the Floating Bridge Celebration, and the lack of a major snow storm, the past year has been a very quiet one for Brookfield. Things of note over the past year include:

Closure of the Former Gravel Pit (intersection of RT 65 and RT1 14) – The former gravel pit and source of material for the Town has now been fully closed. The closure took a greater effort than original anticipated due to drainage issues. Now that this issue has been resolved, the property owner has accepted the restoration and taken back control of the property.

Ridge Road – Thanks to a grant from the Vermont Agency of Transportation, the Town has been able to complete the resurfacing of the Ridge Road and a section of Northfield Road in the area of the Interstate underpass. As a part of the Ridge Road paving, the banking of the curve, where several young people lost their life a few years ago, has been improved.

VT Route 65 – As many of you are aware, VTrans resurfaced VT Route 65 this past summer. A number of you have raised questions regarding the surface material and excess dust. These same concerns have been expressed by our Road Foreman. In late Fall 2016, the Town participated in a site meeting with VTrans and the Contractor. The decision was to revisit the issue in the Spring and to define a corrective action plan at that time.

Public Safety Committee – The Selectboard will be implementing recommendations from the Public Safety Committee to reduce/post speed limits on several Town Roads. We anticipate being in a position to install the signage in the Spring. See the Public Safety Committee report for additional information.

Emergency Medical Services – As reported last year, the Town accepted the trial by White River Valley Ambulance Service (WRVA) to improve service/reduce response time by using their mutual aid agreement with Williamstown, Chelsea, and Northfield. The plan envisions that an ambulance from Williamstown, Chelsea, or Northfield, depending on the specific location of Town the incident

occurs in, would respond simultaneously with WRVA. Thus the mutual aid ambulance would stabilize the person, and if a higher level of care is required, the WRVA team would take over. With the very limited data set of results due to the limited number of calls in Town, we did not see a noticeable improvement. Thus the Town is once again working with WRVA and Barre Town to divide the Town.

New Road Grader – it is time to replace our 2004 Grader. This essential piece of equipment has served the Town well for many years, but like the retirement of Arnold, the fixture behind its wheel over a year ago, it's time. As we reported last year, thanks to the hard work of our Delinquent Tax Collector, Teresa Godfrey, we were able to reduce the amount of revenue that had to be raised by property taxes to meet last year's Town obligations as well as make two years' worth of payments on the new Town dump truck. This has set us up in a more favorable financial position to undertake the purchase of a new Grader this year. The Selectboard has investigated several options for the purchase/financing of the Grader which will be presented at Town Meeting.

Road Classification – The Selectboard continues to make progress on addressing roads that are out of step with their Classification. This past year the Town went through the formal process of reclassifying a short section of seasonally maintained Old Stage Road from Class 3 to Class 4.

Town Office – For the second time in recent years, the Town Office was broken into. Nothing of significant value was taken as these items, including any cash, are securely locked in the vault. Additional security measures are being undertaken to reduce the risk of future break-ins. Like the Grader, the vault door is due for major repair or replacement. Due to the age of the door replacement parts may no longer be attainable.

Thank you – The Selectboard wants to recognize all those who serve or volunteer to make our small Town run. We thank you and greatly appreciate all your efforts. To the People of Brookfield, we thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted, Brookfield Selectboard: John Benson, Jeff Kimmel & Cory Haggett

Brookfield Board of Listers - 2016 Report

For the Grand List year April 2015 – March 2016, the Brookfield Board of Listers completed 37 site visits (including 9 new dwellings), processed 67 transfer forms (changes in ownership and/or land divisions), and continued with our management of 163 Brookfield properties currently enrolled in Vermont's Current Use program. On an on-going basis we field calls, emails and walk-in requests from our property owners and from outside professionals needing information.

Reminder to Veterans: Any **disabled veteran**, who is planning to apply for the Veterans Tax Exemption, must submit a Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans and Their Survivors form (Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs Form 3802) and letter of eligibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs **before May**

1st of each year. A Veteran exemption **cannot** be applied until the Listers receive notification from the State that the exemption form has been approved.

Lister tasks generally include researching the Land Records (original deeds), making changes to our electronic data files for the Grand List, conferring with the State, updating our physical file folders for each change in property status, referring to the survey maps we have digitally or in the vault, and updating our parcel maps for any subdivisions or newly combined properties. Additionally, maintenance of our Current Use properties requires on-going communication and file exchanges with the Vermont Division of Property Valuation and Review.

In addition to the usual Lister duties, this year we set up a file box of “Lister Cards” which are single-sheet printouts of each property’s assessed value, along with a photo of the main dwelling. These cards are great alternative for the public to access specific information quickly, rather than having to spend time poring through the detailed files we maintain in the vault.

We expect to contract with an independent property assessor for conducting a **Townwide Reappraisal after June 2019**. The State funding we receive annually will cover most of the cost of the reappraisal minimizing the amount the town would have to contribute.

It is the goal of the Listers to keep the Brookfield Grand List and records of the 941 property parcels in Brookfield up to date. Please contact us at the town office if you have any questions or changes to your property. The Listers can be reached at the Town Clerk’s Office number (802) 276-3352 or by email at listeners@brookfieldvt.org. We will call (or email) you to arrange a time to meet. Please remember that **new or added construction** may require that you first obtain a building permit from our Zoning Administrator Dee Montie.

The Brookfield Listers are members of Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors (VALA). We stay current with concerns, challenges and changes in assessment practices across Vermont by attending the bimonthly VALA meetings and monitoring the Vermont Listers listserv.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Edson, Teresa Godfrey, Phyllis Humez

Brookfield Listers

Brookfield Planning Commission - 2016 Report

During 2016, the Planning Commission met with the Selectboard to discuss changes made to the revised Town Plan submitted in 2015 and adopted in 2016. The next revision of the Town Plan will be in 2024. The Planning Commission reviewed applications that require site plan review and worked with applicants to obtain necessary information to make informed decisions.

After 16 years of service, all of them as Chair, Aaron Adler resigned from the Planning Commission in 2016. As Chair, Aaron spent countless hours researching issues, drafting documents, and representing Brookfield in front of the Public Service Board. Aaron's expertise and dedication to Brookfield was apparent to those of us fortunate enough to work with him and he will be greatly missed as a Planning Commission member and Chair.

In 2016 we were fortunate to welcome two new Planning Commission members, Mardee Sanchez and Colin Duclos. Mardee has accepted the role of Chair for the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office. The public is encouraged to attend.

Colin Duclos, Jeff Girard, Martha Judy, Mardee Sanchez (Chair), William White

VITAL STATISTICS 2016

Marriages:

Date	Name #1	Residence	Name #2	Residence	Place of Marriage
June 12, 2016	Michael Patrick McKelvey	Williamstown	Jennifer Lin Beach	Brookfield	Williamstown
July 1, 2016	Daniel Joseph Bohnyak	Brookfield	Michaela Ann Vince	Brookfield	Fairlee
July 10, 2016	Rosella Jo Stephenson	New York City	Amy Margaret Blackburn	New York City	West Brookfield
August 27, 2016	Erik Nielsen	Brookfield	Jacqueline Rose Smith	Brookfield	Brookfield
September 10, 2016	Jennifer Lynn DuBois	Brookfield	Nicholas Adam Eaborn	Brookfield	Williamstown

Births:

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Angelo Luca Archdeacon	January 15, 2016	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT	Gabriel T. Archdeacon	Josey A. Hastings
Emalee Rose Dawn Adams	March 30, 2016	Randolph, VT	Brookfield, VT	Jordan J. F. Adams	Sarahbeth K. Adams
Mira Kane Falby	June 9, 2016	Randolph, VT	W. Brookfield, VT	Jonathan N. Falby	Meghan K. Falby
Averill Mayer Ferris	July 14, 2016	Randolph, VT	Brookfield, VT	Max A. Ferris	Kathryn A. Mayer
Richard Daniel Drury III	August 22, 2016	W. Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT	Richard D. Drury Jr.	Allishia S. Adams
Brynn Alivia Kidder	September 16, 2016	Randolph, VT	Brookfield, VT	Ricky A. Kidder	Jacklyn M. Largesse
Conan Liam Edwards-Lepine	September 30, 2016	Randolph, VT	Brookfield, VT	Nicholas D. Lepine	Cady L. Edwards
William Clay Purvis	November 18, 2016	Berlin, VT	Brookfield, VT	A. Clay Purvis	Clare M. Barnard

Deaths:

Name	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial
Wendell P. Bushey	67	January 26, 2016	Brookfield, VT	Valley Crematory, White River Jct., VT
Angus Roy MacAskill	82	March 24, 2016	Brookfield, VT	Green Mountain Crematory, Northfield, VT
Alberta Claire Herold	80	April 24, 2016	Lebanon, NH	Brookfield Ctr. Cemetery, Brookfield, VT
Richard Daniel Drury III	Newborn	August 22, 2016	Randolph, VT	Pleasant View Cemetery, Randolph, VT
Ronald R. Morrissette	71	September 28, 2016	Brookfield, VT	Green Mountain Crematory, Northfield, VT

Burials:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
Darwin C. Sharrow	83	April 18, 2016	Togus, ME	Veterans Cemetery, Randolph Cr., VT
Alberta C. Herold	80	April 24, 2016	Lebanon, NH	Brookfield Center Cemetery
Raymond Phelps	85	March 17, 2016	Newport City, VT	Brookfield Center Cemetery
Pearl Marguerite Knowles	95	March 22, 2016	Graniteville, VT	Brookfield Center Cemetery
Marilyn J. Maxey	71	June 8, 2016	Maryville, TN	West Brookfield Cemetery
Vivian A. Perkins	83	December 21, 2015	Branford, CT	East Brookfield Cemetery
Peter George LeZotte	48	July 8, 2016	Ocala, FL	Brookfield Center Cemetery
Rachel Terry	97	September 7, 2016	Montpelier, VT	West Brookfield Cemetery
Bonnie Ann Wilcox				
Scarborough	63	January 29, 2016	Columbia, SC	Brookfield Center Cemetery
Judith Ashley Huestis	64	October 18, 2016	Colchester, VT	Brookfield Center Cemetery

Respectfully submitted: Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

Town of Brookfield Balance Sheet

Account	General Fund	Fire Department	Cemetery	Library	Highway Equipment	Fire Truck	Reappraisal ***	Recreation/Cons	Total
ASSET									
Lake Sunapee GF Checking	\$ 455,859.64	\$ -	\$ 17,580.90	\$ 2,439.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 475,880.45
CB Del Tax Checking	\$ -	\$ 2,706.38	\$ 5,218.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,925.06
NSB GF Checking	\$ 342,802.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 342,802.59
Lake Sunapee Tax Sale Sav	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,849.71	\$ 17,790.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,740.06
Due To/From Other Funds	\$ (27,643.64)	\$ 9,992.33	\$ 849.12	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,805.98)	\$ 391.83
NSB GF Cert of Deposit	\$ 103,794.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,794.98
CD 15837	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,399.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,399.21
Lake Sunapee Highway Savi	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,596.73	\$ -	\$ 61,214.73	\$ -	\$ 149,811.46
Vanguard Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,345.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,345.59
Fidelity Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,165.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,165.51
Total Asset	\$ 874,913.57	\$ 17,548.42	\$ 98,838.26	\$ 43,951.01	\$ 108,596.73	\$ -	\$ 61,214.73	\$ (2,805.98)	\$ 1,202,256.74
LIABILITY									
Due To/From Other Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 391.83	\$ -	\$ 391.83
Perpetual Care Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,902.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,902.42
Federal Deposit	\$ 1,690.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,690.61
State Tax Deposit	\$ 95.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95.68
VMERS-DB	\$ 544.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 544.57
Bank Loan 2015	\$ 53,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,000.00
St of VT - Marriage	\$ (805.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (805.00)
St of VT - Dogs	\$ (41.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (41.00)
Total Liability	\$ 54,484.86	\$ -	\$ 75,902.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 391.83	\$ -	\$ 130,779.11
FUND BALANCE									
Fund Balance	\$ 942,257.66	\$ 17,544.33	\$ 21,478.30	\$ 43,951.01	\$ 108,552.38	\$ -	\$ 60,792.29	\$ 26,212.00	\$ 1,220,787.97
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	\$ 942,257.66	\$ 17,544.33	\$ 21,478.30	\$ 43,951.01	\$ 108,552.38	\$ -	\$ 60,792.29	\$ 26,212.00	\$ 1,220,787.97
Fund Balance Current Year	\$ (121,828.95)	\$ 4.09	\$ 1,457.54	\$ -	\$ 44.35	\$ -	\$ 30.61	\$ (29,017.98)	\$ (149,310.34)
Total Fund Balance	\$ 820,428.71	\$ 17,548.42	\$ 22,935.84	\$ 43,951.01	\$ 108,596.73	\$ -	\$ 60,822.90	\$ (2,805.98)	\$ 1,071,477.63
Total Liability Fund Balance	\$ 874,913.57	\$ 17,548.42	\$ 98,838.26	\$ 43,951.01	\$ 108,596.73	\$ -	\$ 61,214.73	\$ (2,805.98)	\$ 1,202,256.74

*** Reappraisal balance is now \$69,305.83. The payment for March 2016 for \$8,464.50 was transferred after June 30, 2016. There will be another payment from the State at the end of March for approximately \$8,400.00 bringing the balance up to \$77,705.83 towards the Town Wide Reappraisal.

	Budget 7/1/15-6/30/16	Actual 7/1/15-6/30/16	Budget 7/1/16-6/30/17	Actual (6 mos) 7/1/16-12/31/16	Proposed Budget 7/1/17-6/30/18
Town Income					
10-4-1-10-00 Property Taxes Received	\$ 317,751.00	\$ 234,906.81	\$ 332,040.00	\$ 185,820.22	\$ 295,249.50
10-4-1-10-01 Del Tax Principal	\$ -	\$ 116,121.10	\$ -	\$ 41,542.52	\$ -
10-4-1-30-00 PILOT	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,631.04	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,223.18	\$ 9,500.00
10-4-1-40-00 Current Use-Hold Harmless	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 78,026.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 71,515.00	\$ 75,000.00
10-4-1-60-00 Judicial-Local Fines	\$ 250.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,357.91	\$ 500.00
10-4-2-02-00 Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 8,680.96	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 5,854.80	\$ 8,600.00
10-4-2-03-00 Book Restoration Fund	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,159.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,462.20	\$ 2,000.00
10-4-2-04-00 Copier Reimbursement	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,693.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 636.95	\$ 1,200.00
10-4-2-05-00 Dog Licenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (123.00)	\$ 1,000.00
10-4-2-07-00 Marriage Licenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 250.00
10-4-2-08-00 Permits	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,500.00
10-4-2-10-00 Posting Fees	\$ 25.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00
10-4-2-16-00 Liquor Licenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
10-4-2-30-00 Miscellaneous Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,452.19	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,727.47	\$ 1,000.00
10-4-3-10-00 Int. Bank Accounts	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,842.38	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 754.52	\$ 1,000.00
10-4-3-40-00 Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,528.15	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,420.91	\$ 12,000.00
10-4-3-50-00 Int. Delinquent Taxes	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 38,159.56	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 20,767.07	\$ 10,000.00
Total Town Income	\$ 441,426.00	\$ 510,605.19	\$ 455,840.00	\$ 347,934.75	\$ 418,974.50
10-4-9-00-00 Highway Income - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 470.00	\$ -
10-4-9-02-01 FEMA Revenue	\$ -	\$ 142,491.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-4-9-03-01 DR427 TREES GRANT	\$ -	\$ 27,772.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-4-9-10-00 Property Taxes Raised	\$ 537,491.00	\$ 367,347.14	\$ 539,250.00	\$ 303,180.36	\$ 575,984.00
10-4-9-20-00 St. of VT-Highway Aid	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 142,399.90	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 71,187.60	\$ 140,000.00
10-4-9-30-00 RT 65 Maintenance Contract	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,399.46	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,227.10	\$ 12,000.00
10-4-9-35-00 Highway Permits	\$ -	\$ 310.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 265.00	\$ -
Total Highway Income	\$ 687,491.00	\$ 689,721.28	\$ 691,300.00	\$ 376,330.06	\$ 727,984.00
Total Income	\$ 1,128,917.00	\$ 1,200,330.94	\$ 1,147,140.00	\$ 724,264.81	\$ 1,146,958.50

	Budget 7/1/15-6/30/16	Actual 7/1/15-6/30/16	Budget 7/1/16-6/30/17	Actual (6 mos) 7/1/16-12/31/16	Proposed Budget 7/1/17-6/30/18
Town Expenses					
10-5-1-10-00 Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 17,472.00	\$ 17,472.00	\$ 18,084.00	\$ 9,042.02	\$ 18,445.00
10-5-1-11-00 Assistant Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 4,130.00	\$ 2,577.71	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 550.00
10-5-1-15-00 Treasurer's Salary	\$ 13,978.00	\$ 13,978.12	\$ 14,467.00	\$ 7,233.46	\$ 14,756.00
10-5-1-16-00 Assistant Treasurer's Salary	\$ 1,377.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 141.90	\$ 550.00
10-5-1-17-00 Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,901.72	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,535.01	\$ 12,000.00
10-5-1-20-00 Selectmen's Salaries	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00
10-5-1-25-00 Admin. Assistant Salary	\$ 8,261.00	\$ 7,545.58	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 5,009.67	\$ 15,100.00
10-5-1-50-00 Lister's Salaries	\$ 20,160.00	\$ 16,338.00	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 6,184.50	\$ 20,160.00
10-5-1-52-00 Constable's Salary	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,100.00
10-5-1-54-00 2nd Constable Salary	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
10-5-1-55-00 Admin Officer Salary	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ -	\$ 3,200.00
10-5-1-58-00 Auditor's Salaries	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
10-5-1-65-00 Health Officer's Salary	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
10-5-1-68-00 BCA/ Elections	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 921.11	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,089.46	\$ 1,500.00
10-5-2-40-00 Social Security	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,546.14	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,482.57	\$ 15,000.00
10-5-2-45-00 Medicare	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,168.40	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,516.30	\$ 4,000.00
10-5-2-50-00 Workman's Comp	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 2,168.71	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,850.00
10-5-2-60-00 VT Employees Retirement	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 1,941.42	\$ 1,302.00	\$ 957.84	\$ 1,330.00
10-5-2-80-00 Mileage	\$ 850.00	\$ 558.17	\$ 850.00	\$ 336.42	\$ 850.00
10-5-2-81-00 Constable Mileage	\$ 750.00	\$ 515.78	\$ 750.00	\$ 159.84	\$ 750.00
10-5-2-94-00 Training	\$ 750.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 750.00
10-5-2-94-01 Constable Training	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
10-5-2-95-00 Professional/Legal Services	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,782.56	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (1,449.24)	\$ 7,000.00
10-5-2-96-00 Audit	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 15,000.00
10-5-3-04-00 Orange County Sheriff	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,818.50	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,911.50	\$ 12,000.00
10-5-3-10-00 Fire Department Budget	\$ 30,550.00	\$ 74,515.43	\$ 30,350.00	\$ 7,736.73	\$ 31,700.00
10-5-3-15-00 Fire Truck	\$ 36,621.00	\$ 36,620.60	\$ 36,621.00	\$ 5,319.13	\$ -

	Budget 7/1/15-6/30/16	Actual 7/1/15-6/30/16	Budget 7/1/16-6/30/17	Actual (6 mos) 7/1/16-12/31/16	Proposed Budget 7/1/17-6/30/18
10-5-3-22-00 Librarian Salary	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 11,399.82	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 4,937.49	\$ 11,300.00
10-5-3-22-01 Assistant Librarian	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 966.00	\$ 1,300.00
10-5-3-25-00 Library Budget	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,800.00
10-5-3-30-00 Cemetery Budget	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 45,705.09	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 14,495.95	\$ 28,000.00
10-5-3-60-00 Ambulance Service	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 77,494.20	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 32,289.25	\$ 80,000.00
10-5-3-70-00 Emergency Management	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00
10-5-3-80-00 Street Lights	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,520.51	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,901.36	\$ 4,800.00
10-5-4-12-00 Advertising and Notices	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 834.16	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 146.03	\$ 1,200.00
10-5-4-14-00 Tax Bill Preparation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-5-4-16-00 Town Report	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,863.27	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
10-5-4-18-00 Book Restoration	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
10-5-4-20-00 Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,807.25	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,209.42	\$ 3,500.00
10-5-4-22-00 Dog Licenses	\$ 150.00	\$ 140.41	\$ 150.00	\$ 141.45	\$ 150.00
10-5-4-24-00 Dog and Animal Control	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 107.50	\$ 1,000.00
10-5-4-28-00 Postage	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,688.52	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,348.64	\$ 2,800.00
10-5-4-30-00 Administrative Other	\$ 100.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 100.00
10-5-4-40-00 Lister's Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 228.44	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
10-5-4-41-00 Lister Computer Support	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 812.02	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 1,000.00
10-5-4-42-00 Lister Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
10-5-4-43-00 Lister Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 440.92	\$ 500.00	\$ 60.48	\$ 500.00
10-5-4-44-00 Tax Maps	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,750.00
10-5-4-45-00 M&S Cost Tables	\$ 232.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
10-5-4-46-00 VALA Membership	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
10-5-4-47-00 Blueprints/Reproductions	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
10-5-4-50-00 Computer Hardware	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,149.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
10-5-4-51-00 Computer Software	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 250.00
10-5-4-52-00 Computer Support	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,506.35	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,336.85	\$ 2,000.00
10-5-5-10-00 Electricity	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,028.05	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 450.65	\$ 1,350.00
10-5-5-20-00 Heat	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00
10-5-5-30-00 Telephone	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 979.39	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 407.21	\$ 1,750.00

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10-5-5-40-00 ISP	\$ 600.00	\$ 449.69	\$ 600.00	\$ 285.89	\$ 600.00
10-5-6-10-00 Buildings and Grounds	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 19,211.82	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,443.42	\$ 10,000.00
10-5-6-20-00 Copier Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 749.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
10-5-6-55-00 Office Equipment	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 228.75	\$ 500.00
10-5-7-10-00 Property/Liability Insurance	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,941.18	\$ 2,150.00	\$ -	\$ 2,448.00
10-5-7-20-00 Officers/Employees Bond	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,294.12	\$ 1,450.00	\$ -	\$ 1,632.00
10-5-7-30-00 VLCT	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,357.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,371.00	\$ 2,600.00
10-5-7-40-00 Two Rivers Planning Comm.	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 1,718.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 1,850.00
10-5-7-50-00 Orange County	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,620.90	\$ 37,210.00	\$ -	\$ 37,000.00
10-5-7-60-00 Brookfield Planning Comm.	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 4,963.83	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00
10-5-7-70-00 Interest Expense	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
10-5-7-80-00 Bank Charges	\$ 750.00	\$ 509.86	\$ 500.00	\$ 18.74	\$ 500.00
10-5-7-85-00 Errors and Omissions	\$ 2,155.00	\$ 2,588.24	\$ 2,850.00	\$ -	\$ 2,900.00
10-5-7-90-00 Solid Waste Transfer Facility	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 840.80	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
10-5-8-10-00 CVCAC	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
10-5-8-11-00 Arts Bus	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
10-5-8-15-00 Stage Coach	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 1,100.00
10-5-8-17-00 Red Cross	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
10-5-8-18-00 Green Up VT	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
10-5-8-20-00 Memorial Day	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
10-5-8-30-00 VT Visiting Nurses	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
10-5-8-40-00 Randolph Senior Citizens	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
10-5-8-60-00 Clara Martin Center	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 1,905.00
10-5-8-70-00 Ctr. for Independent Living	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
10-5-8-71-00 Randolph Area Food Shelf	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
10-5-8-71-01 RACDC	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
10-5-8-85-00 Orange Co. Parent Child	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

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10-5-8-90-00 Safe Line	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
10-5-8-96-00 CV Council on Aging	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
10-5-8-97-00 Orange Co. Court Diversion	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
10-5-8-98-00 Green Mt. Economic Dev. Corp	\$	\$	\$ 648.50	\$ 648.50	\$ 648.50
Total General Town Expenses	\$ 447,226.00	\$ 479,860.79	\$ 456,487.50	\$ 154,166.69	\$ 418,974.50
10-6-1-00-00 Highway Salaries	\$ 154,000.00	\$ 124,276.86	\$ 154,000.00	\$ 60,248.23	\$ 154,000.00
10-6-1-10-00 Highway Comm. Salary	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
10-6-2-30-00 Vt. Employ. Ret. Fund	\$ 5,245.00	\$ 5,177.99	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,409.94	\$ 5,750.00
10-6-2-40-00 Unemployment	\$ 5,760.00	\$ 1,255.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 5,700.00
10-6-2-50-00 Health Insurance	\$ 44,536.00	\$ 35,048.56	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 14,543.23	\$ 43,300.00
10-6-2-60-00 Dental Insurance	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 1,792.68	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 746.95	\$ 2,500.00
10-6-2-70-00 Life Insurance	\$ 340.00	\$ 265.20	\$ 340.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 340.00
10-6-2-80-00 Workman's Comp	\$ 10,350.00	\$ 8,360.31	\$ 10,000.00	\$	\$ 11,014.00
10-6-2-95-00 Mileage Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9.72	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 72.25	\$ 2,000.00
10-6-3-01-00 Training	\$ 500.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 500.00
10-6-3-02-00 Speed Limit Study	\$	\$	\$ 1,500.00	\$	\$
10-6-3-10-00 Salt	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,689.67	\$ 15,000.00	\$	\$ 15,000.00
10-6-3-15-00 Chloride	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 12,383.20	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 4,289.04	\$ 8,500.00
10-6-3-20-00 Gravel	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 35,009.19	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 74,633.87	\$ 50,000.00
10-6-3-25-00 Sand	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 54,600.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$	\$ 50,000.00
10-6-3-30-00 Contract Plowing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,125.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 3,000.00
10-6-3-40-00 Roadside Mowing	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,700.00
10-6-3-50-00 Diesel Fuel	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 26,287.41	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 11,808.79	\$ 50,000.00
10-6-3-60-00 Contract Highway Repairs	\$ 6,000.00	\$	\$ 2,500.00	\$	\$ 2,500.00
10-6-4-10-00 Equipment Maint./Repair	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 76,591.28	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 18,162.03	\$ 50,000.00
10-6-4-10-01 Uniforms & Safety Equip.	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,029.72	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,283.06	\$ 4,000.00
10-6-4-20-00 Building Maint./ Repair	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,142.13	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,710.27	\$ 20,000.00
10-6-4-30-00 Electricity	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,538.94	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 479.41	\$ 1,800.00

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10-6-4-40-00 Telephone	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 834.81	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 516.30	\$ 1,300.00
10-6-4-50-00 Radios	\$ 900.00	\$ 4,852.25	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
10-6-4-60-00 Vehicle Insurance	\$ 14,450.00	\$ 15,529.44	\$ 17,100.00	\$ -	\$ 19,580.00
10-6-4-70-00 Green Up Vermont	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 551.32	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
10-6-5-10-00 Culverts	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,354.40	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,316.40	\$ 6,000.00
10-6-5-15-00 Bridges	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,649.58	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
10-6-5-20-00 Wheatley Land	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
10-6-5-30-00 Erosion Control	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,832.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 28.95	\$ 3,000.00
10-6-5-50-00 New Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,589.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
10-6-5-60-00 Road Signs	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,189.45	\$ 3,000.00
10-6-5-85-00 Loader Lease	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 13,677.98	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 13,677.98	\$ 13,700.00
10-6-5-87-01 2015 Truck	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 154,866.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 53,689.70	\$ -
10-6-5-88-00 New Grader	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,000.00
10-6-5-90-00 Paving	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 64,858.43	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 180,899.84	\$ 50,000.00
10-6-5-95-00 Road Reconstruction	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 65,399.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 21,885.60	\$ 40,000.00
10-6-7-23-00 FEMA 2013	\$ -	\$ 55,135.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-6-7-25-00 FEMA Tree Cleanup	\$ -	\$ 34,433.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Highway Expenses	\$ 687,491.00	\$ 850,891.50	\$ 692,800.00	\$ 482,753.29	\$ 727,984.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,134,717.00	\$ 1,330,752.29	\$ 1,147,139.00	\$ 636,919.98	\$ 1,146,958.50

Brookfield Tax Rates – 2016 - 2017

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE		
Description	Credits	Debits
General Town Expenses		455,839.00
Town Highway Budget		691,300.00
Town Highway State Aid	142,375.16	
State Snowplow Funding	20,000.00	
Town Clerk's Fees	10,000.00	
Interest	15,000.00	
Hold Harmless	71,514.00	
PILOT Program	9,500.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,500.00	
Fiscal Year Adjustment	86,640.00	
	(360,529.16)	
To Be Raised By Taxes		786,609.84
Municipal Grand List (1%)	1,605,605.50	
Municipal Tax Rate		.4899

EDUCATION TAX RATES	
Residential Rate	1.3119
Non-Residential Rate	1.3798
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.8018
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.8687

Approved by the Selectboard: 8-8-16

**Brookfield Delinquent Tax Report
December 31, 2016
Teresa Godfrey, Delinquent Tax Collector**

The delinquent tax list is getting smaller as is the dollar amount owed. I have several property owners who are under a payment plan (an * next to their name) working on paying their back taxes while maintaining their current taxes. Having 2 payments a year, with the option of making monthly payments, seems to be working for most property owners. There are a few properties that may need to go to tax sale. I had one property in 2015 that was sold through tax sale and the sale was finalized in October 2016. The process of tax sale requires the Attorney to notify the property owner and any lien holder of the impending sale. If they are not able to pay the delinquent taxes and attorney fees, then a tax sale is held. There has to be someone interested in purchasing the property, with the understanding that they are tying up their money for a full year and are NOT allowed on the property for the full year. This gives the property owner a year to “buy” the property back with interest to the purchaser and fees to the attorney. So a tax sale is not necessarily the answer to some of these delinquency issues.

Principals Owed:

<u>Year</u>	<u>2015 report</u>	<u>2016 report</u>
2003	\$ 1,430.10	\$ 1,430.10
2006	3,602.15	3,602.15
2008	3,287.57	3,287.57
2009	12,232.32	7,969.23
2010	12,089.54	3,810.80
2011	7,760.23	6,861.10
2012	18,915.68	11,029.67
2013-6	3,496.82	776.45
2013-2014	32,751.56	17,554.69
2014-2015	62,794.07	31,025.76
2015-2016		45,997.73
Totals	\$158,360.04	\$133,345.25

DELINQUENCIES

2003/2006/2008
PRINCIPAL \$8,319.82
MOORCROFT, JAMES

2009
PRINCIPAL \$7,969.23
BROWN, GAYLEN*
LACKEY, PAUL*
MOORCROFT, JAMES

2010**PRINCIPAL \$3,810.80**

KING, KARL
 LACKEY, PAUL *
 NEWMAN, LAWRENCE

2011**PRINCIPAL \$6,861.10**

DOW & HOLLANDER *
 KING, KARL
 LACKEY, PAUL *
 NEWMAN, LAWRENCE

2012**PRINCIPAL \$11,029.67**

DOERFER, JANE *
 DOW & HOLLANDER *
 KING, KARL
 LACKEY, PAUL *
 NEWMAN, LAWRENCE

2013-6**PRINCIPAL \$776.45**

DOW & HOLLANDER **Pd in full Jan.*
 LACKEY, PAUL *
 MOORCROFT, JAMES

2013-2014**PRINCIPAL \$17,554.69**

BROWN, GAYLEN *
 DOW & HOLLANDER *
 FOOTE, PHILIP *
 GRADY, WILLIAM *
 JDI PROPERTIES INC *
 KARALEKAS, GEORGE *
 KING, KARL
 LACKEY, PAUL *
 MOORCROFT, JAMES
 NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
 PENNEY, JOSEPH **Pd in full Jan.*
 SULLIVAN, MICHAEL *
 TAPLIN, THERESA *

2014-2015**PRINCIPAL \$31,025.76**

BROWN, GAYLEN *
 CAMP, NANCI
 DOERFER, JANE*
 DOW & HOLLANDER*
 FOOTE, PHILIP*
 JDI PROPERTIES INC.*
 KARALEKAS, GEORGE*
 KING, KARL
 LACKEY, PAUL*
 MAXEY, WALTER
 MOORCROFT, JAMES
 NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
 SULLIVAN, MICHAEL*
 TAPLIN, THERESA*
 TOULIS, STEVEN*
 ZEBORA, GEORGE*

2015-2016**PRINCIPAL \$45,997.73**

BEAULIEU, ROBERT
 BROWN, GAYLEN*
 CAMP, NANCI
 DOERFER, JANE*
 DOW & HOLLANDER*
 GADBOIS, MATTHEW
 JAVERY, THOMAS*
 KARALEKAS, GEORGE*
 KING, KARL
 MAXEY, WALTER
 MDL-PRL, LLC*
 MILLER, JACOB
 RING, BRYAN
 SEVERANCE, JOHN
 SEVERANCE, STEVE
 SNOW, LEON*
 SULLIVAN, MICHAEL*
 TAPLIN, THERESA*
 YOUNG, THOMAS
 ZEBORA, GEORGE*

Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department 2016

FALSE ALARMS-2	CO2 DETECTOR-5
ACCIDENTS-13	TREE/POWER LINE-6
RESCUE-0	STRUCTURE FIRE-0
MUTUAL AID-6	GRASS/FOREST FIRE-2
CHIMNEY FIRE-2	HAZARDOUS MATERIAL-0
VEHICLE FIRE-1	

The Fire Department personal logged in 582 man hours on these calls and over 420 hours in training/maintenance.

Through the huge efforts and countless hours of Trini Brassard, the Department was awarded a \$20,000 grant from FEMA. This grant is to be used for Fire Fighter II training. This coming spring/summer the Department will be hosting this course so our members will be better trained. Thanks again Trini!!

This year the Fire Department purchased 4 new lengths of 1 ¾ attack hose to replace aging old hose. This ensures there are no problems with the hoses first off the truck at any incident. We plan to keep replacing more 1 ¾ and also 2 ½ hose in the upcoming years.

In October of this year, I secured a grant through the VT Rural Fire Protection Program to replace the broken hydrant at 1450 Ridge Road. The hydrant was replaced with a brand new unit along with installing a shut off valve in the line feeding it from the pond. This hydrant is one of the more crucial ones as it is within 150 ft of the school and centrally located on Ridge Rd. In 2017, we plan on replacing the hydrant at Larry Brassard’s pond on Bear Hill Rd. and the hydrant at John Benson’s pond.

I hope everyone has a fire safe and accident free 2017.

Sincerely: Kevin Wheatley, Fire Chief

Fire Department Proposed 2016 Budget

	ITEM	2017 (Proposed) Budget (12 month)	2016 Budget (12 Month)
	Building		
5150	Fuel Oil	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
5120	Electricity	\$1,100.00	\$800.00
5156	LP Gas	\$0.00	\$100.00
5141	Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

5400	Dues & Training	\$600.00	\$600.00
5140	Apparatus Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
5145	Fuel (gas for portables/etc.)	\$200.00	\$200.00
5160	Compensation	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
5200	Air Compressor/Generator	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Communications		
5110	Radio Repairs	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
5100	Dispatch Services	\$7,500.00	\$7,400.00
5115	Depreciation	\$800.00	\$400.00
5155	Equipment Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00
5170	Personal Safety Equipment	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00
5130	Auxiliary Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5210	Fire Hose	\$800.00	\$650.00
5600	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
5800	Air Bottle	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$31,700.00	\$30,450.00

Brookfield Cemetery Committee 2016

Summary of Cemetery Committee Projects:

Fixed gravestones in all cemeteries that were not broken and were able to stand back up, approximately 80 or more. Those that could be fixed, fixed as many as budget allowed. Fixing gravestones is expensive and we had to ask the Selectboard for an additional \$13,000 to cover the cost of repairs at the Old Cemetery on Ridge Rd. Five (5) gravestones in the old cemetery were beyond repair so we purchased and installed flat granite markers saving approximately \$400 to \$500 per gravestone. There is still one more stone that needs to be replaced. The fence was repaired and painted.

One gravestone was replaced in West Brookfield and one flat grave marker was installed on a grave plot that never had a stone. There are more gravestones that need repairing.

East Hill Cemetery had a large tree come down that knocked over seven (7) gravestones: they were not damaged so we set them back up. Top soil was purchased to fill in sunken graves and other depressions. The fence needs to be repaired or replaced and several gravestones also need to be repaired or replaced.

Brookfield Center Cemetery had a granite post in the back removed, now the brush and trees need to be cleaned out in order to make it wider back there. If one drives back there, you will be riding over some graves. A fence was installed on the NE corner to Spencer Rd. marking the property line.

Winter is spent at the Town Clerk's Office paging through old books and transferring those buried in our cemeteries onto 3x5 cards. One day all this information should be placed on a computer.

We are very grateful to Ron LaPerle and Mike Stoddard for helping us on several projects. Thanks Ron and Mike. Thanks to the Town for providing us the funds necessary to accomplish the many projects we needed to do.

The wood fences at the cemeteries should be inspected each year and painted when necessary. It cost a good deal of money to repair or replace gravestones that fall over. It will be more cost effective to level them before the fall.

Expenses:

Moving granite post in new cemetery	\$630.00
Mike Herold	32.99
Grass cutting	2,541.66
Putting stones back up	337.50
Grass cutting	2,541.66
Jason's Handiworks	500.00
Grass cutting	2,541.66
Flat stone grave in W. Brookfield	279.00
Flags	191.32
Grass cutting	2,541.66
5 Flat stones old cemetery	1,918.00
Field cutting new cemetery	275.00
Installing fence new cemetery	165.00
Totals:	\$14,495.95
Balance:	13,804.05
Savings, Etc.:	
NSB Checking Account	15,630.90
Lake Sunapee Money Market	5,219.34
NSB Savings Account	17,792.64
Other Funds	849.12
Combined CDs	60,149.21
Sale of 2 plots	\$1,000.00

Corner markers 450.00
Respectfully submitted: Michael Herold, Melanie Larocque

Proposed Library Budget FY 2017-2018

Income:

Town of Brookfield:	\$4,800.00
Vermont State:	\$ 50.00
Donations:	\$ 50.00
Dividends/Gains:	\$1,065.00
Total:	\$5,965.00

Expenses:

Computer/Equipment:	\$ 125.00
Maintenance:	\$ 240.00
Media:	\$3,800.00
Memberships:	\$ 225.00
Postage:	\$ 100.00
Programs:	\$ 500.00
Rental:	\$ 150.00
Supplies:	\$ 50.00
Telephone:	\$ 300.00
Inter Library Loan	\$ 350.00
Travel:	\$ 40.00
Total:	\$5,880.00

Note: the budget envisions a \$100 increase in the contribution from the Town. Rentals include venue rentals for programs. Memberships includes membership for Shelburne Museum and VINS for use by Town residents.

The Trustees request a line item of \$11,300 for the Librarian and a line item of \$1,300.00 for the Assistant Librarian. This represents a \$300.00 increase over the line items for Librarian’s pay from FY 2016-2017.

Highway Department

Note: if anyone has need for fill material, please contact the Highway Department. Remainder from ditch cleaning and related maintenance will be available in Fall 2017.

As in the past: too many road signs are being stolen in the town of Brookfield. Not only are the signs expensive, but the time and cost invested in their replacement must be considered. All should consider the cost involved in keeping our town roads marked. If you know anyone with Brookfield road signs please have them returned to the town garage.

We want to thank Arnold Chase for his valuable help with road repair and grading. We’ve been fortunate to have his expertise.

Ray Peck, Road Foreman

Note: The Town's policy regarding use of the Town's sand supply for private driveways is: residents are allowed to collect up to 15 gallons of sand (the equivalent of 3 x 5-gallon buckets) per trip to the Highway Department garage. (Adopted by the Selectboard: December 26, 2005)

Green Up Day 2017

Green Up Day 2016 will be Saturday, May 6th. The Town Garage will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to receive roadside trash. Please take you own tires and hazardous waste to the Randolph landfill.

A nice day, the first Saturday of May. Mostly the 'old guard' arrived at the Town Garage with refuse, we must assume, from the roadsides. Not quite one roll-on of 'trash' at a cost to the Town of \$551.32, and 101 tires and 11 rims at a cost of \$265.72 were reported. Not much metal came in, and no income to the Town was reported.

The cheerful attitude of those who take part in cleaning up the roadsides is gratifying; it always gives me some hope for the human race. I'd have more if more people took part. Any help in coordinating neighborhood involvement would be appreciated. I've been chairing this effort for 16 years; new blood might add some interest in joining other Vermonters who appreciate our lovely state.

May 6, 2017 is coming quickly. A few hours of attentive focus can accomplish a lot. Remember, no hazardous waste, computers or TVs. Check the date for the Randolph Landfill acceptance of such. Large items you can't get to the Town Garage must be reported to me, and left conspicuously by the roadside; the road crew, bless them, will pick them up on the Monday following. Bright clothes, good boots, long pants (tick protection), tough gloves, Green Up bags (available at the Town Office and school), or other heavy trash bags, pails for sharp items (don't pick up any drug paraphernalia; report the location, please), and separate bags for redeemable containers (most appreciated) are the tools for the job. Please, bring children; they love taking part because they're being useful; and they are natural mountain goats.

Green Up bags should be at the Brookfield Elementary School and Town Office at least a week before May 6th.

Respectfully submitted: Bonnie Fallon (276-3105)

Brookfield Community Partnership

As you read this report in the bleakness of early March, think back to the many happy events that were offered at the Old Town Hall last spring and summer, most of them free of charge. The community pot luck supper began the season with each cook sharing their most scrumptious dish. It was invigorating to come out of

winter hibernation to visit with friends and neighbors, learn something new, and enjoy some good music.

Next, began eight weeks of yoga, taught by Deonne Myrick. This was followed by ten weeks of Bingo, called by Ricky Kidder. An anonymous sponsor introduced a strenuous exercise series called Boot Camp, which was led by Emma Manion.

Events for children and families were a high priority with four Sunday Family Fun Days, a family Bingo Night and a scary Halloween party. In July the No Strings Marionette Company performed “Scrooge – A Christmas Carol”.

To increase our knowledge Roger Hill provided a program about climate change, Brian Pfeiffer talked about wildlife above the Arctic Circle, and Eric Hanson described the habits of loons in our area. Jon Binhammer led a nature walk around Sunset Lake to explore the flora in the softwood forest.

And Rachel Brownstein lead a discussion of Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice.

Throughout the summer the rafters of the auditorium resounded with the music of a number of bands, including Red Barn Hayloft, The Suspects, Jennings and McComber, Farrington and Koehler, and Jennifer and Zac Johnson.

In the fall “The Herald” sponsored a political forum of all the local candidates. This was followed by a poetry slam, led by well-known poet Geof Hewitt.

An evening of cheese and wine tasting was presented by Vermont Creamery, Fat Toad Farm, North Branch Vineyards, and Mountain Home Farm.

In September people enjoyed the Chili Fest, which was followed in October by The Souper Supper, featuring beautiful pottery bowls, handcrafted by Stephanie Tyler of Third Branch Pottery. This event was a joint fundraiser for the Randolph Area Food Shelf and the Brookfield Community Partnership.

The season finale was the Harvest Dinner, showcasing the bounty of Camp Merrishko Farm, which generously donated all the vegetables.

We thank all who participated in these many events as presenters, attendees, volunteers, donors or sponsors. We welcome your ideas or your interest in joining our Events Committee.

The Rental Committee worked hard in 2016 to attract satisfied clients for various events. The rental rates for 2016 ranged from \$300 per day for weekends to weekday meeting fees of \$75, with discounts to Brookfield residents and organizations. A \$100 refundable deposit was added for security reasons and proof of liability coverage.

Last year we refurbished all 53 windows in the Old Town Hall, in part with a matching grant from the Vermont Department of Historic Preservation. The windows were removed over the winter. They were re-glazed, painted and re-hung

by the time spring rolled around. The next capital project will be to paint the peeling façade of the building.

Board of Trustees: Ted Elzey, Chair; Steve Reid, Vice Chair; Jon Binhammer, Secretary; Dan Childs, Treasurer; Billi Gosh, Betsy Hale, Perry Kacik, and Curtis Koren.

For information please contact us at 276-3020.

Dog Licenses Sold 2016

There were 238 dogs registered in 2016 (an decrease of 6 from last year. For every license sold, \$5.00 is paid to the State of Vermont for rabies control and spay/neuter programs. Some of the money goes towards the purchase of the tags and registration forms.

It is extremely important that all dogs are registered. Several times during the year, the Town Constable is contacted for stray dogs. With a current tag, he is able to find the owner.

A second reason to register is that we keep a copy of current rabies certificates at the office. If a dog bites anyone, we have proof that the dog has had its rabies shot.

Registration Fees:

On or before April 1 st	spayed/neutered dog	\$ 9.00
	unaltered dog	13.00
After April 1 st	spayed/neutered dog	11.00
	unaltered dog	17.00

2016 Rabies Clinics

There will be 2 rabies clinics in the area this year. You will be able to register your dog(s) at the clinics. The clinic will be held at the Brookfield Elementary School on **March 25th from 9-11** with Dr. William Barry.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

Brookfield Public Safety Advisory Committee

Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016

The Brookfield Public Safety Advisory Committee held 7 monthly meetings and proceeded to educate its members by having guest speakers from the Vermont State Police and the Orange County Sheriff’s Department. The committee also consulted with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Agency of Transportation and the Vermont Secretary of State’s office on the Vermont Public Meeting Law, Vermont Right-to-Know Law, traffic ordinance standards, motor vehicle crash data in Brookfield etc. The committee reviewed monthly invoices

and reports from the Orange County Sheriff's Dept. and developed a recommended model of how many patrol hours should be worked in each month of FY 2017. The OCSD performed 250.25 hours in FY 16 for a cost of \$9,509.50.

The committee developed and hosted a "Community Law Enforcement/Public Safety Education event" on April 16, 2016. The event had a full array of agencies represented including the Brookfield Town Constable, the Brookfield Fire Chief, the Orange County Sheriff's Dept., the Vermont State Police and the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. Younger members of the audience participated in a Project DARE presentation while the adults participated in a very interesting question and answer session.

Follow Up: First Half of FY 2016 – 2017 (to December 31, 2016)

The committee worked on a number of issues affecting residents of and visitors to Brookfield such as parking in Pond Village and Stone Road. The committee also had a guest speaker from the Agency of Natural Resources Environmental Regulation. Members of the committee researched traffic regulations and attended the December 12 Select Board meeting. The committee met 5 times in the first half of FY 2017.

The committee planned and scheduled a complete inventory of all traffic and street signs on the 61 miles of Brookfield class 2 and 3 roads to be conducted in January 2017. This inventory will be the basis of a revised traffic ordinance and a town highway data base. The committee is planning to host another public safety education event on March 11 2017 at the Brookfield Elementary School. More information will be posted on the Town website at <http://www.brookfieldvt.org/>.

Respectfully Submitted: Joy Kacik, Stuart Edson, Kevin Joyal, Mike Stoddard, Lewis Stowell

ECFiber and Brookfield

Brookfield is a member of ECFiber, the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District, Vermont's first Communications Union District. The District commenced operations on January 1, 2016, replacing the 24-town inter-local contract Brookfield originally approved at Town Meeting in 2008. ECFiber is still owned by its 24 member towns, and, as was true under the inter-local contract, local taxpayer funds cannot be used to subsidize the District's operations. The district must be self-sustaining and there is no recourse to taxpayers.

On April 15, 2016, the District announced that it had completed a \$9 million offering of Series 2016A Bonds to refinance a portion of its debt, cover 2016 capital expenditures, and complete the design and make ready for 250 miles of construction in 2017. As of Dec 1 2016, 326 miles of fiber-optic network had been built and "lit" in parts of 18 member towns, serving about 1550 customers 10 of whom live in Brookfield. ECFiber plans to continue to raise capital through the

municipal bond market in 2017, 2018 and 2019, and to complete 1400 miles of network covering all underserved locations in its 24 towns by 2019. ECFiber is pleased to offer:

- Reliable high Internet speeds, which are symmetrical (the same in each direction) and are not "up to" (that is, ECFiber strives to actually provide the speeds for which its customers are paying at all times).
- Simple, stable pricing with no contracts, fine print, or data caps. Over the last two years ECFiber has increased its speeds but not its prices.
- Local and personable customer service. Phones are answered by an employee during business hours without an automated queue.
- Local ownership and control, as governing board members meet monthly to set policy and are actively involved in promoting ECFiber within the community.
- Valued community services. For example, ECFiber offers over 25 community anchor institutions (schools, town facilities, and libraries) its highest level of service for its lowest monthly fee.

In 2016 ECFiber continued its practice of raising speeds but not prices, by announcing that the District's tiers of service would now be set at 10/25/100/500 Mbps (versus the previous 7/20/50/100/400).

For additional information, visit the website, email or call the office or Dan Childs, Brookfield's delegate to the ECFiber Governing Board.

Website: www.ECFiber.net | Office: (802) 763-2262 | Email: support@ecfiber.net

Delegates: Dan Childs, 802-276-3808 Sputtydog@hotmail.com

Brookfield Administrative Officer 2016 Report

The following actions have been taken during the year 2016:

Development Permit Actions	19
Subdivision Permit Actions	3
Notification Letters	10
Referral to the Board of Adjustment	2
Referral to the Planning Commission	3

Notification letters are from the Administrative Officer and also Brookfield land owners in accord with the Development Bylaws

I have answered by telephone over 40 inquiries from property owners, real estate agents, real estate appraisers, potential purchasers and title attorneys, as well as state officials.

There are Town Planning maps at the Town Offices. These maps are helpful in clarifying the various zoning districts as well as FEMA floodplains and more or less than 25% slope and wetlands. Please refer to the maps when you apply for

building permits or wish to determine what zoning district a particular lot is in. If you are a real estate person, please purchase a map for reference.

Also, there are State permits that must be obtained before building certain structures. Be certain the State permits are in place prior to applying for a building or subdivision permit.

There is a booklet in the Town Office that includes all the applicable bylaws for development, including:

- Development Bylaws (dated April 12, 2010)
- Subdivision Regulations (dated November 14, 2005)
- Flood Hazard Bylaws (dated 2006)
- Shoreland Bylaws (dated 1980)

Please refer to the appropriate bylaws when you apply for a permit. There is also a Town Plan (dated December 14, 2016).

Please check the town website for information and application forms (brookfieldvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Diane (Dee) Montie, Administrative Officer
Marda Donner, Assistant Administrative Officer.

9-1-1 Report

If an emergency responder cannot locate your residence, is it because you do not have your assigned 9-1-1 address displayed so it can be seen from the road? Is your residence one of the many throughout Brookfield that does not display your 9-1-1 address? Emergency responders – State Police and/or ambulance – may be responding based on receiving a phone call. Help them help you – show/display your 9-1-1 address.

Is there someone residing in your residence who has a physical disability? Hard of hearing? There is an E911 Disability Designation form on the E911 website – link <http://e911.vermont.gov/sites/e911/files/pdf/E911-DisabilityDesignation.pdf> - where these disabilities can be identified so the emergency responders will be aware of the disability challenges when responding to and approaching a residence. Help them help you in a time of need.

Questions? Contact me at 276-3277, Chuck Barnum, 9-1-1 Coordinator

Safeline is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides free and confidential services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County, Vermont.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, Safeline staff and volunteers provided approximately 2,222 services for 344 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. 54 services were provided for 10 victim who identified themselves as

residents of Brookfield. It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety. Most of the victims have children within their family.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referral through Safeline's 24 hours a day/7 days a week Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of other free and confidential services including legal advocacy, day shelter services, job readiness skills development, and financial management education.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the community at large and is committed to changing our culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education for community organizations, schools, medical centers, faith communities, youth groups, and anyone who is seeking information about domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) would like to request \$350 from the Town of Brookfield for fiscal year 2017-18.

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

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

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

During the last year, Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more services to 32 Brookfield residents. Case Manager, Brenda Traegde is designated to work directly with the seniors in Brookfield. Central Vermont Council on Aging devoted a total of 234 hours of service to Brookfield seniors.

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

Greater Randolph Senior Center

The Greater Randolph Senior Center requests that you put to ballot our request for a \$2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars) appropriation from Brookfield's voters. Our service area is Brookfield, Braintree, and Randolph. [We request \$2,000 each from Braintree and Brookfield and \$15,000 from Randolph.] During our fiscal year 2016, the Center provided 13,566 meals (partially funded through Central VT Council on Aging and the VT Center for Independent Living); 7,421 meals were delivered to people at home through our Meals on Wheels program, which helps seniors and the disabled to live independently in their own homes and continue to participate in their communities. The Center served almost 6,000 lunches to people who came to the Center to meet with friends and join in such activities as bingo, card games, book club, mahjonn, foot clinics, flu clinics, crafts, writing and exercise classes, live music, speakers, and trips. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to become involved in our activities and take advantage of our meals programs.

While we are aware that Brookfield residents are able to go to other senior centers, our center is tasked with providing the Meals on Wheels program to Brookfield residents who request it. Please be sure to spread the word, through your offices, that this program is available for anyone who could benefit from a nutritious meal delivered to their home (Monday-Thursday, with frozen meals included for the weekend, if requested). For our fiscal year ending Sept 30, 2016, we were delivering to four residents in Brookfield. Starting Oct 2016, we have been delivering to three residents. We have a group from Brookfield who make it a point to get together regularly for our more popular menus. We presently have no Brookfield representative on the Board of Directors; however, we would like to have at least two. Our Center is available to Brookfield residents for family parties/dinners/memorial services or meetings.

We receive revenues from participant donations in our meals programs; from community members of Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph; from municipal contributions, fundraising activities, Bequests, gifts made "In Memory of" and from the Central Vermont Council on Aging and Vermont Center for Independent Living.

We depend heavily on volunteers. Volunteers help in the kitchen, serve lunch and set and bus lunch tables, deliver Meals on Wheels, bake goods for our many fund raisers, fold and label the monthly newsletters, provide computer and AARP tax assistance, host educational programs, and, in general, make the Center a rewarding place to visit. [We reimburse 30 cents a mile to our drivers.] Our Board of Directors is made up of volunteers and each serves a 3-year term.

The continued support of the Brookfield community helps to ensure that our Meals on Wheels program is available to any residents who need it, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, and that the Center remains open and functioning as

a social center, for now and for the future.

Emilie P. Daniel, Executive Director

Vermont Center for Independent Living

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

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

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

During FY '16, 1 resident of Brookfield received services from the following program: •Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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

Capstone Community Action

Capstone Community Action thanks the residents of Brookfield for their generous support this year!

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 15,064 people in 8,931 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, healthcare navigation, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 78 Brookfield households representing 102 individuals this past year included:

- 15 individuals in 8 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 10 households with 26 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 2 individuals in 2 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 1 household received emergency furnace repairs, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- 1 household was weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient.
- 4 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 3 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 13 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 1 person saved towards an asset that will provide long-term economic security.
- 2 childcare providers received nutrition education and were reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 35 children in their care.

Capstone Community Action respectfully requests a budget allocation of \$300 from the citizens of Brookfield to be determined at the next Town Meeting. Our request remains the same as last year; we are not seeking an increase.

County of Orange, Vermont Annual Report 2016

This report highlights the activities and expenses of Orange County during the county's 2016 fiscal year which began February 1, 2016 and ended January 31, 2017.

County Support for the Sheriff's Department

Very little changed in terms of county support for the OCSO during 2016. The Orange County budget supports operations at the Sheriff's Department except the salaries of the Sheriff and deputies. The Sheriff's department budget accounts for about 60% of the total county budget. We support the Sheriff's department at a higher level than many surrounding counties due to the fact that there are no other 24/7 staffed law enforcement agencies in Orange County. This 24/7 capability is most vital as it applies to domestic violence cases. Costs for 24/7 staffing are shared between the county and the Sheriff's law enforcement budget. We attempt to level fund the department's portion of the county budget where appropriate.

You can call the Sheriff's department directly for assistance at all hours--685-4875.

County Courthouse

We are in the final year of repaying the bond that was issued in 1997 to build the addition to the courthouse. Thanks to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank's debt restructuring, the county will be reimbursed modest amounts for the next 10 years, representing lower retroactive interest rates.

Our largest capital expenditure in 2016 was for replacement of the oil-fueled boiler to heat the courthouse. After much research and serious consideration, we decided against switching to a commercial wood pellet boiler system. Instead, we installed a much more efficient oil system. This new system was less than one-third the cost of a pellet system. We continue to see big savings over previous years in the cost of heating the courthouse.

We continue to consider the ongoing maintenance issues of our 1847 courthouse. The next large will be repainting the south side of the building in the summer. Tackling this job will require lead paint remediation which increases the cost considerably.

Annual contributions to the Capital Reserve Fund mean that we have a savings account to rely on for large items such as the exterior painting. With the handicapped accessibility project, the bell tower restoration project and the boiler replacement, the most expensive pressing issues have been met. We continue to look for ways to keep regular costs in check.

As always, we encourage more interest and participation in the budgeting process. The preliminary budget hearing is always held in mid December and the annual meeting in the last week of January. As per statute, we send notices of these

meetings and copies of the proposed budget to town clerks and selectboards and publish notices in *The Journal Opinion* and *The Herald of Randolph*.

Please contact us with questions or comments at the courthouse 685-4610.

Orange County Assistant Judges: Joyce McKeeman, Corinth and Vickie Weiss, Tunbridge.

Orange County Parent Child Center Inc. (OCPCC)

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, six free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Reach Up case management, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 21 families from Brookfield including 35 adults and 32 children. Your support of \$1,000 allows us to continue serving young children and families in Brookfield.

Mary Ellen Otis, Executive Director

The Orange County Court Diversion Program (OCCDP) is a community based, cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders referred by the State's Attorney. The State's Attorney dismisses the charges of participants who successfully complete Diversion.

A citizen Review Board, comprised of volunteers throughout Orange County, interviews each offender. The main criteria for acceptance into the program are an admission of wrongdoing and a willingness to take responsibility for the offense. Throughout the discussion, the client is made aware of the concerns and needs of both the victim and the community, and held responsible for amending the wrongdoing. Approximately 85% of the clients who participate in the Orange County Court Diversion program successfully complete it. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.

The Orange County Court Diversion program also administers Orange County's Teen Alcohol Safety Program for civil offenses of underage drinking and minors in possession of marijuana.

A total of 177 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2016. Of this amount, 46 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 131 clients were referred for a civil violation of underage drinking and/or possession of marijuana. During FY16, OCCDP processed 8 cases in which the offender either resided in Brookfield, and/or the offense occurred in Brookfield. OCCDP's FY16 operating budget was \$106,766.00.

For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Brookfield appropriated \$200.00 for FY16 to support OCCDP. Our program is requesting the same appropriation for FY17.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to David Savidge, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)

The Arts Bus Project: The Arts Bus has been on the road since 2010, providing children, ages 1 – 14, with opportunities to explore their individual creativity and develop their innovative abilities through the arts. A diverse curriculum of performing, visual and literary arts instruction and related projects and activities is offered by a talented and committed staff of artist-mentors, all of whom live and work in the communities we serve. When a child, or adult, walks on to the bus, they will find any number of activities prepared for them to enjoy: ceramics, music and movement, painting, mask making, visual arts, writing and storytelling, paper arts, theater and drama, clowning and mime. . . the list goes on and on, limited only by the boundless imaginations of our artists. There is no charge to participants to come on board the bus and enjoy our art activities.

Arts Bus funds its programming through local donations, grants and fundraisers. Arts Bus thanks all those who have contributed to our organization, which has kept the bus rolling, as well as our wonderful volunteers! Working together on this locally developed, grassroots organization has made it possible to not only arrive at our five year milestone, but to grow and expand along the way (our original route in 2010 included 4 towns, and we are now up to 13 towns, with 100+ stops a year.)

The Arts Bus is requesting \$1,200 in town appropriations for the 2016 fiscal year. This past year, Arts Bus made numerous stops in Brookfield, at a variety of locations: including the elementary school and in-home Child Cares.

For more information, visit our website at: www.artsbusvt.org

Randolph Area Food Shelf: The Randolph Area Food Shelf has been serving the local community since 1977, providing food to people in need in the towns of Randolph, Braintree, Brookfield, and East Granville.

In 2016 we provided food to 391 households in our service area, representing 1,074 individuals. Of these 391 households, 27 are in Brookfield, representing 74 individuals. Food Shelf clients made a total of 2,557 visits in 2016.

In addition to our regular food pantry, the Food Shelf administers two USDA federal nutrition programs: the Commodity Supplemental Food Program and The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Also in 2016, the Food Shelf's School Kids Program (SKiP) served over 2,827 lunchtime meals to kids over 10 weeks in June, July, and August. SKiP also served lunchtime meals during the February and April school breaks. Finally, during the 2016 holiday season, we prepared and distributed 153 Christmas Boxes, which contained all the ingredients for a complete and healthy holiday meal.

The Randolph Area Food Shelf is overseen by a 9-member Board of Trustees and operates solely from the help of over 80 dedicated volunteers; there is no paid staff.

Money appropriated from the Town of Brookfield by vote at town meeting will help us continue our mission as we strive to create a community in which every individual has access to sufficient food.

Many thanks to the Brookfield community for your support! For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit us on the web at www.randolphareafoodshelf.org or call us at 802-431-0144.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program: On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **18 years** of the program, **1015 grants** totaling **\$2.2 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs. Over the past three years, the Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

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

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

The annual budget of the Rural Fire Protection Program is \$190,000 per year, \$110,000 of which is awarded in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covers site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your 2018 town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received over **\$9,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for this ongoing support. **213** Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Tom Maclay, Chair

Rural Fire Protection Task Force.

For more information please contact Troy Dare at (802) 828-4582 or dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

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

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

Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, VNH made 264 homecare visits to 20 Brookfield residents. We provided approximately \$17,300 in unreimbursed care to Brookfield residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 217 home visits to 14 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

- **Long-Term Care:** 26 home visits to a resident with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 10 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 11 home visits to 3 residents for well-baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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

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

Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (Contact: 888-300-8853)

Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) 2016 Year-End Report

The Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont that is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. As advocates for our member towns, we seek to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. The following are highlights from 2016:

Technical Assistance

In 2016, TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls. A number of our towns incorporated a new flood resiliency element that is required for all plans adopted after July, 2014. Many towns have improved and clarified implementing regulations, easing permitting by making results more predictable. Collaborative efforts to improve town plans, zoning, and other ordinances demonstrate a regional commitment to foster vibrant, resilient towns and villages.

Emergency Management & Preparedness

Our LEPC #12 efforts with local emergency responders and town officials continue across the region. With TRORC's help, all thirty member towns successfully completed annual updates to Local Emergency Operations Plans, which are critical components to disaster response efforts. Further, we have been working diligently with numerous TRORC towns to update Hazard Mitigation Plans, often in tandem with the remaining TS Irene property buy-outs in the region.

Regional Energy Plan

With funding from the Vermont Department of Public service, TRORC is drafting a Regional Energy Implementation Plan outlining a total energy pathway to implement the goals and policies of the Vermont Comprehensive Energy Plan at the regional level. The Plan sets regional targets for specific energy conservation, generation and fuel switching strategies to help the state meet 90% of energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. The Plan outlines specific strategies for conservation, energy efficiency and reduced use of fossil fuels and identifies regional energy resources and areas with potential for renewable energy projects. TRORC will work with a number of towns on Enhanced Energy Plans that meet the new state standards and recommendations.

Transportation

Transportation infrastructure and public transit services are integral components to safety and growth. We continue to work with towns on grants to enhance our roadways, inventory infrastructure, establish new park and ride locations, and make downtowns and village centers more accessible and pedestrian-friendly. We also have continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

Specifically in Brookfield this year, we assisted in updating the Town Plan and getting FEMA approval for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). TRORC assisted with a reuse park under the Irene Buyout program, as well as providing technical assistance on the Ayers Brook Stormwater Master Plan.

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

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director and William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

Vermont 2-1-1 is an Information and Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont. By dialing 2-1-1 from any phone in Vermont, you will receive up-to-date information and referrals on health services, human service resources, and community programs all across the state.

2-1-1 is a local call, free and confidential, and you will receive person-to-person assistance, 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Language translation services are also available, as is accessibility for persons who have special needs.

Vermont 2-1-1 is the entry point for the Fuel and Food Partnerships, Flu and other health clinics, plus all other local, state, and federal services.

2-1-1 serves as the Public Inquiry Line for the Vermont Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security during a disaster or emergency incident. Vermont 2-1-1 staff will assist callers with evacuation routes, shelters, commodity points of distribution locations, federal reimbursement procedures and more.

Dialing the simple, three-digit number, 2-1-1, helps ensure that Vermonters have access to community, regional, and state-based services to help them with everyday needs and in difficult times.

- An Information & Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont
- Just dial 2-1-1 for 24/7 free and confidential information and referrals
- Helps to solve problems as well as links callers throughout Vermont with governmental programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local, regional, and state resources.
- More than 2600 programs and over 850 agencies are listed in the 2-1-1 database.

For further information: Dial 2-1-1 or 1-866-652-4636 www.vermont211.org

Stagecoach Transportation Services 2016: Thank you for your support of community transportation services. **In the past year, Stagecoach’s Dial-A-Ride System directly provided 231 door-to-door rides for Brookfield residents** either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Stagecoach’s Bus, Dial-a-Ride, and Partners Systems provided a total of **79,159** rides. All of Stagecoach’s transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services. Thank you for your past support of community transportation services.

Dial-A-Ride System –Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Brookfield, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, social services, adult day care services, pharmacies, social events and food shopping.**

Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Brookfield residents can access bus services** to employment and shopping centers in Montpelier, Randolph, White River Junction, and the Hanover-Lebanon NH.

Volunteer Driver Program – Stagecoach uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our Dial-A-Ride Program. ***Volunteer Drivers connect friends, support independence and promote healthy living.***

If you are interested in becoming a Stagecoach Volunteer Driver, please contact our office.

Information-- Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on Stagecoach services at 802-728-3773.

White River Valley Ambulance

Thank you, neighbors, for your continued support of White River Valley Ambulance. We are a non-profit, emergency medical services and ambulance transport agency serving the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge. We depend on the municipal contributions from your communities to provide the highest quality emergency ambulance response in the region. We appreciate the trust you place in us to provide this service to you, allowing us the honor of being able to care for you and your families in your time of greatest need.

This past year has been very exciting and dynamic for WRVA. In March of last year, we published a vision statement for 2016 that included some very ambitious goals. We have worked tirelessly since then to realize that vision. WRVA at the end of this year looks quite different than it did in March. In June, we were one of the first EMS agencies in the state to achieve the new Vermont Critical Care Paramedic service designation, the highest ambulance licensure level the state issues. We have also achieved our most ambitious goal of having one Paramedic on each of the two ambulance crews that are staffed at all times, as well as having Critical Care Paramedic transport abilities 24/7, every day of the year. We have achieved this through diligent recruitment, retention, organizational restructuring and professional education, which has resulted in our now having the greatest number of full-time staff the agency has ever employed. Through a dramatic improvement in organizational culture and workplace satisfaction, we are now recruiting incredibly talented providers from a geographic area far larger than that of our actual coverage area. Even though our agency has grown, an increase in administrative time during this transformative period introduced new efficiencies in staffing, scheduling and operations that have allowed us to continue our record of fiscal responsibility.

In 2017, we will continue to push the boundaries of what is possible in rural, pre-hospital medicine by incorporating continuous quality improvement, excellence in education, and cutting-edge technologies into our clinical practice. We will continue to provide our member communities with ambulance services of unmatched quality and economy, while upholding our values of caring, compassion, honesty and integrity.

Let us also enter 2017 by expressing how thankful we are for the numerous first responders who volunteer their time to help a neighbor in need. Your dedication and commitment to serve makes a difference in the lives of those who call for our help. For that, we can never thank you enough.

Brookfield Student Aid Fund

This fund was established by Anna Clark Jones for the purpose of assisting the residents of the Town of Brookfield to further their education. The funds may be used to help with tuition costs purchase books, room and board, etc. The loans bear

interest at the rate of 1% per annum until graduation. Following graduation the rate of interest charged will be the current savings rate.

As of December 1, 2016, the balance on hand was \$7,378.07. There are no loans outstanding at this time.

Loans may be applied for by contacting any one of the following trustees:

Sharon Wheatley (276-3130)

Monique Perry (276-3159)

WARNING

**Orange Southwest Unified Union District
(Orange Southwest School District)
For Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2017**

TO THE LEGAL VOTERS OF RANDOLPH, BRAINTREE, and BROOKFIELD:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the voters of Randolph, Braintree & Brookfield will be held in the Murray Auditorium at the Randolph Union High School in the Town of Randolph on Monday, March 6, 2017, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE TO VOTERS: ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V and VI will be voted on the Floor.

Polls for voting on Articles VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, & XII will be open on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the following locations and at the following times in each town:

Braintree: Braintree Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Brookfield: Brookfield Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Randolph: Randolph Town Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017.
- ARTICLE II: To elect a Clerk for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017.
- ARTICLE III: To elect a School District Treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017.
- ARTICLE IV: To fill any vacancies existing or occurring on March 6, 2017.
- ARTICLE V: To hear and act upon the reports of the officers of the school district.
- ARTICLE VI: To see whether the school district will authorize the School Board to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the member towns, by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from the date thereof.
- ARTICLE VII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following Orange Southwest School District Officer:
1. - One School Director from the residents of Randolph, VT for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE VIII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following Orange Southwest School District Officer:
1. - One School Director from the residents of Braintree, VT for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE IX: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the school board to expend \$16,307,278, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,070.06 per equalized pupil.

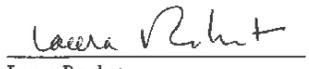
ARTICLE X: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$200,000 in surplus funds from the 2015-2016 school year to the Facility Maintenance Reserve Fund?

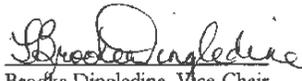
ARTICLE XI: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$160,336 in surplus funds from the 2015-2016 school year to the Transportation Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE XII: To vote by Australian ballot on the following monetary item:
1. Shall the voters of the Orange Southwest School District approve the transfer of \$100,000 in surplus funds from the 2015-2016 school year to the Financial Systems Upgrade Reserve Fund?

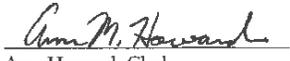
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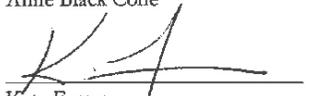

Angela Odato, Chair


Laura Rochat


Brooke Dingleline, Vice-Chair


Anne Black Cone


Ann Howard, Clerk


Kate Forrer

Jennifer Messier


Paul Putney
OSSD School Board Directors

Received and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Orange Southwest School District, in Randolph on JANUARY 26, 2017 before being posted.

ATTEST: 
Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Attached is some basic information about the Orange Southwest School District meeting warned. If you have any questions, please contact your Town Clerk.

Braintree Town Clerk - 728-9787
Brookfield Town Clerk - 276-3352
Randolph Town Clerk - 728-5682

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL
DISTRICT (UNIFIED)
SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS**

For

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET INFORMATIONAL
MEETINGS**

**TUES. – FEB. 28 – BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY – 7 P.M.
WED. – MAR. 1 – BRAINTREE ELEMENTARY – 7 P.M.
THURS. – MAR. 2 – RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY – 7 P.M.**

**IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS BEFORE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE ON TOWN
MEETING DAY,
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017**

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2017 Brookfield Elementary Town Report

The OSSU Elementary Administrators are pleased to report that Brookfield Elementary School continues to provide the children of our town with an outstanding educational experience. The Orange Southwest Supervisory Union's three elementary schools are committed to working together effectively to capitalize on our shared resources and expertise to insure that each student is prepared for the next stage of his or her educational life. Our school system is a community of highly skilled and dedicated teachers and support staff who educate, inspire and support our students in each school every day. On behalf of all of the staff and families comprising Brookfield Elementary, we express our gratitude to you, our neighbors, for your continuing positive support of our outstanding community school!

Student achievement data consistently demonstrates that our school is cost effectively meeting expected student learning outcomes, which justifies the resources invested by the community. Despite many unfunded federal and state mandates, our school has effectively met those requirements and still continues to improve and address student learning needs within budget parameters. Like most school systems across Vermont, we continue to be impacted by declining or fluctuating enrollment. However, unlike many systems, our school has intentionally and thoughtfully responded to this challenge through fiscally responsible reductions or reassignments in staffing while continuing to be responsive to student needs. Additionally, Brookfield teachers collaborate and train with colleagues from Braintree and Randolph to benefit from shared professional expertise and experience, which is both cost effective and educationally effective.

In addition to the issue of declining enrollment, our school is also impacted by other community and societal challenges, including: a significant increase in poverty over the last decade; the current opioid crisis; and an overwhelmed mental health system struggling to support families. In recent years, we have seen growing numbers of our young elementary students who are coping with extremely difficult life situations, hunger, homelessness, abuse, and emotional trauma. For many children in our community, school is a safe haven in addition to a place of education. In order for many of our students to be available to learn, they need emotional and physical security, which our school works hard to provide without increasing costs. Despite these real and daily challenges, we are committed to effectively educating and nurturing each individual child to prepare them for the next stages of their lives and beyond.

While the challenges we face can sometimes be difficult, they can also lead us to positive and effective problem solving and intentional changes to our practices. All three of our district elementary schools are engaged in the second year of a focused effort to develop and implement pro-active and positive behavior expectations

across all grade levels. Using the research-based PBIS framework (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), we are intentionally engaging staff and students to clearly define how we interact and support each other as a community. Research shows that schools using the PBIS approach with fidelity over the long term have seen increases in academic success, while at the same time seeing decreases in behavior referrals. Embedded in this work is a commitment to developing warm and caring classroom communities called “Responsive Classroom.” This year, teachers are engaged in learning the language and classroom practices that support the healthy social and emotional development of each child as a valued member of the learning community. This has been exciting and rewarding work!

Our teachers are also actively involved in working with colleagues across the district in an intentional ongoing process to improve and implement updated curricula and assessments across the elementary grade levels. This work is aligned with new state graduation requirements and the Common Core State Standards, which creates a focus on what students must master at each grade level and how they can demonstrate that mastery. Part of this work has also focused on identifying what each individual student needs to achieve mastery, and creating a system of supports to provide targeted assistance to insure every student is successful. School has changed dramatically in many ways over the last decade from what it was “back in the day.” Our teachers work daily to insure they are at the top of their game to prepare our students for a successful future in a rapidly changing and complex world.

One of the great strengths of the Brookfield School community is our wonderful School Club, made up of a committed and hard-working team of parents. Through activities such as the annual Brookfield Auction, this group raises funds to support enrichment opportunities for all students (such as artists-in-residence), or to support the purchase of items ranging from playground equipment to the yearly teacher appreciation luncheon. We are so grateful for their enthusiastic commitment to our school!

We are also indebted to the many volunteers who support us through the 4 Winds Science Program, the PAWS Reading Program, and as chaperones or helpers for all sorts of school events across the grade levels. You are what make us a truly special school family!

As we look to the future and consider the path ahead for Brookfield Elementary, we are committed to a long-term vision of a high quality education for each child. With your ongoing support, we believe that our community school will continue to successfully prepare our youngest citizens to pursue their dreams and become contributing members of society well into the future. We invite you to visit us, share your ideas or ask questions, and become a part of the investment we are making in our town’s most precious resource -- our children.

Superintendent's Annual Report - 2017

The past year has been one of ongoing change for the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU). Preparations for the merger of the existing governance structure of the OSSU into a single district called the Orange Southwest School District (OSSD) have been at the forefront of our work efforts. While the merger will not impact the daily operations of our local schools, it will result in the formation of one school board with representatives from Brookfield, Braintree, and Randolph, replacing the existing five school board structure.

Over the past few years, our school system has worked to expand its connections to local and regional entrepreneurs and business leaders; higher education representatives; and other community partners in order to build student capacity in areas such as resiliency, adaptation, and critical thinking. If we are to succeed in preparing students for a highly skilled workforce across competitive industries, it is vitally important that we engage our community partners to add relevance and rigor into our school programs, and to increase our students' exposure to real-life problems, real-life work environments, and local/regional career opportunities. RUHS' Problem-Based Learning (PBL) laboratory, our joint Plastics Manufacturing course with GW Plastics, and our Farm-to-School programs are just three examples of how we have successfully linked OSSU schools to local and regional companies.

In the coming year, I am anticipating a new partnership with Vermont Technical College, GW Plastics, and RTCC with the formation of a new pre-engineering and manufacturing program. Currently, we are working closely with VTC and GW Plastics to establish a new program at RTCC that will align with VTC's Advanced Manufacturing Laboratory. By doing so, our students will be well-prepared to successfully enter VTC's program with matching scholarship funds from all three partners, with the potential for full-time employment with GW Plastics upon graduating college.

In my annual report last year, I wrote about the development of the Randolph Union Community Scholarship fund of over \$2 million to provide RUHS students much needed scholarship support to attend college. I am pleased to state that since its inception in 2014, 27 RUHS graduates have received over \$300,000 in college scholarship commitments.

In the coming years, Vermont school systems will be working to implement several new state mandates. Two primary examples include the requirement for Vermont schools to implement personalized learning plans for students by next year and a proficiency-based graduation system by 2020. While both state mandates are good initiatives, the implementation costs are significant and require considerable time and effort on the part of our teachers and administrators. Further, these initiatives come without financial support.

Today's education environment is both exciting and challenging. On the one hand, schools are being legislated to do more and expected to decrease costs. On the other hand, the OSSU is developing much richer associations with local and regional entrepreneurs and business leaders and, therefore, providing our students more relevant learning opportunities with improved college and career opportunities.

In closing, I invite you to visit our schools and see, first-hand, the capabilities of our future leaders.

Sincerely, Brent Kay

Orange Southwest Supervisory Union Board Annual Report

This has been a year of changes for the school boards. The new Orange Southwest Supervisory District (OSSD) becomes effective July 1, 2017. This meant the expiring boards worked on current school year issues and the new OSSD worked on organizing and planning for the upcoming year. All the boards worked together to keep the schools running well and ensure a smooth transition. The new district will help streamline our delivery of services to our students and more easily share resources across all our schools.

Most changes will not be visible to the public. However, the change the communities will see is on Town Meeting Day. Because we are now a consolidated district, there will be one Annual District meeting. You will be voting on Town Meeting Day on the new consolidated OSSD budget and for representatives to the OSSD board. However, in order to accommodate residents from all three towns, the Annual OSSD meeting is being held the evening before Town Meeting Day (Monday, March 6th at 6:00 PM). Therefore, there will be no school portion of town meeting. Board members will be present at Town Meetings to answer any questions that you may have.

There has been a lot of behind the scenes administrative work to complete the transition to a single district. The administration has done a tremendous amount of work in creating the new consolidated budget, changing contracts, combining accounting systems, and much more. They all deserve a lot of credit and it is greatly appreciated by the board.

Along with efforts on transition and ensuring student progress, a major thrust of the boards work was to set goals for the next three years. All boards were involved in producing these six goals:

- The board will establish the new unified district by July 2017.
- The board will ensure that goals for our students are relevant, reflecting the values of the community and future-oriented.
- The board will ensure sustainable, effective governance and leadership.

- The board will communicate with its constituents about its student goals and performance outcomes.
- The board will have intentional, ongoing, two-way connection to the community.
- The board will influence policy at the local, state and federal level for bettering our schools.

As we proceed we will have more information about progress on these goals.

Our schools are places where all our children are valued, respected and feel safe. We have a dedicated and skilled faculty to help them. We thank all of you for the continued support the community has given to our schools.

Please check our website (www.orangesouthwest.org) or email your comments (llubold@orangesouthwest.org). We hope to be hearing and talking to you soon.

Sincerely,

Angelo Odat, Ann Howard, Heather Fernandes, Kristin Husher, Jim Merriam, Kate Forrer, Anne Black Cone, Brooke Dingleline, Jennifer Messier, Anne Kaplan, Sarah Murawski, Paul Putney, and Laura Rochat

Randolph Union (RU)

To the Communities of Randolph, Brookfield and Braintree:

Each year it is a pleasure to write this report to our stakeholders in the communities that we serve. The strength of Randolph Union Middle/High School is grounded in the support we receive from our communities - and this support comes in so many different forms, from the mentors of our senior project to scholarships, rotary visitors to classes, our PBL Advisory Board, and many others.

Speaking of community engagement, we invite all of our parents, voters and taxpayers to consider a visit to us on:

- Tuesday, Jan 24th (5:00-6:30pm)
- Wednesday, Jan 25th (5:00-6:30pm)
- Thursday, Jan 26th (5:00-6:30pm)

We encourage you to come - for some or all of any session to ask questions and share thoughts on recent changes at RU and as well as to hear about upcoming changes related to the school. We'll have coffee and cookies on hand and after meeting with us we'd love for you to join us for Galloping Ghost Basketball, with home games each night. Whether you have children in our school or not, our institution is strongest when we are working in partnership with the communities of Randolph, Brookfield, and Braintree.

Thank you for taking the time to review some highlights from school year 2016-2017. Below we'll share some of the exciting work happening behind the scenes, in our classrooms, and out and about in the community - where we strive for much of our learning to live.

David Barnett & T. Elijah Hawkes,

Randolph Union Co-principals

Workforce Development

Some compelling work is happening behind the scenes at RU to develop a way for outside organizations to acknowledge skills our students develop through community partnerships. In the same way that RTCC students can earn Industry Recognized Credentials, we're looking into how we can recognize the workplace skills that RU students develop in our own community-engaged classes. After hearing about our strong work in creating flexible pathways for students, the Vermont AOE reached out to us to partner in developing a system of "Micro-Credentialing" of student learning. Our partnership includes work with the AOE, the Tarrant Institute, Twinfield HS, and Castleton University. The goal of this work is a system whereby students will earn micro-credentials that they could share with prospective colleges and/or employers. For example, soon, a student may earn a micro-credential in "Reading Engineering Blueprints" from GW Plastics. The student could then share this credential when applying to VTC or looking for an internship with an engineering firm.

Ken Cadow, our Director of Career and Workforce Pathways, has been working closely with students, teachers and community members to develop new independent learning opportunities (ILOs) and community-engaged learning. This includes "ILOs" in music, PE, and science, as well as the development of a new curriculum that will build on the success of the GW Plastics partnership. This new course - ready for the spring semester - will focus on waterways and water treatment in our community. Students will meet and learn from experts in wastewater treatment, irrigation, overland flow, etc. Whether we're talking about flooding, run-off, pollution, irrigation, hydro-power, or sustenance, water is one of the most important resources in any community. We are excited to see curriculum and learning "flowing" in this exciting new direction.

Community-School Connections

At RU we believe that our school is only as strong as its connections to the community. Here are just some of the many ways that we're fostering these connections this year.

Health Initiative PBL Hosts Sleepout for Homelessness:

The Health Initiative Project Based Learning (PBL) class hosted a fall sleepout to spread awareness about child homelessness. The October evening was chilly and

clear, emphasizing the struggle the homeless population experiences on a day-to-day basis. As one student noted, "I thought this was going to be a fun night with my friends, but as the night went on and we got colder and colder and more and more tired, I began to understand what people go through- it was a shocking experience." The students in the challenge will now put their efforts into uniting to concentrate on a local health initiative.

Restorative Justice Works With Community

The students in the Restorative Justice PBL have had the opportunity to work with Kym Anderson, Loretta Stalnaker, and Concepcion Cruz of the Randolph Restorative Justice Committee, role-playing a Restorative Justice circle to work toward implementing Restorative Justice in the school. They have also completed independent research projects to explore issues such as recidivism, prison life, and the school to prison pipeline, and enhanced their understanding further by attending a symposium at Vermont Law School on the criminal justice system. Next steps include work in peer mediation and post-suspension meetings here at RU.

R.A.N.D. Partners with Colleen Goodhue of Dartmouth College

The students in the R.A.N.D. (Randolph Area Narrative Documentary) film class recently met with Colleen Goodhue of Dartmouth College to work with her on a project to collect footage to put together a film on the PBL program. Colleen walked them through the photography and video equipment basics that will allow them to play a crucial role in developing the film and in producing their own documentaries on local pressing issues throughout the year.

Media Partners with WGDR, Goddard College Radio

The Youth Media PBL meets routinely with their community expert, Jackie Batten of WGDR Goddard. They have been working on their personal narratives, recording their stories using the latest recording equipment, and honing their skills in using the Audacity software to edit their work. In this class, after they get the basics down, students focus on crafting, recording and broadcasting local news stories and topics of interest, modeling their work on programs like NPR's "This American Life" and "The Moth." They have also launched their social media pages to broadcast and feature the work of the PBL Challenges this year.

Our Outcomes are strong at RU

As we continue to evolve as a school we continually monitor our outcomes to seek continual improvement. Many indicators show that even as the school changes, student achievement remains strong. For example, proficiency or familiarity with a second language is a powerful way to connect to other people, and it can be worth a lot when it comes to career qualifications and college admission. We are happy to share that enrollment in RU World Language classes has grown in recent

years. In 2011, 37% of students (177 of 476) were enrolled in our French and Spanish classes. This year we have 51% of students (202 of 395) enrolled in our language program.

Another outcome we track connects PBLs to Senior Project success. Does being in a Project Based Learning course correlate to stronger performance on Senior Project? We think so. The PBL classes help students develop independent work habits, learn how to communicate effectively with community experts, and capture their learning in unique ways - similar to Senior Project. A look at last year's Seniors shows that students who took a PBL did better on Senior Project: 10% more scored a 4 (highest mark) on one or more components of Senior Project.

Is there a connection between advisory and student achievement, GPA, graduation rates? Again, we think so. One of the changes made to our advisory program was to move to a long term advisory cycle, in which students remain in a group for all their RU years. One of the reasons we made this change is that in the 2015 cohort, students in a long term advisory group had better overall GPA than students who were not. We also note that 2016 graduates were the class who first experienced some innovations to our Advisory program in 9th grade. It turns out that this cohort had the highest four year graduation rate RU has had in many years: 95%! Advisory may be one of the reasons. We will continue to study student achievement to see if these trends continue.

Readers may also wonder about test scores and enrollment in advanced academic classes. One place to look for an indication of academic ambition is our 9th grade science classes. As in past years, students who are earning honors designation in science are doubling-up in science classes, getting themselves ready for upper level offerings in the sophomore year. The numbers are high. Last year, only twelve students, or 17% of 9th graders, were in honors science. This year it's twenty-one students, or 27% of the class - and the students are being exposed to important foundations in both physical and life sciences. Enrollment in upper level academics is also strong. Even though our towns – like so many others in Vermont – have fewer young people these days, we are excited to report that the breadth of our offerings at RU remains strong in terms of upper level academic courses. We are excited to report that currently 13 students are enrolled in AP Literature and Composition, 6 students are enrolled in AP Calculus AB, 9 students are enrolled in AP Biology, 6 students are enrolled in Honors/AP Physics, 3 students are enrolled in Spanish V dual enrollment, and 11 students are in early college and VAST.

In terms of test scores, different cohorts of students do differently on various tests from year to year - depending on the newness of the test, the incentives, and the skills of the students. But there are some long-term trends that we are proud of, and which speak strongly of college and career readiness, for instance: RU students have scored higher than the national average on one or more sections of

the SAT for 5 of the past 8 years. We're also proud to note that RU students participate - or take - the SAT at rates higher than national averages - sometimes by a lot. Last year, nationally, only 48% of seniors took the SAT, while at RU it was 75%! This is a strong sign of the college and career ambition among a diverse and driven student body. **Go Ghosts!**

Randolph Technical Career Center Annual Report

Budget Highlight

For the 2017 school year, we are asking voters to approve a budget of \$2,957,945. The RTCC budget will be decreasing by -\$93,170 or -3.05%. To achieve this, we carefully use a state equipment grant and other grant funds and make careful decisions on every purchase. Much of the credit for this budget can be passed directly to our program instructors for their careful and frugal use of your tax dollars.

So What Do You Get From RTCC?

- ✓ A school whose teachers care deeply about our students and in helping them connect with what's important to them and to gain skills (technical, academic, personal) so students are able to 1) make the most of their education and 2) start on a path toward college, career and beyond.
- ✓ Students receive an extremely high quality technical education program. Every program is organized around industry-approved competencies so that students learn exactly what is "prescribed" by our state and national business leaders. Programs then benefit from the review and advice of nearly 65 local program advisory board members.
- ✓ Students leave our programs truly "College and Career Ready" and earn college credit upon successful completion of their technical programs and by taking college courses outside of their programs as well.
- ✓ Every program provides opportunities for students to learn and apply state-of-the-art skills that are important components of their field of study. Students get to use current software and equipment that is exactly what they will experience when they go on to college and career.
- ✓ Programs also provide students a way to earn valuable industry-recognized certifications (IRCs) putting them well ahead of students who don't participate in technical education. This past year, our student body of over 145 students earned over 300 individual "IRCs."
- ✓ Every year almost all of our students participate in some kind of business-based experience from business tours to guest speakers. More than half of our students participate in formal internships or multiple job shadows of varying intensities with over 90 business partners throughout the region. These "co-ops" may be paid or unpaid, long- or short-term but they all help our students to clarify their college and career plans, gain experience, and often propel them into a paid position. Businesses from across our region

welcome RTCC students and often celebrate how prepared they are for working in the real world.

Community Service & Awards at RTCC

Do you realize the community service our programs contribute out into the area? Randolph Technical Career Center students have organized and donated over 540 LBS. of food for the food shelf, thank you Education Social Services class for organizing. Students in our Automotive Technology program service automobiles for the elderly and our Public Safety students hung wreaths for the downtown Randolph community. Education Social Services students volunteer at the RES preschool, senior center and read to children, play bingo, and learn about the socialization of different generations. Agriculture Technology students have grown vegetables for the food shelf and OSSU food service so students can eat local greens. Environmental Resource Management students have cleared forests and milled trees for local community members. RTCC is a proud member of your community and we are happy to give back. Through the service learning our students are engaged in the professional skills it will take out in the real world to network, communicate, and foster development.

Students in our Business Management, Digital Film & Graphic Arts programs are currently participating in a state-wide entrepreneurial Video & Bumper sticker challenge. The programs submitted videos and sample bumper stickers all of which were chosen as finalists in the competition with winners being announced at the State House on February 9th in Montpelier. Students in Business Management had their Essay's chosen from the Investwrite Stock Market Game to be included in a national level competition about their reflection in the Stock Market Challenge. Students in Agriculture Technology and Building Trades had their projects entered into the Norwich Art Show (December 2016), this included an Iron Butterfly, a Wooden Bowl, Wooden Table, and a welded log & saw. A Health Careers student was nominated by her teacher Missy Carpenter and awarded as one of five Vermont Technical Center Presidential Scholars, and she will be celebrated at a ceremony at the state house on January 9th, 2017. She will now go on to the national completion level to earn the right to represent Vermont.

State-approved Program Assessments

Eight of our thirteen programs participate in state-approved overall program assessments. All of these programs pass the required passing rate and three of them lead the state! The assessments are used as evidence of student learning and to provide feedback to program instructors on areas of strength and where to focus additional instruction. It is important to note that RTCC tests 100% of our students whereas some schools only test seniors or other select groups of students. Given this, our test scores are even more impressive.

Industry Recognized Certifications (“IRC”)

Of our 12 technical programs, 10 offer students the chance to earn valuable industry-recognized certifications. In addition to being requested and accepted by business and industry, these “IRCs” are another way our students and programs demonstrate competence. These certifications include Licensed Nursing Assistant, FEMA Emergency Responder, the premier international forestry certification (Game of Logging), OSHA 10 safety training, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle Inspection License and many more. As always, we are looking to expand the IRC opportunities throughout all programs.

College Courses & Dual Enrollment Credit

This year there is Concurrent Enrollment course in our Health Careers program that provides three credits in Medical Terminology through the NH Community College system. RTCC has long been working to provide college credit aligned with the successful completion of our courses. Students can take two free courses at over 20 Vermont Colleges via their sending school and are able to access additional “Fast Forward” college credits for such courses as Digital Filmmaking and Environmental Science, through the Community College of Vermont and Vermont Technical College. Taking college classes and earning college credit while still enrolled in high school helps our students understand the demands of college and helps them make the “leap” from high school to post-secondary education. Mike Van Dyke, Outreach Coordinator, has worked with a variety of colleges and universities to connect our programs to theirs.

Other “dual enrollment” & Articulation options available at RTCC include, but not limited to:

- ✓ Students who complete Automotive Technology receive 3 credits at New Hampshire Manchester Community College.
- ✓ Students in the Education and Social Services program have access to up to 12 credits at CCV.
- ✓ Graphic Arts students can opt for up to 9 credits at Lyndon State for their work and are taking Graphic Arts I at CCV.
- ✓ Environmental Resource Management students earn 3 credits at Paul Smith’s college for completing our program.
- ✓ RTCC students in our English course are taking Introduction to the Novel through CCV for college credit.
- ✓ Our Digital Film program through RTCC, students can earn credit for Introduction to Digital Film at CCV
- ✓ RTCC Health Careers can take Medical Terminology at River Valley Community College of New Hampshire for college credit.
- ✓ Every year a select group of students in our Culinary Arts students take advantage of collaboration with NECI (New England Culinary Institute) in which they can enroll in a 3 credit course at NECI that is a combination of

on-line and on-campus lessons. Upon successful completion, students earn a \$10,000 scholarship!

- ✓ Students in Diesel Technology can earn college credit and advanced placement at Ohio Technical College.

I could go on and on with what feels like an endless number and variety of tremendous experiences that our teachers and staff provide and our students take advantage of but space simply does not allow. To the voters of Randolph, thank you for your ongoing support. We take seriously the public's trust that we are making the best use of your very hard earned dollars.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Gingold, Director

OSSD Expenditures & Revenues

Account Name	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Proposed	Under (Over)
<u>LOCAL REVENUES:</u>			
Tuition	127,700	103,700	-24,000
Overhead Tuition	90,000	98,000	8,000
Transportation	50,200	62,000	11,800
Interest	58,333	63,250	4,917
Athletic Fees	3,000	4,000	1,000
Contracted Services	25,458	24,490	-968
OSSU - Maint & Tech Contracted Svc	30,701	0	-30,701
RTCC - Shared Services	416,886	437,765	20,879
Admin Svcs - EPSDT	900	1,000	100
Admin Svcs - VIP	14,000	0	-14,000
Admin Svcs - RAVEN	12,000	14,500	2,500
Rental Income	1,150	650	-500
SWP - Salary Reimb	25,000	70,090	45,090
Prior Year Refunds	0	0	0
Total Other Revenues:	855,328	879,445	24,117
<u>SPECIAL ED:</u>			
Core Block Grant	347,965	357,647	9,682
Special Ed Reimbursement	855,368	908,000	52,632
Care and Custody	0	0	0
Extraordinary Reimbursement	38,087	0	-38,087
Essential Early Ed	64,550	65,695	1,145
IDEA-B - Pre-School	20,769	57,650	36,881
IDEA-B	86,030	63,310	-22,720
Excess Costs Reimbursement	8,755	27,595	18,840
Total Special Ed	1,421,524	1,479,897	58,373
<u>STATE REVENUES:</u>			
State Technical Centers	425,250	425,250	0
State Education Fund	12,836,118	13,121,980	285,862
State Transportation	215,650	220,000	4,350
Small Schools Grant	167,000	177,706	10,706
Driver Education	4,500	3,000	-1,500
Total State Revenues	13,648,518	13,947,936	299,418
BEGINNING BALANCE:	84,840	0	-84,840
TOTAL	16,010,210	16,307,278	297,068

Account Name	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Proposed	Balance Under (Over)
<u>INSTRUCTION:</u>			
Salaries	4,361,540	4,513,150	151,610
Benefits	1,606,957	1,614,608	7,651
Drivers Education	2,700	2,700	0
Remedial Services	58,740	118,569	59,829
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT Svcs	3,675	3,675	0
Contracted Services	19,000	19,000	0
Staff Training	46,441	46,441	0
Co/Extra Curricular	301,750	302,900	1,150
Tuition	118,000	80,000	-38,000
Travel/Field Trips	61,600	53,000	-8,600
Supplies/Textbooks/Equip	264,544	266,544	2,000
Total Instruction	6,844,947	7,020,587	175,640
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION:</u>			
Salaries	1,155,970	1,273,665	117,695
Benefits	450,354	522,212	71,858
Contracted/Prof Services	0	0	0
Transportation	44,000	32,800	-11,200
Travel/Conferences	8,000	9,000	1,000
Supplies/Textbooks/Equipment	21,100	25,100	4,000
Tuition	282,000	130,000	-152,000
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT Svcs	117,000	138,600	21,600
Speech Services	224,652	248,248	23,596
Total Special Education	2,303,076	2,379,625	76,549
<u>ADMINISTRATION:</u>			
Salaries	705,965	716,045	10,080
Benefits	264,741	257,679	-7,062
Repairs/Maint	8,000	8,000	0
Postage/Telephone	21,700	21,700	0
Travel	8,500	8,500	0
Supplies/Equipment	49,595	51,595	2,000
Total Administration	1,058,501	1,063,519	5,018
<u>CENTRAL OFFICE:</u>			
Salaries	401,994	437,358	35,364
Benefits	148,083	162,883	14,800
Contracted Services	13,500	24,000	10,500
Legal Fees	5,000	0	-5,000
Staff Development	1,000	1,000	0
Repairs/Maintenance	34,550	13,000	-21,550
Board Expense	29,300	0	-29,300
Building Construction	0	0	0
Insurance	6,500	0	-6,500
Travel	6,700	6,750	50
Supplies/Equipment	36,400	37,550	1,150
Total Central Office	683,027	682,541	-486

SUPPORT SERVICES:

Guidance	342,865	336,430	-6,435
School Nurse	216,989	207,176	-9,813
Media Services	249,533	276,133	26,600
Curriculum Develop	18,037	18,037	0
C.A.R.	15,500	25,500	10,000
Teacher Mentoring	10,000	10,000	0
Board of Education	62,185	129,090	66,905
Legal Fees	23,000	40,000	17,000
Fiscal Services	105,601	83,900	-21,701
<i>Total Support Services</i>	<u>1,043,710</u>	<u>1,126,266</u>	<u>82,556</u>

MAINTENANCE:

Salaries	554,990	579,900	24,910
Benefits	376,507	336,600	-39,907
Contracted Services	33,600	32,000	-1,600
General Liability Ins	65,000	68,000	3,000
Repairs/Maintenance	125,286	125,286	0
Utilities	389,500	406,200	16,700
Supplies/Travel/Equipment	130,200	131,300	1,100
Care of Grounds	69,400	69,400	0
Vehicle Services	22,725	22,725	0
<i>Total Maintenance Svcs</i>	<u>1,767,208</u>	<u>1,771,411</u>	<u>4,203</u>

Account Name	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Proposed	Balance Under (Over)
<u>TECHNOLOGY:</u>			
Salaries	186,610	192,482	5,872
Benefits	72,120	73,478	1,358
Contracted Services	15,500	15,500	0
Lease Payment	108,500	108,500	0
Repairs/Maintenance	2,000	2,000	0
Supplies	41,536	41,650	114
Equipment	25,000	25,000	0
<i>Total Technology</i>	<u>451,266</u>	<u>458,610</u>	<u>7,344</u>
<u>TRANSPORTATION:</u>			
Salaries	220,103	230,500	10,397
Benefits	50,950	54,383	3,433
Contracted Svcs/Rent	0	0	0
Travel/Conferences	100	100	0
Repairs/Supplies/Equip	89,085	93,685	4,600
Diesel Fuel	68,000	60,750	-7,250
Bus Fund Reserve	100,000	100,000	0
<i>Total Transportation</i>	<u>528,238</u>	<u>539,418</u>	<u>11,180</u>

OTHER EXPENDITURES:

Food Service Transfer	22,000	22,000	0
Debt Service	234,835	220,690	-14,145
Title 1 Grants	0	0	0
EEE Services	64,550	64,550	0
<i>Total Other Expenditures</i>	<u>321,385</u>	<u>307,240</u>	<u>-14,145</u>
 <i><u>TECHNICAL EDUCATION:</u></i>			
State - Act 68	425,250	425,250	0
Local Tuition	365,500	365,500	0
<i>Total Tech Education</i>	<u>790,750</u>	<u>790,750</u>	<u>0</u>
 <i><u>PRE-SCHOOL</u></i>			
Salaries	83,565	81,265	-2,300
Benefits	38,167	29,676	-8,491
Tuition/Partnerships	90,000	50,000	-40,000
Supplies/Travel/Equip	6,370	6,370	0
<i>Total Pre-School</i>	<u>218,102</u>	<u>167,311</u>	<u>-50,791</u>
 SUPRLUS/DEFICIT	 0	 0	 0
 <u>TOTAL:</u>	 16,010,210	 16,307,278	 297,068

OSSD Tax Rate Sheet

ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTIMATED TAX RATES - 2017-18

State Property Yield Rate	\$1.00
State Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$1.550

BUDGET -		\$16,307,278.00
REVENUE - Categorical Grants		-\$2,760,048.00
Total Education Spending (Act 68)		\$13,547,230.00
Equalized Pupils -2017-18 Frozen 12/015/16		898.95
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (Act 68)		\$15,070.06
Excess Spending Threshold		\$17,386.00
Property Yield	\$10,076.00	149.56%
O.S.S.D. Projected Tax Rate		\$1.4956
Less 1st Year Tax Incentive		-\$0.0800
		\$1.4156

	<u>O.S.S.D - Est</u>	<u>2016-17 Equal</u>	<u>\$ Diff</u>	<u>% Diff</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Projected O.S.S.C</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>Proj 2017-18</u>
	<u>Equal Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>			<u>5% Max</u>	<u>Town CLA</u>	<u>Tax Rates</u>	<u>Tax Rates</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Braintree	\$1.4156	\$1.4729	-\$0.0573	-3.89%	1.4156	105.33%	\$1.3440	\$1.3940	-\$0.0500
Brookfield	\$1.4156	\$1.4595	-\$0.0439	-3.01%	1.4156	107.95%	\$1.3114	\$1.3120	-\$0.0006
Randolph	\$1.4156	\$1.4445	-\$0.0289	-2.00%	1.4156	102.95%	\$1.3751	\$1.3930	-\$0.0179

ORANGE SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

INDEBTEDNESS

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>		<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>6/30/2016</u>
	<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REISSUE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>PAID BY</u>	<u>PAID BY</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING</u>
					<u>6/30/2016</u>	<u>6/30/2016</u>	
RANDOLPH ELE	7/23/1998	\$3,810,000	N/A	4.80%	\$1,888,968	\$3,430,000	\$380,000
BRAINTREE ELE	7/25/2005	\$280,000	N/A	4.70%	\$94,833	\$150,000	\$130,000

RESERVE FUND BALANCES - As of 6/30/2016

	<u>Facilities</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Legal</u>
Braintree School District	\$433,272	\$149,209	\$0
Brookfield School District	\$323,209	\$49,765	\$30,000
Randolph School District	\$1,071,142	\$79,353	\$0
Randolph Union High School	\$695,166	\$9,687	\$0
Orange Southwest Supv Union	\$0	\$169,014	\$0
Total:	\$2,522,789	\$457,028	\$30,000

***The audited financial statements for the 2015-16 school year are available at the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union, 24 Central Street, Randolph, Vermont.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 Report
 16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Brookfield Elementary School
 S.U.: Orange Southwest S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports":
<http://www.state.vt.us/educ/>

FY2016 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment < 100 (45 schools in cohort)		Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest) 24 out of 45					
School level data		Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchrr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller →	Reading Elementary School	57	6.10	0.60	9.34	95.00	10.17
	Wardsboro Central School	58	6.20	0.83	9.35	69.88	7.47
	Leicester Central School	62	5.07	0.70	12.23	88.57	7.24
	Brookfield Elementary School	64	5.20	0.40	12.31	160.00	13.00
	Jameica Village School	65	6.40	1.00	10.16	65.00	6.40
	Barnard Academy	70	6.30	0.50	11.11	140.00	12.60
← Larger	Smith Memorial School	72	5.50	1.00	13.09	72.00	5.50
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data		64.36	6.64	0.74	9.70	86.47	8.92

School District: Brookfield
 LEA ID: T032

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs, including assessments to SUs makes districts more comparable to each other.

FY2015 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE < 100
 (43 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 27 out of 43
Smaller →	Reading	PK-6	50.82	\$16,429	
	Holland	PK-6	53.11	\$14,275	
	Weybridge	K-6	53.89	\$16,875	
	Brookfield	PK-6	54.71	\$19,374	
	North Hero	PK-6	58.98	\$14,335	
	Wardsboro	PK-6	59.43	\$15,252	
← Larger	Leicester	PK-6	59.58	\$14,987	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			63.87	\$15,261	

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

FY2017 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates			
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate	
Smaller →	T103	Isle La Motte	PK-6	56.22	15,714.41	1.6199	1.6199	95.46%	1.8966
	T104	Jameica	PK-6	56.25	15,406.99	1.8121	1.6669	113.74%	1.4856
	T009	Barnard	PK-6	59.75	14,986.13	1.5448	1.6406	100.36%	1.6347
	T032	Brookfield	K-6	67.24	13,604.02	1.4023	1.4595	111.25%	1.3119
	T254	Worcester	PK-6	70.80	14,749.53	1.5204	1.5974	104.40%	1.5301
	U043	Lakeview USD #43	PK-6	73.58	15,281.53	1.5753	-	-	-
← Larger	T208	Townshend	PK-6	74.12	16,440.89	1.6848	1.7060	106.90%	1.5959

Use these tax rates to compare towns rates. These tax rates are not comparable due to CLAs

The Legislature has required the Agency of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

District: Orange Southwest USD County: Orange		U059 Orange Southwest				Property value equivalent yield 10,076	Homestead tax rate per \$100 of equalized value 1.00
		11,876				Income tax equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018		
1.	Adopted or warned union district budget (including special programs and full technical center expenditures)	-	-	-	\$16,307,278		
2.	Sum of separately warned articles passed at union district meeting	+	-	-	-		
3.	Adopted or warned union district budget plus articles	-	-	-	\$16,307,278		
4.	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	-	-	-		
5.	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+	-	-	-		
6.	Total Union Budget	-	-	-	\$16,307,278		
7.	S.U. assessment (included in union's budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		
8.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in union expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-		
Revenues							
9.	Union revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, surplus, federal, etc.)	-	-	-	\$2,760,048		
10.	Total offsetting union revenues	-	-	-	\$2,760,048		
11.	Education Spending	-	-	-	\$13,547,230		
12.	Orange Southwest USD equalized pupils	-	-	-	898.95		
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil							
13.	Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	\$15,070.06		
14.	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp)	-	-	-	-		
15.	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp)	-	-	-	-		
16.	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)	-	-	-	-		
17.	Less estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)	-	-	-	-		
18.	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)	-	-	-	-		
19.	Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)	-	-	-	-		
20.	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp)	-	-	-	-		
21.	Excess spending threshold	\$16,188.00	\$17,103.00	Allowable goods	\$17,386.00		
22.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	-	-	-		
23.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	-	-	-	\$15,070.06		
24.	Union spending adjustment (minimum of 10%)	-	-	-	149,554%		
		based on \$9,285	based on \$9,289	based on yield \$9,701	based on yield \$10,076		
25.	Anticipated equalized union homestead tax rate to be prorated (\$ 5,070.06 + (\$10,076.00 / \$1,300))	based on \$0.94	based on \$0.97	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.50		
26.	Prorated homestead union tax rates for members of Orange Southwest USD				\$1,4956		
#/NA	#/NA	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	#/A	#/A
#/NA	#/NA	-	-	-	#/NA	#/A	#/A
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27.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated from Orange Southwest USD (\$15,070.06 + \$11,876) x 2.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.54%		
		based on 1.87%	based on 1.80%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%		
Prorated union income cap percentage for members of Orange Southwest USD							
#/NA	#/NA	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	#/A	#/A
#/NA	#/NA	-	-	-	#/NA	#/A	#/A
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- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,876 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1,550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

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January 12, 2017

To the Board of School Directors
Orange Southwest Supervisory Union

We were engaged to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Orange Southwest Supervisory Union and related school district listed below, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016.

- Braintree School District
- Brookfield School District
- Randolph School District
- Randolph Union High School
- Randolph Technical Career Center

The audited financial statements will be available for public inspection at the office of Orange Southwest Supervisory Union located at 24 Central Street, Randolph, Vermont when they are completed.

Sincerely,

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