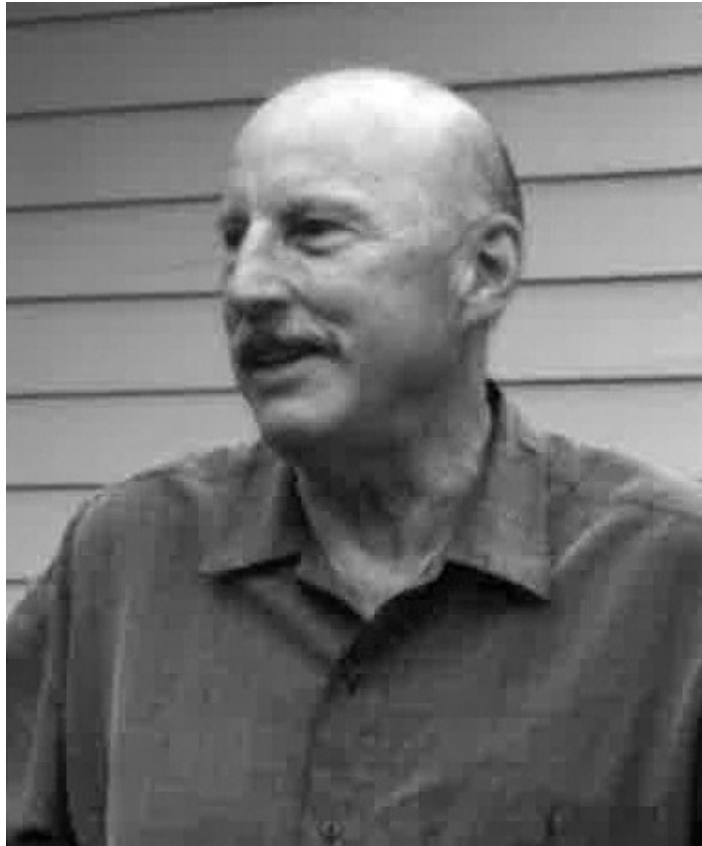


2016

Dummerston, Vermont



**Town Officers' 154th Annual Report
For the 12 Months Ending June 30, 2016**

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TO TOWN MEETING**

TOWN OF DUMMERSTON

1523 Middle Road, East Dummerston, Vermont 05346

Population: 1864

Registered Voters: 1694

Meeting Times and Town Office Hours

Community Center Trustees	First Monday of each month at 7PM at the Community Center
Conservation Commission	Second Thursday of each month at 7PM at the Town Office
Development Review Board	Third Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Town Office
Energy Committee	First Monday of each month at 6PM at the Town Office
Lydia Taft Pratt Library Trustees	Fourth Thursday of each month at 4:15PM at the Library
Planning Commission	First Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM at the Town Office
Recreation Board	as scheduled
School Board	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM at the Dummerston School
Selectboard	Every other Wednesday at 6PM at the Town Office (5:30PM Nov-Feb)
Town Clerk & Treasurer	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9AM-3PM; Wednesday 11AM-5PM

Zoning

For information on zoning permits contact the Zoning Administrator at 257-1496 for an appointment.

Zoning Email: zoning@dummerston.org

Health Officer

Zeke Goodband: 380-0888

Telephone Numbers

Town Office	257-1496/257-4671 (fax)
Town Office Email	townclerk@dummerston.org
Town Listers	257-1496 listers@dummerston.org
Town Garage	254-2411
Dummerston School	254-2733

In Case of Fire or Emergency DIAL 9-1-1

For Burn Permits Call:

Rick Looman	258-1731	Martin Forrett . . .	254-9877 work
Wayne Emery	254-8708		387-2180 home
Charlie Richardson . . .	254-6963		

Election Locations

Most Federal and State elections are held at the Town Hall in the downstairs of the Dummerston Center Congregational Church. Town Meeting and local elections are held at the Dummerston School.

Taxes

Property tax bills are mailed on or about the 7th of July and are due in two installments, August & February.

The Grand List is compiled as of April 1st.

Cover: Dummerston dedicates this 2016 Town Report to Andrew MacFarland, who served more than twenty years on five different town boards. Between 1980 and 2016 Andrew served consecutively on the School Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Development Review Board, the Selectboard, and the Planning Commission, serving as chair of the School Board and the Selectboard. Fellow board members remember Andrew's ability to listen attentively, and to argue his point with respect for those holding different opinions, as well as his wit and use of humor to diffuse debate. He skillfully managed contentious public hearings on the 2010 Town Plan and led the Selectboard to a compromise they could adopt. Dummerston honors Andrew's contribution to the town through his years of service.

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AIDS Project of Southern VT
 Brattleboro Area Hospice
 Brattleboro Senior Meals, Inc.
 CT River Joint Commissions
 CT River Transit dba The Current
 The Gathering Place
 Grace Cottage Hospital
 Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center
 Groundworks Collaborative
 HCRS
 Historical Society of Windham County
 Rescue, Inc.
 Senior Solutions
 SEVCA
 VT Center for Independent Living
 VT Department of Health
 Visiting Nurse Alliance
 Windham Child Care Association
 Windham/Windsor Housing Trust
 Women's Freedom Center
 Youth Services

ELECTED OFFICERS**Moderator** (1 year term) Cynthia Jerome**Town Clerk** (1 year term) Laurie Frechette**Town Treasurer** (1 year term) Charlotte Neer Annis**Selectboard**

Steve Glabach (3 year term) 2017

Jerelyn Wilson (2 year term) 2017

Joseph Cook (2 year term) 2018

Zeke Goodband (3 year term) 2018

Hugh Worden (3 year term) 2019

Auditors (3 year terms)

Libby Lafland 2017

Tammy Scarfe (remaining 1 year of 3 year term) 2017

Maeve Jenks 2019

Listers (3 year terms)

Jean Newell 2017

Charlotte Neer Annis 2018

Douglas Hamilton 2019

Justices of the Peace*Elected November 2016*

Zeke Goodband Gurudharm Khalsa

Catherine Dianich Gruver Paul Normandeau

F. William Holiday, Jr. Lew Sorenson

Bill Johnson

Library Trustees (5 year terms)

Lori Miller 2017

David Patriquin 2018

Susan Kern 2019

Barbara Clark 2020

Torrey Luker 2021

Town Agent (1 year term) vacant**Town Grand Juror** (1 year term) vacant**Trustee of Cemetery Funds**

Selectboard 2016

School District Moderator (1 year term)

Cynthia Jerome

School Directors

3 year terms

Dan Normandeau (resigned 12/2016) 2017

Katey Everest 2018

Amy Wall 2019

1 year terms

Michael McGillion 2017

Kristina Naylor 2017

Union School Director (3 year term)

Ruth Barton 2018

APPOINTED OFFICERS**Planning Commission** (4 year term)

Sarah Bergh 2017

Sam Farwell 2017

Debra Forrett 2018

Maria Glabach 2018

Andrew MacFarland (resigned 10/2016) 2018

Beverly Tier 2018

Annamarie Pluhar 2019

Cynthia Wilcox (resigned 3/2016) 2019

Joseph Little 2020

Development Review Board (3 year term)

Beverly Kenney 2017

Alan McBean 2018

Patty Walior 2018

Cami Elliott 2019

Sam Griffis 2019

Chad Farnum, Alternate (1 year term) 2017

Marty Forrett, Alternate (1 year term) 2017

Zoning Administrator (3 year term)

Kathleen Hathaway (resigned 12/2016)

Assistant Zoning Administrator

Charlotte Neer Annis December 2017

Conservation Commission (4 year term)

Ed Anthes 2017

William Schmidt 2017

Dana Aquadro 2019

William Johnson 2019

John Anderson 2020

Deborah Ayer 2020

Mary Ellen Copeland 2020

Lynn Levine 2020

Jane Michaud (resigned 7/2016)

Betsy Whittaker 2020

Energy Committee

Larry Doucette (resigned 3/2016) 2018

Julien Geiser 2018

William Collins 2019

Stan Howe 2019

Alex Wilson 2019

Recreation Board

(reappointed annually)

Melanie Chamberlin

Maeve Jenks

Keith Marshall

Ellen Nam

Carrie Ritson

Road Foreman	Lee Chamberlin	VT Community Development Program	Jack Lilly Jack Manix
First Constable	Chad Farnum	CT River Joint Commission	Dan Marx
Animal Control Officers	Wayne Emery Zeke Goodband	E-911 Contact Person	Pam McFadden
Assistant Town Clerks	Whitney Harrison Pam McFadden	Farmland Committee	Vernon Grubinger Nelson Jillson Diana Lischer-Goodband Jack Manix D. Read Miller III Elizabeth Wood
Selectboard Assistant	Laurie Frechette (resigned 9/2016)	Police Advisory Board Liaison	Steve Glabach
Temporary SB Assistant	Maria Glabach	Social Services Advisory Committee	Cindy Jerome Susan Leuchter Sara Ryan Gail Sorenson Rita Ramirez Bill Pelz-Walsh John Sommer
Health Officer (until May 2019)	Zeke Goodband		
Weigher of Coal	Ruth Barton		
Poundkeepers	Sylvio Forrett Ron Svec		
Inspector of Wood & Lumber	Sylvio Forrett		
Tree Wardens	Godfrey Renaud Jonathan Royce		
Fence Viewers	Nelson Jillson Harold Newell		
Windham Regional Commission	Lew Sorenson Roger Turner		
Delinquent Tax Collector	Pam McFadden		
Fire Warden (until June 2017) Asst. Fire Warden (until 2017)	Martin Forrett Charles Richardson		
Windham Solid Waste Mgmt. District Representatives	Michelle Cherrier Lester Dunklee		
Emergency Mgmt. Director	Dawn Hubbard		
Town Service Officer	Rita Ramirez		
Green-Up Day Chairs	Mark Brown Whitney Harrison		
Cemetery Committee	Lee Chamberlin Theresa Chapman Janice Duke Sylvio Forrett Hugh Worden		
Senior Solutions Representative	Ruth Barton		
Rescue, Inc. Representative	Harold Newell		

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have compiled this report based on the information provided to us by the wide range of town agencies. To the best of our knowledge all reports are accurate. Each month during the year we reconcile the town checking accounts. We wish to thank those contributing information in a timely fashion to this report, enabling us to satisfy all requirements.

Dummerston, VT
January 27, 2017

Libby Lafland
Maeve Jenks
Tammy Scarfe

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>
Capital Fund	\$321,477.00	\$309,258.60
Cemetery Fund	44,884.27	47,626.77
Conservation Commission Fund	5,627.10	5,125.56
Energy Committee Fund	2,555.38	2,909.68
Farmland Protection Fund	28,265.77	30,810.54
Fish & Wildlife Fund	319.00	351.58
Fred Miller Fund	103,941.87	101,968.54
Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund	4,637.31	8,191.57
Prospect Hill Pasture Fund	13,335.85	8,374.98
Reappraisal Fund	72,879.27	91,220.34
Recreation Board Fund	4,845.37	4,417.57
West Dummerston War Memorial Fund	2,946.09	2,957.93
West River Crossings Fund	0.00	0.00

TOWN CAPITAL FUND

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$321,477.00
Add:		
	Interest Earned	389.60
	Taxes Voted	<u>133,000.00</u>
		133,389.60
Deduct:		
	2016 Western Star	82,718.00
	Painting Community Center	11,800.00
	York Rake	3900
	Truck body	<u>47,190.00</u>
		145,608.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u>\$309,258.60</u>

Cemetery Funds

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$44,884.27
Add:		
	Interest Earned	21.91
	Putnam Fund Growth	190.59
	Donations	-
	Sale of Perpetual Care	2,900.00
	Town Appropriation FY 2015	<u>4,055.00</u>
		7,167.50
Deduct:		
	Tree Service	850.00
	Mowing & Maintenance	<u>3,575.00</u>
		4,425.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u>\$47,626.77</u>
	Money Market Account	14,295.14
	Putnam Fund	<u>33,331.63</u>
Total Cemetery Funds June 30, 2016		<u>\$47,626.77</u>
*includes & \$26,506 in Principal Funds		

Trust Funds - Principal Account

Cemetery Funds - Town of Dummerston, Trustee
Income to be used to care for lots

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$23,606.00
Add Cemetery Funds:		
Lewis White (Bennett Cemetery)	\$500.00	
Jake McDermott (Wilder Cemetery)	\$800.00	
Hugh Worden (Taft Cemetery)	\$500.00	
Gerald Hiam (Wilder Cemetery)	\$500.00	
Richard Simon (Taft Cemetery)	\$300.00	
Robert Simon (Taft Cemetery)	\$300.00	
		\$2,900.00
Permanent Funds		225.00
Balance in Trust Funds June 30, 2016		<u>\$26,731.00</u>

Conservation Commission Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$5,627.10
Add:		
Interest Earned	1.75	
Donations	125.00	
Programs	1,340.00	
FY 2016 Town Appropriation	750.00	
		2,216.75
Deduct:		
BCTV	900.00	
Rain Garden	175.00	
Speakers' Fees & Program Expenses	1,131.29	
Website Maintenance	512.00	
		2,718.29
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u>\$5,125.56</u>

Energy Committee Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$2,555.38
Add:		
Interest Earned	4.30	
FY 2016 Town Appropriation	350.00	
		354.30
Deduct: no expenditures	0.00	
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u>\$2,909.68</u>

Farmland Protection Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$28,265.77
Add: Interest Earned	44.77	
FY 2016 Town Appropriation	<u>2,500.00</u>	
		<u>2,544.77</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u><u>\$30,810.54</u></u>

Fish and Wildlife

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$319.00
Add: Interest Earned	0.08	
F&W License sales	<u>1666.50</u>	
		<u>1666.58</u>
Subtract: Payment to State		1634.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u><u>\$351.58</u></u>

Fred Miller Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$103,941.87
Add: Interest Earned		156.16
Deduct: Donations for Needy Children		<u>2,129.49</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u><u>\$101,968.54</u></u>

Gravel Pit Reclamation Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$4,637.31
Add: Interest Earned	9.28	
Deposits (Dummerston)	571.02	
Deposits (Putney)	151.44	
Deposits (Renaud Gravel)	<u>2,822.52</u>	
		<u>3,554.26</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u><u>\$8,191.57</u></u>

Prospect Hill Pasture Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$13,335.85
Add: Interest Earned		14.13
Deduct: Clearing of Hill Summit		4975.00
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u><u>\$8,374.98</u></u>

Reappraisal Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$72,879.75
Add:		
Interest Earned FY16	199.32	
Interest Earned FY15	30.46	
State Act 60 Funds	8,738.00	
Due to/from General Fund transferred after FY15	9,372.81	
		<u>18,340.59</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u><u>\$91,220.34</u></u>

* Balance did not include amount held in checking account of \$9372.81 and interest of \$30.46

Recreation Board Fund

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$4,845.37
Add:		
Interest Earned	1.58	
Baseball Fees	500.00	
Basketball Fees	0.00	
Soccer Fees	940.00	
FY 2015 Town Appropriation	<u>1,200.00</u>	
		2,641.58
Deduct:		
Baseball Expenses	1,666.38	
Basketball Expenses	247.53	
Soccer Expenses	1,135.47	
Returned checks	<u>20.00</u>	
		<u>3,069.38</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u><u>\$4,417.57</u></u>

West Dummerston War Memorial Fund (Certificate of Deposit)

Dedicated May 28, 1995

Funds donated by West Dummerston Grange

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015		\$2,946.09
Add:		
Interest Earned		<u>11.84</u>
Balance in Fund June 30, 2016		<u><u>\$2,957.93</u></u>

GENERAL FUND**Comparative Balance Sheet**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	<u>06/30/15</u>	<u>06/30/16</u>
Assets:		
Cash	\$119,413.54	\$226,553.05
Due To/From General Fund	<u>17,273.62</u>	<u>-96,611.90</u>
Total Assets:	136,687.16	129,941.15
Liabilities:		
Real Estate Taxes Paid in Advance	243.27	4,939.11
Due to State - Marriage Licenses	140.00	105.00
Due to State - Dog Licenses	992.00	112.00
Copier Lease Account	474.00	0.00
Employee AFLAC payments	0.00	41.04
Due to Reappraisal Fund	9,372.81	0.00
FY 2014 Surplus to be used in FY 2016	38,345.45	0.00
FY 2015 Surplus to be used in FY 2017	<u>0.00</u>	<u>87,119.63</u>
	<u>\$49,567.53</u>	<u>\$92,316.78</u>
Fund Balance	87,119.63	37,624.37
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$136,687.16</u>	<u>\$129,941.15</u>

HIGHWAY FUND**Comparative Balance Sheet**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	<u>06/30/15</u>	<u>06/30/16</u>
Assets:		
Due To/From General Fund	\$34,083.61	\$41,280.19
Liabilities:		
FY 2014 Surplus (to be transferred to Hwy Structures Fund)	<u>9,107.38</u>	0.00
FY 2015 Surplus for FY 2017	\$9,107.38	<u>24,976.23</u>
		<u>\$24,976.23</u>
Fund Balance	24,976.23	16,303.96
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$34,083.61</u>	<u>\$41,280.19</u>

Statement of Delinquent Taxes

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Real Estate Property Taxes

	As of 6/30/15	For Collection February 23, 2016	Collections	Abatements***	Balance at end of FY2016
2009	\$6,848.43		\$1,597.77		\$5,250.66
2010	\$3,141.52		\$0.00		\$3,141.52
2011	\$3,527.93		\$2,478.79		\$1,049.14
2012	\$7,372.80		\$6,024.19		\$1,348.61
2013	\$21,945.44		\$9,871.17		\$12,074.27
2014	\$35,916.97		\$14,161.42		\$21,755.55
2015		\$160,379.33	\$108,248.80		\$52,130.53
Totals	\$78,753.09	\$160,379.33	\$142,382.14	\$0.00	\$96,750.28

*** Abatements are granted under V.S.A. Title 24 Chapter 51 sec. 1535 upon the decision of the Board of Abatement. Decisions are on file in the Town Office for public review.

Analysis of Delinquent Taxes

As of June 30, 2016

<u>Real Estate and Personal Property</u>	<u>All Years</u>
Bills, Marlene	148.75 ***
Blomgren, Patricia	\$833.81 ***
Blow, Raymond	\$1,173.24
Bristol, Richard & Erin	\$692.96
Brown, Rhonda et als	\$1,192.12
Burnham, Elizabeth	\$4,306.04 @
Buzby Arlene C Estate of	\$3,682.17 ***
Carter, Virginia	\$1,109.80 ***
Chamberlin, Ernest Estate of	\$8,406.39
Chase, Bonnie	\$5,986.47 @
Covey, Jennifer	\$154.58
Dunham, Francis	\$432.04 ***
Dunn, David	\$9,645.22 ***
Durant, Robert & Carolyn	\$1,772.79 @
Ethier, Kathleen et als	\$2,915.71 @
Gendron, Morris & Cynthia	\$1,506.17 ***
Gordon, Mary	\$871.04
Hellus, Ellen B	\$921.64 ***
Koski David & Rebecca	\$4,282.76 @
Leary, Sandra Kim & Ballantine, Ricky	\$1,361.42
Mayo, Melvin	\$2,695.05 @
Matava, Gary	\$3,266.89 ***
Mathewson M & Smith C	\$2,406.14 @
McBean, Joan	\$3,265.82 @
McMahon, Jesse/Wrublevski Amanda	\$1,739.06 ***
Nutting, Brenda	\$332.98 @
Oliver, Michael P	\$1,556.00
Ryan, David & Christina	\$13,038.57 ***
Schupp, Elizabeth	\$5,126.36 @
Smart, Theresa et als	\$7.62
Sparks, James	\$417.26 ***
Svetaka, Michael & Celia	\$932.16 ***
West River Granite Inc.	\$3,511.69
Wood, Arthur Jr	\$5,786.67 @
Wood, Donald & Deborah	\$742.54 ***
Wood, Leslie	\$530.35 @

\$96,750.28

@ denotes monthly payment/partially paid by
December 31, 2016

*** paid in full by December 31, 2016

Statement of Current Taxes Raised

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Municipal	Homestead	Non-Residential
Taxable Parcels	999		
Acres	18,547.76		
Real	282,689,900	168,148,600	114,541,300
Add			
Non Approved Contracts		0	779,400
Equipment	159,800	0	159,800
Subtract			
Veteran	280,000	280,000	
Land Use	22,119,150	9,670,250	12,448,900
Contracts	1,330,900		1,171,100
1% of Grand List	2,591,196.50	1,581,983.50	1,018,605.00

<u>Tax Rate Name</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>Grand List</u>	<u>= Total Tax Raised</u>
Non Residential Education	1.4886		1,010,811.00	1,504,693.24
Homestead Education	1.7382		1,581,983.50	2,749,803.69
Local Agreements	0.0059		2,591,196.50	15,287.97
Capital Plan Fund	0.0516		2,591,196.50	133,705.72
Highway	0.1418		2,591,196.50	367,431.90
Municipal	0.0965		2,591,196.50	250,045.43
Late HS-131 Penalty Waived				+ 0.00
Total Taxes Billed				\$5,020,967.95
Education portion of State Credit Received				798,353.77
Municipal portion of State Credit Received				- 14,584.06*
Adjusted Total Taxes billed				\$ 4,208,030.12

Distribution of Taxes

State Education Property Tax Homestead/Non Residential Tax	\$3,463,284.25**
Municipal/Highway and Local Property Tax	647,995.59
Delinquent Taxes to Collector	+ 96,750.28
Total Taxes Accounted For	\$ 4,208,030.12

* Includes \$300.00 late HS 122 filing fee retained by town. See FINAL FY2016 Act 68 Cash Flow

**See FINAL FY2016 Act 68 Cash Flow for Municipality

Municipality

Yellow
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FY2016 Act 68 Cash Flow for Municipality, FINAL Data
Based on FINAL Education Grand Lists, 11-Apr-16

District: **Dummerston**
S.U.: **Windham Southeast S.U.**

LEA ID: **T061**
County: **Windham**
FY2016 Education Spending Summary

	Local	Brattleboro UHSD	
1. Total Education Spending grant owed to the School Districts	2,742,418	10,573,571	-
2. Percent of equalized pupils from Dummerston at school district(s)	100%	6.28%	0.00%
3. Education spending Dummerston is responsible for	2,742,418	1,166,420.00	-

	Reference	Municipal Treasury	School District Treasury	State Treasury	
4. Homestead Education Grand List	1,584,083.50				4.
5. Homestead tax rate (base rate is \$0.99, adjusted by district spending and CLA)	1.7382				5.
6. Homestead education liability	2,753,454.00				6.
Homestead EOL x Homestead tax rate					
7. Total credit for tax bills	32 V.S.A. § 6066(a)	812,637.83			7.
8. Municipal portion of credit		14,284.06			8.
9. Education portion of credit		798,353.77			9.
10. Subtotal	line 6-line 9	1,955,100.23			10.
11. Late Fee Retained	32 V.S.A. § 5402(c)	300.00			11.
12. Amount raised on homestead properties		1,954,800.23			12.
13. 0.225 of 1.0% of homestead liability retained by municipality	32 V.S.A. § 5402(c)	4,398.98			13.
14. Net homestead education taxes available for school districts & Education Fund		1,950,401.25			14.
15. Local amount of homestead tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		68.63%	1,338,560.38		15.
16. Brattleboro UHSD amount of homestead tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		31.37%	611,840.87		16.
17. Homestead education tax liability to the state treasury				-	17.
18. Subtotals		1,955,100.23	4,698.98	1,950,401.25	18.
Non-Residential Education Tax					
21. Non-Residential education grand list		1,018,605.00			21.
22. Non-Residential tax rate (base rate is \$1.535, adjusted by the CLA)		1.4886			22.
23. Non-residential education liability		1,516,295.00			23.
24. Amount Raised on Non-Residential properties		1,516,295.00			24.
25. 0.225 of 1.0% of non-residential liability retained by municipality	32 V.S.A. § 5402(c)	3,412.00			25.
26. Net Non-Residential education taxes available for School districts & Education Fund		1,512,883.00			26.
27. Local amount of non-residential tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		68.63%	1,038,291.60		27.
28. Brattleboro UHSD amount of non-residential tax liability for education spending plus categorical grants		31.37%	474,591.40		28.
29. Non-residential education liability to the State Treasury				-	29.
30. Subtotals		1,516,295.00	3,412.00	1,512,883.00	30.
31. Totals	line 20 + line 32	3,471,395.23	8,110.98	3,463,284.25	31.

FY2016 Municipality Payment Schedule TO the State Treasury
(Homestead payments are based on line 19, non-residential payments on line 31)

	September 10, 2015	December 1, 2015	December 10, 2015	April 30, 2016	June 1, 2016
Homestead taxes		0.00			0.00
Non-residential taxes		0.00			0.00

A.**Payments to the School District by the Town Treasurer****16 V.S.A. § 426(a)(b); 32 V.S.A. § 6066a(a)****School District****Subtotals**

34. Homestead taxes to the Local school district	line 24	1,338,560.38	
35. Non-residential taxes to the Local school district	line 31	1,038,291.60	
36. Homestead Taxes to Brattleboro UHSD		611,840.87	2,376,851.98
37. Non-residential Taxes to Brattleboro UHSD		474,591.40	
38.		-	1,086,432.27
39.		-	
40. Act 144 local construction property tax sent to the school district by Dummerston		-	
41. Total education tax dollars sent to the school district(s) by Dummerston	Total	3,463,284.25	

If you have any questions about these data, please contact Julie Robinson at 479-1022.
If she cannot be reached, contact Brad James at 479-1043.

HIGHWAY FUND**Statement of Revenue – Actual and Estimated**

	Budget	Actual	Adopted	Proposed
	7/1/15 –	7/1/15 –	7/1/16 –	7/1/17 –
	6/30/16	6/30/16	6/30/17	6/30/18
FY 2015 Surplus			24,976	
FY 2016 Surplus				16,304
Property Taxes	365,476	365,476.00	348,414	367,385
Highway State Aid	122,000	129,492.85	122,000	127,000
Gravel Pit - Reimb from Putney	0	80.00	0	0
Insurance Reimbursements	0	1,000.00	0	0
Sale of Used Equipment	0	632.50	0	500
Refunds	0	722.87	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$487,476	\$497,404.22	\$495,390	\$511,189

HIGHWAY STRUCTURES FUND**Statement of Revenue – Actual and Estimated**

	Budget	Actual	Adopted	Proposed
	7/1/15 –	7/1/15 –	7/1/16 –	7/1/17 –
	6/30/16	6/30/16	6/30/17	6/30/18
FY 2014 Surplus	9,107	9,107		
Property Taxes	0	0	15,000	0
Grant Revenue	0	126,255.60		0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,107	\$135,362.60	\$15,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND**Statement of Revenue – Actual and Estimated**

	Budget 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	Actual 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	Adopted 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	Proposed 7/1/17 – 6/30/18
FY 2014 Surplus	38,345	38,345.45		
FY 2015 Surplus			87,120	
FY 2016 Surplus				19,124
Tax Revenue:				
Current Taxes	247,769	106,787.15	214,160	311,560
State Current Use Payment	60,000	62,189.00	60,000	64,000
State Pilot Program Payment	6,000	6,918.00	6,500	7,000
Delinquent Taxes	0	136,369.59	0	0
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	0	11,023.61	0	0
Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	0	10,529.77	0	0
	\$313,769	\$333,817.12	\$280,660	\$382,560
State Funds:				
Railroad Corporate Tax	1,000	2,578.50	1,000	2,500
General Election Stipend from State	0	0.00	500	0
Equalized GL Study	1,000	1,028.00	1,000	1,000
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	0	0.00	0	44,250
VTTC - Local Fines	5,000	9,773.52	6,000	8,500
	\$7,000	\$13,380.02	\$8,500	\$56,250
Emergency Management:				
Annual Stipend from State	5,000	4,985.78	0	0
Annual Grant	26,500	23,665.40	0	15,000
	\$31,500	\$28,651.18	\$0	\$15,000
Permits & Licenses:				
Liquor Licenses	100	420.00	180	280
Trailer Park Licenses	440	440.00	440	0
Weight Permits	200	170.00	200	200
Dog Licenses	1,250	1,291.00	1,100	1,200
Zoning Permits	1,800	2,905.00	2,000	2,000
Land Development Permits	200	450.00	225	225
Appeals/Conditional Use Permits	500	852.00	500	600
	\$4,490	\$6,528.00	\$4,645	\$4,505
Fees & Charges for Services:				
Fees for Recording Documents	13,000	11,924.00	12,000	12,000
Fees for Restoration	5,500	5,111.00	1,354	0
Fees for Filing Documents	150	95.00	140	100

Statement of Revenue – (General Fund) Actual and Estimated (continued)

	Budget 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	Actual 7/1/15 – 6/30/16	Adopted 7/1/16 – 6/30/17	Proposed 7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Fees for Issuing Licenses	850	707.50	725	725
Certified Copies of Records	600	1,040.00	750	1,000
Uncertified Copies of Records	1,500	1,930.40	1,900	1,900
Charges for Record Search	150	162.00	200	200
Sale of Tax Maps	10	6.15	0	0
Registration Renewals	150	108.00	120	120
Charges for Use of Copier	15	54.80	75	75
Miscellaneous Fees & Charges	50	27.00	50	40
	\$21,975	\$21,165.85	\$17,314	\$16,160
Other Revenue:				
School District Reimbursement	1,300	1,300.00	1,300	1,300
Social Services Donations	0	0.00	0	0
Insurance Reimbursements (incl. Fire Dept, Hist. Soc., LTP Library)	9,318	9,318.00	9,458	12,000
Interest Earnings	0	0.00	1,395	1,300
Workers Comp Reimbursement	0	0.00	0	0
Sale of Used Equipment	0	0.00	0	0
Refunds	0	0.00	0	0
Animal Impoundment Fees	0	0.00	0	120
Community Center Donation	0	0.00	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	0.00	0	0
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	0	0.00	0	2,574
Total Other Revenue	\$10,618	\$10,618.00	\$12,153	\$17,294
Funded Projects:				
Transfer from Restoration Reserve	4,050	4,050.00	1,354	1,200
Transfer from Capital Fund	0	0.00	0	0
Total Funded Projects	\$4050	\$4,050.00	\$1,354	\$1,200
Total General Fund Revenue	431,747	456,555.62	411,746	512,093
Total Highway Fund Revenue	487,476	497,404.22	495,390	511,189

SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL TAXES

	Voted 2016	Proposed
Taxes to be raised for General Operating Budget	214,160	311,560
Taxes to be raised for Highway Operating Budget	348,414	367,385
Additional Articles		
Capital Plan Fund	150,000	170,000
Highway Structures Fund	15,000	0
Total Municipal Taxes	\$727,574	\$848,945

HIGHWAY FUND**Actual and Estimated Expenditures**

	BUDGET FY '16	ACTUAL FY '16	BUDGET FY '17	PROPOSED BUDGET FY '18
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE				
Wages-General Maintenance	74,988	90,764.92	74,879	78,104
Personnel Expenses	3,000	3,348.26	3,300	3,300
MSHA Training	250	75.00	0	0
Culverts	6,000	16,352.53	6,000	6,000
Gravel	21,000	34,296.96	21,000	23,000
Crushing Gravel	24,000	23,793.00	24,000	24,000
Chloride	9,250	7,016.10	11,400	11,400
Gravel Pit - Operating Expenses	1,000	738.56	1,000	1,000
Contract Services	2,000	2,162.50	2,000	3,000
Re-treatment	95,000	95,990.76	95,000	95,000
Bridge Repairs	500	0.00	500	500
Covered Bridge Maintenance	500	1,000.00	500	500
Road Sign Replacement	800	879.76	800	800
Highway Structures Engineering	0	0.00	0	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,250.00	1,000	1,000
Wages-Winter Maintenance	112,483	74,354.51	112,319	117,157
Salt	17,000	16,295.99	18,000	20,000
Sand	7,000	11,449.12	9,000	9,000
Road Line Painting	3,000	2,534.40	3,000	3,000
Street Lights	4,800	4,118.22	4,500	4,500
Vehicle & Equipment Insurance	12,629	12,865.50	13,102	13,338
Garage - Supplies	2,000	2,177.86	2,000	2,000
Fuel Oil	1,000	0.00	700	700
Telephone - Garage	400	443.24	420	420
Telephone - Cell	1,176	1,254.24	1,170	1,170
Building Maintenance	2,000	2,348.95	2,000	2,000
Electricity	2,100	2,489.58	2,300	2,300
Gasoline	1,100	2,318.47	3,000	3,000
Diesel Fuel	44,000	23,105.36	42,000	42,000
Motor Oil & Grease	1,500	981.75	1,500	1,500
Operating Costs	15,500	19,102.33	16,500	17,000
Equipment Repairs	18,000	25,195.41	20,000	21,000
Radios & Radio Repair	1,000	734.45	1,000	1,000
Small Tools & Equipment	1,500	1,662.53	1,500	1,500
HIGHWAY SUBTOTAL	\$487,476	\$481,100.26	\$495,390	\$511,189
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$487,476	\$481,100.26	\$495,390	\$511,189

HIGHWAY STRUCTURES FUND**Actual and Estimated Expenditures**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED
	FY '16	FY '16	FY '17	BUDGET
				FY '18
Quarry Road Project	0	42,985	0	0
TOTAL	\$0	\$42,985	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND**Actual and Estimated Expenditures**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	BUDGET FY 16	ACTUAL FY 16	BUDGET FY 17	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 18
SELECTBOARD				
Selectboard Salaries	2,500	2,500.00	2,500	2,500
Wages - Clerical	9,402	7,573.24	7,500	7,500
Selectboard Expenses	200	536.13	200	200
Legal Notices	300	495.00	400	500
Meetings/Training	300	141.00	300	400
V.L.C.T. Assessment	2,969	2,969.00	3,000	3,105
WRC Assessment	3,446	3,446.00	3,446	4,115
WSWMD Assessment	25,758	25,757.16	22,782	21,521
Professional Services	5,000	675.85	4,000	3,000
FICA & Medicare	19,145	19,941.54	21,165	21,787
Retirement	8,152	7,787.95	8,559	8,696
Health Insurance	32,688	28,828.20	28,207	35,604
Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)	0	0	0	3,000
Pmt in Lieu of Health Ins	2,000	666.67	2,000	0
Unemployment Insurance	297	453.00	561	545
Workers Compensation	11,215	11,883.50	12,552	14,757
Public Official Liability	3,607	4,027.50	4,448	4,691
Property Owners Policy	9,644	10,026.00	10,408	9,203
Total Selectboard	\$136,623	\$127,707.74	\$132,028	\$141,124
ADMINISTRATION				
Wages - Town Clerk	17,087	19,552.65	28,860	29,640
Wages - Asst Clerks	8,782	8,293.54	10,797	3,510
Wages - Treasurer/Tax Collector	18,804	17,257.84	12,000	15,075
Elections - Operating Supplies	400	404.53	1,050	200
Supplies & Postage	4,000	3,147.66	3,400	3,200
Annual Bulk Mail Permit	200	225.00	250	250
Dues & Meetings	400	410.00	500	500
Record Restoration	1,955	263.42	1,354	1,200
Wages - Auditors	450	450.00	450	450
Wages - Town Report Typist	0	0.00	500	500
Supplies - Auditors	50	0.00	0	50
Training - Auditors	0	30.00	0	180
Town Meeting Training	30	0.00	60	60
Town Report - Print	2,400	1,759.41	1,970	1,800
Town Report - Postage	500	362.26	460	400
Listers - Wages	16,467	15,534.96	16,313	16,830
Listers - Reappraisal Wages	0	0	0	2,574
Listers - Supplies & Postage	300	344.97	300	300
Listers - Meetings & Training	500	200.00	400	400
Listers - Licenses & Software	500	453.81	500	500
Listers - Legal Notices	130	207.00	130	130

GENERAL FUND**Actual and Estimated Expenditures (continued)**

	BUDGET FY 16	ACTUAL FY 16	BUDGET FY 17	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 18
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	0	8,738.00	0	44,250
Listers Education Transfer	0	225.00	0	0
Mapping	1,500	0.00	1,500	1,500
Listers - Travel Expenses	550	259.06	300	300
Wages - Del.Tax Collector	0	261.51	833	858
Delinquent Tax Collector Expenses	100	162.68	622	622
Total Administration	\$75,105	\$78,543.30	\$82,549	\$125,279
PLANNING/ZONING				
Wages - Zoning Administrator	12,477	11,827.62	10,184	9,600
Supplies & Postage - Zoning	300	252.87	200	200
Supplies & Postage - PC	100	35.64	100	100
Supplies & Postage - DRB	100	47.62	80	80
Legal Notices - PC	375	0.00	350	350
Legal Notices - DRB	750	510.00	750	750
Meetings & Training - Zoning	150	85.00	200	200
Meetings & Training - PC	200	70.00	200	200
Meetings & Training - DRB	450	0.00	250	250
Printing - PC	350	0.00	200	200
Travel - Zoning	300	218.15	400	400
Travel - PC	100	0.00	100	100
Travel - DRB	150	0.00	150	150
Clerical - PC	0	0.00	500	500
Municipal Planning Grant	0	1,135.71	0	0
Total Planning/Zoning	\$15,802	\$14,182.61	\$13,664	\$13,080
MUNICIPAL BUILDING				
Municipal Bldg Supplies	400	276.59	350	350
Telephone	1,285	1,324.18	1,285	1,290
Janitor Service	1,950	1,875.00	1,950	1,950
Building Maintenance	600	796.90	700	850
Lawn Care	1,060	1,105.00	1,060	1,010
Electricity	1,500	1,446.54	1,680	1,680
Water	200	200.00	200	200
Copier Expense	2,160	2,049.98	2,160	2,160
Computer Expense	2,700	3,805.22	3,635	3,735
New Equipment	250	1,295.44	0	250
Total Municipal Building	\$12,105	\$14,174.85	\$13,020	\$13,475
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Sheriff's Department Contract	9,600	9,728.00	11,760	14,790

GENERAL FUND**Actual and Estimated Expenditures (continued)**

	BUDGET FY 16	ACTUAL FY 16	BUDGET FY 17	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 18
Rescue Inc. Assessment	40,952	40,952.08	42,182	42,182
Wages - Health Officer	0	0.00	0	0
Health Officer Expenses	50	0.00	50	50
Windham County Humane	500	500.00	500	600
Animal Control Officer Expenses	50	0.00	50	50
Total Public Safety	\$51,152	\$51,180.08	\$54,542	\$57,672
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
Fire Protection	49,500	49,500.00	49,500	49,500
VLCT Insurance (reimb by WDVFD)	8,389	8,437.50	8,486	8,228
Building Loan Repayment				32,335
Total Fire Department	\$57,889	\$57,937.50	\$57,986	\$90,063
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
Annual Operating Expenses	5,000	4,985.78	3,000	6,960
Drill Expenses	4,000	665.40	0	0
EMD Annual Stipend	16,000	19,000.00	1,500	7,000
Asst. EMD Annual Stipend	4,000	1,000.00	500	1,040
Radiological Officer	1,500	1,500.00	0	0
Pager Carriers	1,500	1,500.00	0	0
Total Emergency Management	\$32,000	\$28,651.18	\$5,000	\$15,000
WASTE COLLECTION				
Trash Pick-up - Hwy Garage	1,000	792.00	1,000	1,000
Green-up Day	100	218.50	100	100
Total Waste Collection	\$1,100	\$1,010.50	\$1,100	\$1,100
HEALTH & WELFARE				
Aids Project of Southern Vermont	100	100.00	200	200
Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center	3,000	3,000.00	0	0
Brattleboro Area Hospice	250	250.00	300	300
Brattleboro Senior Meals	450	450.00	450	450
CT River Transit	500	500.00	500	650
Dummerston Cares	400	400.00	400	800
Gathering Place	400	400.00	500	550
Grace Cottage Hospital	325	325.00	250	250
Groundworks Collaborative	0	0.00	4,050	4,000
HCRS	700	700.00	800	850
Morningside Shelter	800	800.00	0	0
RSVP	100	100.00	100	100
Senior Solutions	650	650.00	750	750
SEVCA	900	900.00	1,100	1,150
Visiting Nurse Alliance	600	600.00	700	700

GENERAL FUND**Actual and Estimated Expenditures (continued)**

	BUDGET FY 16	ACTUAL FY 16	BUDGET FY 17	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 18
Windham Child Care Association	500	500.00	550	550
Women's Freedom Center	700	700.00	800	850
Youth Services	950	950.00	950	950
Total Health & Welfare	\$11,325	\$11,325.00	\$12,400	\$13,100
CEMETERIES	\$4,055	\$4,055.00	\$3,650	\$5,360
RECREATION BOARD	\$1,200	\$1,200.00	\$1,000	\$1,500
COMMUNITY CENTER	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0
LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY	\$12,000	\$14,195.13	\$12,500	\$13,500
CONSERVATION				
Northern VT RC & DC	100	100.00	100	100
SE VT Watershed Alliance	0	0.00	200	200
Conservation Commission	750	750.00	750	750
Energy Committee	350	350.00	350	350
Farmland Protection Fund	2,500	2,500.00	2,500	2,500
Total Conservation	\$3,700	\$3,700.00	\$3,900	\$3,900
HISTORICAL SOC. OF WIND. COUNTY	\$250	\$250.00	\$250	\$250
COUNTY TAX	\$17,391	\$17,391.00	\$17,767	\$17,300
MEMORIAL DAY	\$150	\$150.00	\$150	\$150
MISCELLANEOUS	0	38.04	0	0
Bank Service Charges	0	250.00	240	240
Total General Fund Expenses	\$431,847	\$425,941.93	\$411,746	\$512,093
Total Highway Fund Expenses	\$487,476	\$481,100.26	\$495,390	\$511,189
Total Expenses	\$919,323	\$907,042.19	\$907,136	\$1,023,282

TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT WITH PROPOSED REPLACEMENT DATES

	<u>Purchase Date</u>	<u>Replacement Date</u>
<u>TRUCKS</u>		
2009 Ford F350-4x4	2008	2017-2018
2010 International guarantee buy-back	2009	2019-2020
2012 International guarantee buy-back	2011	2021-2022
2014 Dodge 5500 4x4	2014	2022-2023
2016 Western Star with Viking body	2015	2023-2024
2017 Western Star with Viking body	2016	2024-2025

LARGE EQUIPMENT

1985 52" Stacking Conveyor		
1986 Morbark Wood Chipper Model 13		
1990 Rawson Screening Plant owned w/Putney		
2000 York Rake Model HT	2000	2015-2016
2014 Front Mount York Rake	2014	
2002 John Deere Grader Model 770CH	2002	2018-2019
2004 Kawasaki Loader	2004	2020-2021
2012 John Deere Backhoe	2012	2025-2026
2013 Kubota Tractor	2013	

PLOWS (Replacement as needed)

1970 Ross V Plow	
1990 Everest One-way Plow	
1994 Everest One-way Plow	
2009 Everest 9.5' Reversible Plow	
2009 Everest 10' Reversible Plow	
2000 Housatonic 10' Reversible One-way Plow	
2000 (2) Viking HSEQ One-way Plows	
2014 Everest 10' Reversible Plow	
2016 Viking 11' One-way Plow	
2017 Viking 11' One-way Plow	

OTHER EQUIPMENT (Replacement as needed)

1986 Campbell Hausfield 7.5hp Air Compressor in the Garage	
1986 Guest Asphalt Cutter Model 16	
1989 Drill Press Model 8100A	
1991 Purox L-Tec Torch Set	
1994 Plate Compactor (used)	
1996 Millermatic 250 Welder	
1997 Lincoln Shop Grease Gun Model 917-989	
1997 Makita Portable Generator Model G5711R	
2004 50KW Generator—stationary outside of the Garage	
2000 Trimmer, Husqvarna Model 325 RX	
36" Wood splitter—constructed by highway department	
2003 Chain Saw, Husqvarna Model 346	
2006 Chain Saw, Husqvarna Model 346	
2009 Chain Saw, Husqvarna Model 346	
2013 Ferri Mower	
2013 Leaf Blower	
2014 Chain Saw, Husqvarna Model 550	

CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN

EQUIPMENT	LIFE SPAN	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
15 Western Star w/dump & Sander body Purchased in 2015	10 years										150,000
08 International Purchased in 2007	10 years	150,000									
02 John Deere Grader Purchased in 2002	15 years			250,000							
2009 Ford Purchased in 2008	10 years		90,000								
2010 International Purchased in 2009	10 years				150,000						
04 Kawasaki Loader Purchased in 2004	16 years					130,000					
2012 International (purchased in 2011)	10 years						150,000				
2015 Dodge (purchased in 2014)	8 years							60,000			
Fire Truck			65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000			45,000	45,000
Town Office Computers		4,000					5,000				

Estimated yearly spending (before inflation)	154,000	155,000	315,000	215,000	195,000	220,000	60,000	0	45,000	195,000
Est. yearly spending (adjusted for inflation @ 2%)	154,000	161,262	334,281	232,723	215,296	247,756	68,921	0	53,779	237,704
Taxes raised	150,000	170,000	179,500	189,000	198,500	208,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000
Estimated cash on hand	305,240	314,436	160,127	116,644	100,024	60,418	151,587	311,815	418,503	341,427
Estimated interest @ 0.15%	458	472	240	175	150	91	227	468	628	512
Estimated balance forward	309,240	305,698	314,908	160,367	116,819	100,174	60,509	151,815	312,283	419,131
										341,939

For the 2017-2018 fiscal year the Selectboard would like to raise \$170,000 to replenish the Capital Fund

Cemetery Committee

The Dummerston Cemetery Committee is appointed by the Selectboard to oversee the maintenance and sale of perpetual care, as well as the administrative paperwork for the Town's five cemeteries. We have had another busy year between lot sales and burials. The Selectboard awarded Travis Bristol the bid to clear the adjoining lot at the Taft Cemetery with completion in June of 2017. We would also like to thank Dan Snow and many volunteers for the stone wall work this year at the Wilder Cemetery. They all did a great job.

Anyone interested in purchasing perpetual care may contact the Town Office, or a committee member listed in the front of this book. At this time, space is available at the Wilder Cemetery on Rice Farm Road and the Taft Cemetery on Route 30.

Community Center

The Dummerston Community Center is a handicapped accessible, town-owned building, leased to a group of town volunteers who work constantly to maintain the building for use by town committees, local groups, area residents, Dummerston Cares and the Lydia Taft Pratt Library. Many private parties and family gatherings are held at the center. Social and educational, music lessons, quilters, sing-a-longs and slide shows are a few of the gatherings. Halloween trick-or-treaters and their families enjoy the warmth, treats, decorations and the facilities every year. Our fundraisers include the sale of Archer Mayor books (thanks to Baker's Hallmark), Pampered Chef (Kim Martin), Coffee Break at the Welcome Center, and rummage/tag sales, to mention a few. We are a 501c non-profit organization.

We are fortunate and grateful to the local Good Samaritan - the volunteer that mows the grounds during the summer months, donating time and machinery - and the town highway crew who plow and sand the driveway. The flooding/seepage problem in the basement and library storage room has been rectified by Lee and his highway crew. During the late summer the excavation, pipe laying and ground work were completed with no interruption to the center's busy schedule. We are not requesting project funding from the town for the 2016/17 budget year.

We upgraded the rails, posts and pickets with vinyl; all wood parts were repainted by a local contractor.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make the Community Center a vital part of our town with your rentals, donations, programs and interest. Trustee meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. We welcome your participation. Contact any of our trustees if you have questions, comments or wish to

make a donation of time and/or money.

Trustees: Lester Dunklee, Randy Hickin, Ann Davis, Mary Tyler, Ginny Carter and Jean Momaney

Conservation Commission

2016 was another busy year, and the Conservation Commission worked overtime to provide advice and educational programs to a wide array of interest groups.

In January, Bill Schmidt organized a five-member panel discussion entitled, *Conserving Your Land: Everything You Wanted to Know, but Didn't Know Where to Ask*. On four Monday mornings in March, biologist Bob Engles presented, *Biological Communities, their Ecology and Conservation*. Late in March, Bill Schmidt organized *Dummerston Maple Day*, a celebration of the town's sugar-makers.

In April, commission members attended the spring meeting of the Windham County Conservation Commission hosted by Putney. Ken Cox of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife made a presentation entitled, *Fish of Dummerston and Surrounding Areas*. Chris Polatin spoke about removing invasive plants in the spring and demonstrated a variety of tools designed for that purpose.

In September, John Evans, Cliff Adler, Lynn Levine, Bill McKim, John Anderson and Claire Wilson shared their successful invasive removal strategies with community members. In October, Ed Anthes organized a well-attended meeting on *Dummerston Soils* with John Warren speaking from a geologic perspective, Drew Adams speaking from the perspective of a soil scientist and Jack Mannix speaking from the perspective of a farmer. A number of our commissioners attended the fall meeting of the Windham County Conservation Commission held in Guilford. Finally, we co-sponsored a presentation by Patti Smith of BEEC on, *On the Trail with Burdock, A Journey into the Society of Porcupines*.

All of the programs presented by the Commission were taped for public television making them available to any who could not attend the original presentations.

We continue to maintain an array of contacts at the state, regional and local levels to keep up-to-date, involved and informed. Our chair, Mary Ellen Copeland, spoke about Conservation Commission Leadership at the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions' Summit in October.

The Conservation Commission continues to provide input to the Planning Commission on the ongoing rewrite of the Town Plan. It also provides on-going stewardship to the rain garden near the covered bridge, Dutton Pines Park,

Black Mountain and Prospect Hill. It also provides consultation to the West River Trail Committee on protection of rare and endangered species along the trail.

Exploration and inventorying of our natural surroundings is ongoing. Several commissioners are invasive insect first responders and they continue their educational work and their vigilance.

The Commission's online newsletter listing local and regional events of public interest remains extremely popular. Dummerston Sightings blog has numerous wildlife pictures and observations. And the Commission's website holds a wealth of practical information.

Public input and involvement is encouraged. Contact any Commission member, attend a meeting, or visit: <http://www.dummerstonconservation.com>.

Development Review Board

The Dummerston Development Review Board (DRB) holds public hearings and issues formal written decisions on development applications as specified in the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Dummerston. Issues for consideration include Variances, Conditional Use Permits, Site Plan Reviews, Sign Permits and Zoning Administrator Decision Appeals.

The DRB is made up of five sitting members and two alternates, all appointed by the Selectboard. The DRB regular meeting time is 7 PM on the third Tuesday of each month, preceded by pertinent site visit(s) and review, if required. Meeting notices and any deviation from this schedule are posted at the Dummerston School, the Town Office and at the West Dummerston Post Office bulletin boards. Applications to be heard by the DRB are posted at the above sites and the Commons at least 15 days before the meeting date. Times, dates and locations are published as a part of the hearing notice process.

The DRB is a quasi-judicial board which affords applicants and "interested parties" the right to appeal decisions to a higher court. It is important for "interested parties" to participate in the review of an application so that all pertinent information is entered into the hearing record. The meetings of the Board are public and all citizens are invited to attend.

All the DRB final decisions from fiscal year 2015-2016 are available for review at the Town Office. To access the DRB webpage, visit the Dummerston.org website and click on Development Review Board. This page will provide DRB information including public hearing notices of applications up for review, site visit times, notices of special meetings, DRB procedures, minutes and the finalized formal decisions. Links to Dummerston zoning bylaws, Vermont statutes and other relevant information

are also available through this webpage.

Committee Members: Cami Elliot, Chad Farnum, Marty Forreth (alternate), Sam Griffis (Vice Chair), Beverly Kenney, Alan McBean (Chair), and Patty Walior

Dummerston Cares

Dummerston Cares exists to serve all Dummerston residents by supporting those with health and other wellness needs through services and programs provided directly or in collaboration with town government and related organizations and agencies such as the Grange, Congregational Church, Meals on Wheels, Senior Solutions and SEVCA.

Founded in 2005, Dummerston Cares was reorganized last year to become a nonprofit corporation under Vermont law and tax exempt under IRS regulations. Bylaws were adopted, a board was formed, and efforts began to strengthen existing services and programs and develop some new ones based on townspeople's and community needs.

Present services include: HELPLINE, a telephone service that enables callers to get information and help on a host of needs; transportation to medical appointments; an emergency fuel fund; and social and educational programs on a broad range of health and wellness topics. In the works are Friendly Visitors, Home Maintenance, and Medical Equipment Loans' services.

Town support in the amount of \$600 is being sought to continue HELPLINE and help pay for a Cares website.

Board members of Dummerston Cares are Ruth Barton (254-1128), Susan Daigler, secretary (257-4200), Akara Draper (258-9890), Bill Johnson, vice president (257-1020), Bill Schmidt, president (257-0233), and John Wilcox, treasurer (257-0674).

For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, talk to a board member, call HELPLINE (257-5800) or use the postal mailing address: P.O. Box 302, West Dummerston, VT 05357.

Energy Committee

The Dummerston Energy Committee had a relatively quiet year in 2016. We have continued extracting pertinent information from the 2010 Household Energy and Resilience Survey we conducted in 2010. That information will continue to inform our planning and programs for years to come.

Given what a huge percentage of the Town's total energy use is for the Dummerston School, that has been a significant focus of ours. We are tracking the Windham Wood Heat Initiative as well as weatherization ideas and

the potential for joining the large solar system that is going in on the capped WSWMD landfill in Brattleboro.

We will continue to be available to the School Board for any and all support we can provide relating to energy. We provided input on the energy features for the proposed Dummerston Center Fire Station and look forward to weighing in on a final design. The same goes for outdoor lighting around town. A significant chunk of our activities in late-2016 – continuing into early 2017 – focused on the re-write of the Energy Chapter for the Dummerston Town Plan.

Finally, we have worked on updating and improving the Energy Page on the Dummerston.org website. Look for continued enhancements, as well as a presence on Front Porch Forum, a local online bulletin board for discussions relative to the Town.

Oh, if you want to be part of the coolest committee in Town, we have a few positions open on the Energy Committee. Let us know by sending an email to us at energy@dummerston.org.

Alex Wilson, Chair

Green Mountain Camp

Green Mountain Camp celebrates 100 years in 2017! For the past 99 summers, campers have been making cherished memories at GMC. More than 275 girls added to the tradition in 2016, and camp director Billie Slade and her staff of 30 (7 from Dummerston) welcomed 82 new faces. They also welcomed back many more happy girls who have enjoyed the fun camaraderie at GMC in prior summers. Our mission to empower girls to believe in themselves and their ability to make a difference in the world continues to be relevant today. It is wonderful to have the camp running so smoothly and to see another generation of campers making lifelong memories like so many have done over the past century!

As we look toward the camp's 100th anniversary in 2017, it feels more important than ever that girls have a safe place to play and learn while building appreciation of each other and the land around them. In 2016, the camp provided more than \$16,000 in tuition assistance to 70 girls who needed financial aid. The generosity of this community allows the camp to be a diverse and inclusive escape for girls of all backgrounds and that diversity makes the experience richer for all.

In celebration of our Centennial, GMC is undertaking 10 projects, from minor to major to improve the campus. These projects are being made possible because of the donations and hundreds of volunteer hours generously contributed by individuals, organizations and businesses, many located right here in Dummerston. This generosity

of spirit has been the foundation of our collaborative efforts and GMC is most grateful!

We hope that you will keep GMC in mind as a place to hold an event during the warmer months. The facilities have been used by church youth groups, wedding parties, family reunions, and others who want a unique setting for their time together. We would love to have more residents of Dummerston take advantage of this special place, and offer a special rental rate for you!

Please take time to visit our website at www.greenmountaincamp.com for more information about Green Mountain Camp. We are proud to be one of Dummerston's many treasures and we invite you to join us as we celebrate 100 years of memories at our centennial weekend Aug 11-13, 2017!

Highway Report

This year the highway department put in culverts on Upper Dummerston Road to get ready for next year's paving. We also put in five additional culverts.

For this year we installed under-drain on Sunset Lake Road, Camp Arden Road and Wickopee Hill Road. Under-drain is when we still a perforated pipe three feet below the road bed. This will help prevent mud and ice from forming.

We ended up putting out 11,000 yards of gravel on various roads. We also put in stone-lined ditches on Johnson's Curve Road, Canoe Brook Road, Dummerston Station Road, Dutton Farm Road, two locations on East-West Road, and Waterman Road.

We received two structures grants from the State, where they pay for 90% of the project. The projects were a multi-plate arch culvert on Park Laughton Road and a bridge on Tucker Reed Road.

We used 3,227 yards of sand in the winter of 2015-2016. Sand usage will run between 3,000-6,000 yards per year.

If you have questions or concerns about the roads in town, please call the highway department at 254-2411.

Thank you for your support,
Lee Chamberlin, Road Foreman

Historical Society

Board members: Charles Fish, Jonathan Flaccus, Carolyn Goldsmith, Jody Normandeau, Sallie May, Gail Sorenson, Muriel Taylor, Cindy Wilcox and Thomas Zopf.

The Dummerston Historical Society filled 2016 with celebration and activity. The beautiful Bunker addition

was completed, including exterior painting, AND it was our 40th birthday!! Many friends, neighbors and members of the Bunker family joined us on June 12th for the formal dedication of the new Bunker room and to share in toasting our 40th. Chuck Fish, who chronicled the construction of the addition from start to finish, exhibited his photographs and photos of the past life of our schoolhouse were on display. It should be noted that this celebration included a moment of remembrance for our benefactor, Sam Bunker, who left this earthly life only a few days before the dedication. Thank you, Sam!

Our January Annual Meeting welcomed Tristram Johnson, Interim Executive Director of The Landmark Trust USA. He informed us about the history of the organization and described the several historical properties maintained and restored by them right here in our town. They include Naulakha, (Rudyard Kipling's home), the Dutton Farmhouse, the Amos Brown House, The Sugarhouse and the Kipling's Carriage House.

In April, David Baker, owner of Baker Violin Shop in Dummerston, described his business which provides many services for the violin family, including violins, fiddles, violas and cellos. In addition to educating us about the intricacies of being a luthier, someone who builds or repairs string instruments, David brought various instruments for us to view and answered our many questions.

October featured an exhibit of photographs by Michael Poster, accompanied by the writings of Melissa Whalen Haertsch, entitled "Ashmead's Kernel", referring to an old English russet apple with a golden brown skin. Michael's beautiful and sensitive photographs were taken at Scott Farm, showing an entire year in the life cycle of an apple orchard. Michael was also kind enough to present a program at our quarterly meeting on October 20th, discussing his work.

The October meeting also formally honored Carol Bessette as a distinguished historian. This newly created award was given in recognition of the countless hours of research that Carol has done, concentrating on locating and identifying Dummerston cellar holes, schools, old roads, farms and cemeteries. She continues to work on a mapping project which will preserve this research for posterity. Many of Carol's family members were present for this presentation which culminated in a standing ovation for this dedicated neighbor and friend.

The 2016 "Dummerston Life" project, headed by Tom Zopf, took a step forward as he met with Ellen Rago and her 7th and 8th grade students at the Dummerston School. After viewing a scrapbook from the Dutton family, some 200 years old, Tom encouraged the children to be historians in their own right by documenting their day-to-day life as students today. The 2016 "box" should hold some interesting material from these youngsters.

We would like to make public note of a recent significant donation. A Grandfather Clock, made by Asahel Cheney was "set to running" by John Miller of Dummerston on October 22, 1796 "the day his daughter, Susan Miller, was born". Passing through several generations, the clock was eventually moved, in 1941, to the home of Harold and Rena Reed in Dummerston Center. This home became the town office, with Rena as the Town Clerk, the timepiece standing in the corner overseeing the business of the town for many, many years. Now, in its new corner in the Dummerston Historical Society's Schoolhouse, the clock will once more have the opportunity to observe the comings and goings of its townspeople. We are grateful to receive this important piece of Dummerston history from the Harold Reed family. Please feel free to come and pay your respects. (Information from Dummerston 1753 – 1986, published by The Dummerston Historical Society in 1990)

The 2016 Scenes of Dummerston Calendar had another successful run this year and we are looking for photos for the 2017 edition. Keep your cameras handy as you travel in and around our beautiful town! If you have a "keeper" please contact Jody Normandeau at 802-254-9037 for details. 2016 calendars and red or blue t-shirts featuring the covered bridge are still available at our meetings, various town events or at the Town Office.

Focus in 2017 will concentrate on creating a new website as well as cataloging and storing our growing collection in our new space. We will continue to present programs and exhibits of interest to Dummerston residents and visitors. The Dummerston Historical Society always welcomes donations of historical interest to Dummerston and we encourage you to join us in 2017 as a member, a volunteer, a participant in our programs or as a viewer of our exhibits. (Please note that you do not need to be a member of the Historical Society to attend any of our functions.) Our Schoolhouse is handicapped accessible. You are always welcome.

Listers' Report

The listers have contracted with the New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) to perform a town-wide reappraisal beginning in the summer of 2017. It will be funded by money received from the State and earmarked for reappraisals. The town has enough money saved to pay NEMRC for their work. The listers selected NEMRC from six of the State-approved reappraisal companies. The last town-wide reappraisal was done in 2006.

The goal of a reappraisal is to bring all property values to fair market value. Inspections will be performed by experienced and trained inspectors. Residents will be notified in advance. A summary report of property details will be sent to homeowners to be reviewed for accuracy. The listers will be working in conjunction with NEMRC.

Approximately 50% or 4,438 acres of undeveloped land in Dummerston is enrolled in the Current Use Program. Enrolled land is prohibited from development as long as it continues in Current Use.

The 2017 CLA (common level of appraisal) for Dummerston is 106.5%. The CLA is an adjustment to listed property values. The State calculates a CLA annually for each town to adjust the listed value of properties to reflect fair market value.

The 2017 COD (coefficient of dispersion) for Dummerston is 10.84%. COD is a measure of uniformity of appraisal for all properties in a town's Grand List. It measures the average deviation between the selling prices of recently sold properties from the average town-wide level appraisal.

Please remember to file your HS-122 and HI-144 forms. They need to be filed even if you do not need to file a Vermont income tax. It will ensure that you receive a rebate if you are entitled to one.

A large amount of the Listers' time is spent maintaining the accuracy of property transfers, enrollment and withdrawals from the Current Use Program and property values for the grand list. We are in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 – 12. Please call, email or stop by if you have any questions.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission has the responsibility of updating the Town Plan, and amending the Town's zoning bylaw. It is, by statute, party to Act 250 proceedings, as well as the Public Service Board's hearings on energy-related developments in Dummerston. The Planning Commission's nine members are appointed by the Selectboard to four-year terms. Dummerston residents who would like to serve on the Commission may submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard.

The year 2016 has seen the planning commission hard at work on numerous issues, with more items added to its "parking lot" of things to get to as soon as we can. Since the revised zoning bylaw was adopted in the fall of 2015, we returned to three issues that we had set aside for the bylaw update. We approved a new Wireless Communications Facilities (i.e. cell phone towers) bylaw to replace our current ordinance. When this is adopted, after a public hearing, it will become part of our zoning bylaw. We continued work on the home business section of the bylaw, which has proved to be one of the most difficult sections to improve, though all agree it desperately needs improving. We also began investigating a new concept in zoning that would provide for a variable lot size for land subdivision, rather than a minimum lot size which our zoning now uses.

In February, the Town's agreement with VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development was finalized and we received the first installment from our \$8,000 Municipal Planning Grant for updating the Town Plan. We contracted with the Windham Regional Commission for services totaling \$7,500, leaving \$500 for the Town to spend directly on clerical expenses. Work commenced on the Town Plan update, with members taking a chapter each to bring back to the commission with proposed updates. We have been working our way through the twelve chapters of the plan, and creating new chapters required by the state on flood resilience.

One of the mandates from the state for planning commissions is to involve the public in the planning process. On November 1, we held a well-attended public forum to hear from residents about the draft as it was updated to-date. We received a lot of thoughtful feedback, and have been considering it in our revisions. We plan to hold a second public forum on a more complete draft in April, with a public hearing to follow some time after that.

One member was able to attend the Vermont League of Cities and Towns' Town Fair this year for trainings, having received funding from our trainings and travel budget.

Since Charlotte Annis was elected to the position of Town Treasurer and resigned as Zoning Administrator, we reviewed resumes and interviewed applicants for the job, nominating Kathleen Hathaway to the selectboard in May. We were very happy with her work, but in December she decided to move on, so we will repeat the process in 2017.

One zoning issue that has come to the Town's attention this year is the use of property for short-term rentals, which is currently not included in the bylaw. The commission hosted members of the Selectboard and the Development Review Board for a general discussion of how this use might be permitted and regulated. Addressing this with a bylaw amendment is on the 2017 to-do list.

Rich Cogliano and long-time member Cindy Wilcox completed their terms in March. We welcomed Joe Little, who was appointed to fill one of their seats. In September, Andrew Macfarland stepped down from the commission for health reasons. Current members and terms:

Sam Farwell	2017
Beverly Tier	2018
Debra Forrett	2018
Maria Glabach	2018
Annamarie Pluhar	2019
Sarah Bergh	2019
Joe Little	2020

As of December 2016 there are two vacant seats.

The Planning Commission's regular meeting is on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Town Office, unless warned otherwise. All meetings are open to the public. Meetings are listed in *The Commons* and warned on the Town website as well as at the Town Office, school and West Dummerston P.O. Agendas and minutes are posted on the Commission's page of the Town website. Please do not hesitate to talk with any commissioner if you have an interest in, or question about, the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaw, or any other business before the Commission. Written comments are also welcome and can be emailed to planning@dummerston.org or mailed to the Town Office.

Prospect Hill Pasture

Improvements continue at Prospect Hill thanks to the volunteer stewards of our Conservation Commission. A sign post has been placed on Park Laughton Road at the entrance. The right-of-way path across private property begins here.

Vehicles must be left at the Town Office parking lot. A bridge across the marshy brook area makes hiking a great deal easier. The right-of-way trail has been cleaned up and in the spring a box will be placed near the entrance containing information about the trail itself and information on how to make a donation to the PHP Fund for us to continue to maintain the trail and PHP – a town gem. This is the only money we receive for our fund. A new trail has been opened near the top so that this portion is now entirely on town land.

With the sudden passing of John Evans in October, a metal bench in his honor will be placed on the top of the hill. The bench is a project of the CC and will be covered entirely by donations and fund-raising.

Unfortunately, we did not receive any applications to our request for bids to deal with the continuing invasive problem. This will be the first priority for next season.

TRUSTEES

Ed Anthes, cc	Betsy Whitaker, cc
Elizabeth Catlin	Mary Lou Schmidt, Ch
Richard Epstein	Selectboard

Selectboard

It's been another fairly quiet year for the Selectboard, so quiet in fact, I thought I might get away with just re-submitting the Selectboard report from last year. It seemed like a good idea actually, especially as the deadline for turning this in came and went. Last year's report acknowledged and thanked the 90-plus volunteers that are appointed or elected each year to keep the wheels and cogs of town government running smoothly. If

you're one of those great people reading this right now, stand up and take a bow. The rest of you, give them a hand!

In attending different committees and board meetings throughout the year, I have watched residents, volunteering a night or two a month, having a good time working together to accomplish important work for our town. A list of your friends and neighbors on these committees can be found in the first few pages of this Town Report. If you'd like to get involved, get in touch with the Selectboard, or someone on the board or committee you are interested in joining.

A few highlights of the past year included the West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department bringing a petition asking the Town to raise up to \$175,000 for the construction of a new station. The question was put to voters in an Australian Ballot in August. The result was a landslide in favor. A tax-deductible fundraising effort has already raised a sizable portion of the money requested.

A large arch-culvert was installed on Spaulding Hill Road and a bridge on Tucker Reed Road was replaced in time for the Christmas tree season.

As I write this, the Windham Solid Waste Management District has just voted to close its recycling facility. We will have to decide if the Town wants to have a private hauler operate the recycling bins at the Town Garage or leave it to residents to work out their own arrangements.

Traffic safety, increasing the hours of coverage provided by the Sheriff's Department or keeping them at 20 hours per month, and parking in the West Dummerston Village are some issues we have been working on.

The Selectboard meets every other Wednesday. Our meetings are open to the public, or you can stay home and watch online, or on BCTV. We rely on your letters, emails, phone calls, or just stopping by to let us know the problems or issues that are important to you. A portion of each of our meetings is set aside to hear comments and concerns from the public, so don't be a stranger.

Town Clerk

This year brought many changes to our Town Office. We bid long-time Town Clerk, Pam McFadden, a fond bon voyage in her retirement. Thankfully, she has stayed on as one of the Assistant Town Clerks; her knowledge is invaluable! I was elected to my first term as Town Clerk and what a year to get my feet wet!

We had several opportunities to get together during 2016 as a community to cast our votes in various elections: Town Meeting Day included voting in the Presidential Primary; August brought the State Primary, along with a special vote on financing the construction of a new fire

station in Dummerston Center; November gave us the General Election; and in December we voted on whether or not to release the town of Vernon from BUHS District #6.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who worked at the polls; the folks from the Dummerston Congregational Church for setting up the voting area (as well as selling pies and coffee in November); the highway crew for shuttling everything back and forth; and especially the voters who came out in droves. Dummerston continues to have a high percentage of voter participation – let's continue this great tradition!

During 2016, this office issued 36 motor vehicle registration renewals; 279 dog licenses; 51 Fish & Wildlife licenses.

Thank you for electing me as your Town Clerk. I have greatly enjoyed my first year and hope to be here for many years to come.

West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department

Over the last year, the West Dummerston Fire Department responded to a near record number of calls. This year we responded to 205 calls from January 1 to December 15. Given the calls so far in December, we just might respond to our largest number of incidents ever. The calls we have are broken down into the categories below:

Call Type	2013	2014	2015	2016
Fires (Building, Chimney, Vehicle, Brush)	20	14	12	52
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0	2	1	0
Medical, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Rescues	97	118	101	99
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	12	12	2	7
Service Call	24	31	28	25
Good Intent Call	12	15	13	11
False Alarm & False Call	15	10	12	10
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0	0	0
Special Incident Type	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	180	202	169	205
Mutual Aid Calls	35	14	14	31
Mutual Aid Percentage	19%	7%	8%	15%

What does this mean to you, our residents? It means that

we are busier than ever. We are working hard to protect you, your loved ones, and your property from fire, flood, and all sorts of other calamities. Nearly one-third of our calls were for medical emergencies while the rest of our calls varied from chimney and building fires to propane leaks, car accidents to trees burning on the wires. As always, when our neighboring communities call for help, we respond. We answered 31 calls for aid in our neighboring towns. These are the same departments we call on to help us when we have fires in town.

We look forward to an exciting 2017 with a new building to construct in the Spring and the purchase of a new engine in the Summer. We also hope that 2017 brings us good luck with grants, which would allow us to replace our aging brush truck and outfit our engines with the latest in thermal imaging technology.

We thank you, our citizens, for your support through 2016 and we look forward to working to protect your lives and property in 2017.

West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department
(802)254-2793

www.westdummerstonfire.com | wdvfd9@svcable.net

Windham County Sheriff's Department

The Windham County Sheriff's Office provided an augmented police service to the people of Dummerston FY2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) in the amount of \$10,713.60, or approximately 218 hours of service for the year. Our office was able to provide 226.25 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The services provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to 362 calls for service, or calls where response was refused by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY16, we issued a total of 181 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$14,123.20 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 90 warnings were issued and 362 calls for service were answered.

This year we were privileged to be selected to be the recipient for State Farm's National Youth Advisory Board's grant. Through this grant, we are able to continue the Enhanced Teen Driver Safety Program, which builds upon the foundation of driver's education for teenage drivers in an effort to improve driver safety and reduce teen deaths. With this grant, the program is able to purchase vehicle driving simulators which will be used at area schools in an effort to develop youthful drivers.

We have continued to maintain our fleet of cruisers by replacing two vehicles with 2016 Ford Interceptor SUVs. Due to the high demand we receive each year regarding concerns of speed within each community, we're also pleased to announce the acquisition of a second RADAR

speed cart, purchased through another grant. This will allow us to cover twice as many requests in areas seeking traffic calming.

Along with years past, we've provided several community services throughout the county with no cost or effect on the contract rate. These programs include Click It or Ticket, the Southeastern Unit for Special Investigation, Are You Okay?, DUI campaigns, the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program, Toys for Kids, snow mobile patrols and the Camp Leadership Challenge. We continue to maintain secured anonymous drug disposal bin in our lobby, to help the citizens of our community safely dispose of unwanted/unused prescription medications without it going into their groundwater or being stolen. It is the continued support of Dummerston and others which help contribute to our ability to provide these no-cost services to Windham County as a whole.

The Windham County Sheriff's Office has again been pleased to serve the people of Dummerston and look forward to the upcoming year. If you have a need for our services, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 802-365-4942 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

Call Types	#
Assist – Agency	3
Assist – Citizen	3
Assist – Motorist	4
Assist – Other	1
Directed Patrol	3
Fugitive from Justice	1
Juvenile Problem	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	2
Suspicious Event	2
Traffic Hazard	1
Traffic Stop	329
VIN Verification	9
Violation of Conditions of Release	1
Welfare Check	2
GRAND TOTAL	362

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheriff Keith D. Clark

Windham Solid Waste Management District

VOTE TO CLOSE MRF

The 2016 calendar year for WSWMD ended with a decision by the Board of Supervisors to discontinue the operation of our recycling collection and processing at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), effective July 1, 2017.

By the end of June, the District will remove recycling roll-off boxes from transfer stations in Dover, Jamaica, Readsboro, Townshend, Wardsboro, Whitingham, and Wilmington. The 24-7 recycling roll-off containers will also be removed from Brattleboro's Fairground Road, Brookline, Dummerston, Halifax, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Vernon, and Westminster. Recycling containers will still be available for use by District residents at the WSWMD recycling convenience center at 327 Old Ferry Road.

The seven transfer station towns are required by state law to provide recycling services, and will therefore contract with private haulers to provide recycling services at transfer stations.

The nine towns with 24-7 roll-off containers are not required by state law to provide recycling since those locations do not accept trash, but will have the option of continuing those containers with a private hauler. The cost to towns for contracting for recycling services will shift to the town's budget, rather than through the annual tax assessment from the District.

SOLAR PROJECT ON LANDFILL

WSWMD signed a \$100,000 per year lease with Sky Solar to develop a 5 Mega-Watt solar photo-voltaic array on our 25-acre closed landfill, and all permit applications were filed. Construction is expected to start in Spring 2017, and should be generating electricity next fall. All District member towns, as well as school districts, have been invited to sign up for a 20-year net-metering agreement that will provide significant cost savings for municipal budgets.

FOOD SCRAP COMPOSTING

Of all the recyclable materials processed by the District, the only one that is kept local is food scraps and yard debris. The District's food scrap composting facility is in its 3rd year of operation, and is now the 2nd largest such facility in Vermont. Total tons of food scraps, soiled paper, and cardboard delivered to the facility has increased each year as a result of Vermont's Act 148, which requires that food scraps, and yard debris be diverted from landfill disposal, including residents by 2020. The Town of Brattleboro's curbside collection of food scraps is the largest source with approximately 12 tons per week.

The food scraps are mixed with yard debris and wood chips, and turned with a loader bucket. After 6 months the compost is screened to ¼ inch particle size using a rented screen, and in the Spring of 2016, the District sold out of its compost.

The District received a grant from ANR in 2016 to assist approximately 80 food scrap generators in Brattleboro in setting up for food scrap recycling with their trash haulers.

The District successfully established school food scrap recycling programs at the following locations: Brattleboro Middle and High School, Leland and Grey, Twin Valley, Guilford, Dover and Newbrook Elementary.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The District conducted 3 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections this year in the Towns of Brattleboro, Townshend, and Whitingham, with 307 households participating. The District offers year round collection of certain hazardous waste such as mercury containing products, leftover paints, and used motor oil and filters.

WSWMD participates in the Vermont Paintcare Program, which provides free recycling of leftover paints, etc. New this year, the District offers free drop-off of single-use batteries. The District also provides free recycling of TVs, computers and computers.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Act 148 requires the District's staff to work with businesses and schools to provide recycling education, and a full-time position is dedicated to this work.

The District offers tours of our facilities to schools and interested residents, and provides educational materials about reuse, recycling, and composting. Backyard compost bins are sold at discounted prices at the District office.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Spencer, Executive Director

Zoning Administrator

This report covers permits submitted during the fiscal period July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016. A total of 40 zoning permits and 7 land development/subdivision permits were submitted. The applications are broken down by project type below:

- **7 houses/7 granted:** This category consists of new construction, or a total reconstruction of a single or two-family dwelling.
- **4 additions/4 granted:** Included in this category is the addition of living space and/or reconstruction or conversion of existing space.
- **12 accessory structures/12 granted:** Accessory structures include all buildings and additions not intended for residency, such as storage sheds, barns, studios, garages or pools.
- **9 decks, porches/9 granted:** This category consists of any unheated structures, including entryways.
- **8 conditional use permits/5 granted, 1 denied**

(sign) and 2 pending Development Review Board (DRB) review at end of fiscal year:

Included in this category are applications for construction, site plan and conditional use review, commercial and home businesses, and also includes signs. These require DRB review and decision.

- **7 land development/subdivision/7 granted:** These applications are for subdivision of an existing lot into two or more legal lots, or for boundary line adjustments.

47 permits were applied for in fiscal year 2016, as broken down above.

Please remember that zoning permits are required for any land development, including new construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation or enlargement of any building or other structure and any land division. Please feel free to call or email the Zoning Administrator with any questions.

Please be aware of the existence of the Bianchi Law, which states that if correct permits are not in place or if there exists any violation of the Zoning Bylaw, the ability to sell or mortgage the property could be encumbered (unless the statute of limitation applies).

Lydia Taft Pratt Library

The town library has continued to serve the community through its varied programs for children and adults. The library continues to be supported by the town and its many patrons. We are very appreciative.

The major addition to library services has been the addition of computer management of the collection and connection with state information programs. These connections are available through the library website at <http://dummerston.org/boards/library.asp>. The librarian, Karen LaRue, can help patrons wishing to avail themselves of this new service.

A major housekeeping project is in the planning stages. Several large wall mounted bookcases require repair or replacement. This is a current concern of the Trustees. The Trustees meet monthly on the fourth Thursday at 4 p.m. at the library (with only occasional exceptions).

The hours of operation of the library remain unchanged.

	<u>REVENUE</u>	
	Adopted FY 2017	Proposed FY 2018
Grants	\$250	\$200
Town Support	12,500	13,500
Contributions	3,250	3,250
Interest	5	5
New Fundraising	2,904	2,904
Total Revenue	\$18,909	\$19,859
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
	Adopted FY 2017	Proposed FY 2018
Librarian Salary/Benefits	\$10,633	\$10,965
Library World Subscription	495	495
Books/Audio/Visual	3,175	3,518
Rent paid to Community Center	2,200	2,200
Insurance	120	120
Postage - Interlibrary Loans	258	333
Summer Reading Program	225	225
Telephone	615	615
Post Office Box Rental	88	88
Supplies	1,100	800
Furniture/Equipment		500
Total Expenditures	\$18,909	\$19,859

The Librarian's salary is paid out of the General Fund instead of transferring the funds back & forth. Anything over the budgeted amount is paid from the Library Fund to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year

LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY

Balance in Fund July 1, 2015: \$9,967.42

Receipts:

Book Bag Fundraiser	20.00	
Donations	5,147.99	
Interest Earned	3.93	
Interest transferred from TD bank	0.19	
Grants	50.00	
Geranium Festival/Book Sale	3,703.48	
Transfer from Town's General Fund	4,000.00	
Total Receipts:		12,925.59

Disbursements:

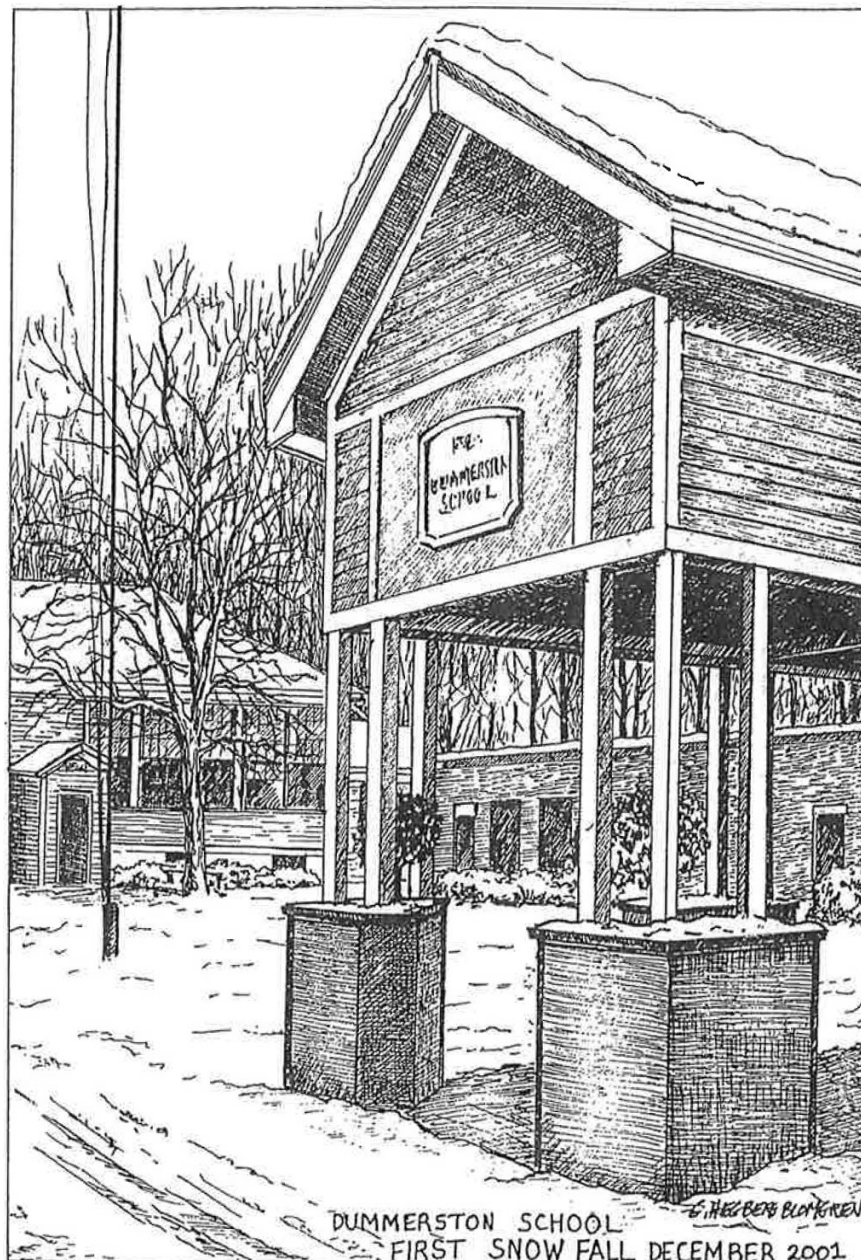
Automation Expenses	439.00	
Books	2,983.97	
Geranium Festival/Book Sale Expenses	420.00	
Insurance	101.00	
Mileage reimbursement	137.80	
Post Office Box Rental	84.00	
Postage	231.87	
Reimbursement to Town-Libraian salary	2,975.03	
Rent paid to Community Center	2,300.00	
Summer Reading Program	75.00	
Supplies	824.40	
Telephone	604.64	
Total Disbursements:		11,176.71

Balance in Fund June 30, 2016

\$11,716.30

Dummerston School

2015-2016



DUMMERSTON SCHOOL
FIRST SNOW FALL DECEMBER 2001

DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FY18 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUE, EXPENSE AND RESERVE SUMMARY

Board Approved 1/24/17

Excluding Separate Article

Description	FY16 BUDGET	FY16 ACTUAL	FY17 ADOPTED	FY18 PROPOSED	FY18 v.17 Difference	Percent Difference
Revenues						
TUITION REVENUE	24,000	8,353	10,000	30,500	20,500	205%
INTEREST EARNINGS	500	185	500	200	(300)	-60%
RENTAL FEES	11,666	10,080	10,000	10,000	-	0%
Health Services - WSESU	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	-	0%
MEDICAID SUB GRANT	24,000	24,000	40,000	18,500	(21,500)	-54%
EPSDT MEDICAID SUB GRANT	30,000	30,000	8,000	7,600	(400)	-5%
TITLE II A SUB-GRANT (WSESU)	84,000	86,439	87,000	76,665	(10,335)	-12%
GENERAL STATE SUPPORT GRANT	2,652,127	2,652,507	2,810,894	2,732,166	(78,728)	-3%
ACT 60 SMALL SCHOOLS GRANT	34,047	34,768	34,488	34,515	27	0%
TRANSPORTATION GRANT (STATE)	55,143	55,143	60,209	60,354	145	0%
SPECIAL EDUCUCATION STATE AID	313,346	315,942	397,570	-	(397,570)	-100%
Total General Fund Revenue	3,245,829	3,234,417	3,475,661	2,987,500	(488,161)	-14.0%
Total expenditures	3,245,829	3,254,864	3,475,661	2,987,500	(488,161)	-14.0%
Surplus / Deficit	0	-20,447	0	0	-	

PreK-8 Enrollment	161	167	160	155
	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2015	Nov. 2016	Est. Nov 2017

Fund Balances: [preliminary]

	FY16	FY17 Projected
General Fund	-43,192	0
Capital Fund	1,243	1,243
Food Fund	10,789	10,789
Endowment Fund	2,869	2,869
Total Fund Balances	-28,291	14,901

DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY18 Proposed Expenditure Budget

Account	Description	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY18 Proposed	FY18 v.17 \$ Diff	FY18 v.17 Pct Diff
001.0100.00.1116.320.000.5	TECHNOLOGY CS	5,000	7,350	5,000	0	-5,000	-100.0%
001.0100.00.1116.530.000.5	SITE LICENSE/ON LINE FEES	1,000	796	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.1116.610.000.5	TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES	1,000	97	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.1116.615.000.5	SOFTWARE - INSTRUCTION	1,500	285	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.1116.670.000.5	SOFTWARE-STUDENT DATA/NOTIFICATIC	2,520	510	2,520	2,520	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.1116.730.000.5	TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT	11,000	9,003	11,000	5,000	-6,000	-54.5%
Func: TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION - 1116		22,020	18,041	22,020	11,020	-11,000	-50.0%
001.0100.00.2120.110.000.5	GUIDANCE SALARY	29,816	39,340	43,625	73,435	29,810	68.3%
001.0100.00.2120.210.000.5	HEALTH	11,248	0	12,137	0	-12,137	-100.0%
001.0100.00.2120.215.000.5	DENTAL	946	0	946	955	9	1.0%
001.0100.00.2120.220.000.5	FICA	2,281	2,956	3,337	5,618	2,281	68.4%
001.0100.00.2120.230.000.5	LIFE INS	67	72	67	68	1	1.5%
001.0100.00.2120.250.000.5	WORKERS COMP	0	327	230	232	2	0.9%
001.0100.00.2120.274.000.5	DISABILITY INS	110	204	110	111	1	0.9%
001.0100.00.2120.283.000.5	403(B) BENEFIT	289	0	289	292	3	1.0%
001.0100.00.2120.285.000.5	125 PLAN	70	120	70	71	1	1.4%
001.0100.00.2120.290.000.5	COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	500	110	500	505	5	1.0%
001.0100.00.2120.320.000.5	PSYCHOLOGICAL CS	2,000	2,078	0	0	0	
001.0100.00.2120.610.000.5	GUIDANCE SUPPLIES	1,900	706	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2120.640.000.5	BOOKS	50	0	50	50	0	0.0%
Func: COUNSELING SERVICES - 2120		49,277	45,912	62,360	82,337	19,977	32.0%
001.0100.00.2134.110.000.5	NURSE SALARY	67,569	66,906	67,575	69,997	2,422	3.6%
001.0100.00.2134.210.000.5	NURSE HEALTH	13,985	13,985	15,583	16,206	623	4.0%
001.0100.00.2134.215.000.5	DENTAL	994	941	994	1,004	10	1.0%
001.0100.00.2134.220.000.5	FICA	5,169	4,792	5,169	5,355	186	3.6%
001.0100.00.2134.230.000.5	LIFE INS	125	126	125	126	1	0.8%
001.0100.00.2134.250.000.5	WORKERS COMP	0	556	526	531	5	1.0%
001.0100.00.2134.274.000.5	DISABILITY INS	250	348	250	253	3	1.2%
001.0100.00.2134.283.000.5	403(B) BENEFIT	662	669	662	669	7	1.1%
001.0100.00.2134.285.000.5	125 PLAN	70	120	70	71	1	1.4%
001.0100.00.2134.290.000.5	COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	675	583	675	682	7	1.0%
001.0100.00.2134.330.000.5	DOCTOR CS	200	200	200	200	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2134.610.000.5	SUPPLIES	550	365	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
Func: NURSING SERVICES - 2134		90,249	89,591	92,829	96,093	3,264	3.5%
001.0100.00.2140.320.000.5	CONTRACTED PROF SERVICES	0	0	1,000	0	-1,000	-100.0%
Func: PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES - 2140		0	0	1,000	0	-1,000	-100.0%
001.0100.00.2210.320.000.5	PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT	9,600	13,271	9,600	9,600	0	0.0%
Func: IMPROVEMENT OF INSTR SVCS - 2210		9,600	13,271	9,600	9,600	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2222.110.000.5	LIBRARIAN SALARY	41,579	41,171	41,582	41,998	416	1.0%
001.0100.00.2222.210.000.5	HEALTH	4,269	4,269	4,749	4,938	189	4.0%
001.0100.00.2222.215.000.5	DENTAL	291	276	291	294	3	1.0%
001.0100.00.2222.220.000.5	FICA	3,181	2,609	3,181	3,213	32	1.0%
001.0100.00.2222.230.000.5	LIFE INS	77	81	77	78	1	1.3%
001.0100.00.2222.250.000.5	WORKERS COMP	0	342	324	327	3	0.9%
001.0100.00.2222.274.000.5	DISABILITY INS	154	214	154	156	2	1.3%
001.0100.00.2222.283.000.5	403(B) BENEFIT	408	412	408	412	4	1.0%
001.0100.00.2222.285.000.5	125 PLAN	70	120	70	71	1	1.4%
001.0100.00.2222.290.000.5	COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	405	460	405	409	4	1.0%
001.0100.00.2222.430.000.5	REPAIRS	200	50	200	200	0	0.0%

DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY18 Proposed Expenditure Budget (continued)

Account	Description	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY18 Proposed	FY18 v.17 \$ Diff	FY18 v.17 Pct Diff
001.0100.00.2222.530.000.5	ON LINE FEES	100	1,086	900	900	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2222.610.000.5	SUPPLIES & AUDIO VISUAL SUPPLIES	1,167	1,170	1,167	1,167	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2222.640.000.5	LIBRARY BOOKS	2,800	3,978	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2222.737.000.5	EQUIPMENT	300	368	300	300	0	0.0%
Func: SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES - 2222		55,001	56,606	56,608	57,262	654	1.2%
001.0100.00.2310.110.000.5	SCHOOL BOARD SALARY	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2310.115.000.5	BOARD CLERK SALARY	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2310.220.000.5	FICA	268	191	268	268	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2310.250.000.5	WORKERS COMP	0	21	21	21	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2310.330.000.5	LEGAL FEES	1,000	196	26,000	3,000	-23,000	-88.5%
001.0100.00.2310.610.000.5	SCH BOARD SUPPLIES & ADS	500	209	500	500	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2310.810.000.5	SCH BOARD DUES & FEES	2,100	1,957	2,400	2,400	0	0.0%
Func: BOARD OF EDUCATION - 2310		7,368	5,073	32,689	9,689	-23,000	-70.4%
001.0100.00.2321.331.000.5	WSESU ASSESSMENT	149,241	149,241	153,559	153,789	230	0.1%
Func: OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT - 2321		149,241	149,241	153,559	153,789	230	0.1%
001.0100.00.2410.110.000.5	PRINCIPAL SALARY	92,250	92,250	94,560	96,920	2,360	2.5%
001.0100.00.2410.112.000.5	SECRETARY SALARY	30,000	37,794	34,425	35,289	864	2.5%
001.0100.00.2410.113.000.5	CLERICAL SUB/SUPPORT SALARY	3,000	3,713	3,000	3,800	800	26.7%
001.0100.00.2410.210.000.5	HEALTH	30,521	16,635	15,090	32,501	17,411	115.4%
001.0100.00.2410.215.000.5	DENTAL	1,988	941	1,988	2,008	20	1.0%
001.0100.00.2410.220.000.5	FICA PRINCIPAL	9,582	10,169	9,867	9,996	129	1.3%
001.0100.00.2410.230.000.5	LIFE INS	431	440	431	435	4	0.9%
001.0100.00.2410.240.000.5	VT MUN RET	1,657	1,352	1,657	1,674	17	1.0%
001.0100.00.2410.250.000.5	WORKERS COMP	1,000	1,083	1,000	1,010	10	1.0%
001.0100.00.2410.274.000.5	DISABILITY INS	348	619	500	505	5	1.0%
001.0100.00.2410.283.000.5	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	3,404	3,422	3,404	3,500	96	2.8%
001.0100.00.2410.285.000.5	125 PLAN	70	120	70	71	1	1.4%
001.0100.00.2410.320.000.5	STUDENT DATA MANAGEMENT CS	2,800	2,520	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2410.580.000.5	TRAVEL	500	0	500	500	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2410.610.000.5	SUPPLIES	1,100	2,441	1,100	1,100	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2410.640.000.5	PERIODICALS	300	163	300	300	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2410.730.000.5	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	750	0	750	750	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2410.810.000.5	DUES & FEES	1,050	1,888	1,050	1,050	0	0.0%
Func: OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL - 2410		180,751	175,553	170,992	192,709	21,717	12.7%
001.0100.00.2520.110.000.5	TREASURER SALARY	300	300	300	300	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2520.610.000.5	SUPPLIES	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0.0%
Func: FISCAL SERVICES - 2520		1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2600.110.000.5	CUSTODIAL SALARY	56,018	46,140	42,200	41,301	-899	-2.1%
001.0100.00.2600.210.000.5	HEALTH	19,548	13,163	8,399	6,952	-1,447	-17.2%
001.0100.00.2600.215.000.5	DENTAL	1,471	459	1,471	1,486	15	1.0%
001.0100.00.2600.220.000.5	FICA	4,285	3,485	4,285	3,160	-1,126	-26.3%
001.0100.00.2600.230.000.5	LIFE INS	76	72	76	77	1	1.3%
001.0100.00.2600.240.000.5	VT MUN RET	1,648	1,832	1,648	1,664	16	1.0%
001.0100.00.2600.250.000.5	WORKERS COMP	0	2,597	2,608	2,634	26	1.0%
001.0100.00.2600.274.000.5	DISAB INS	159	102	159	161	2	1.3%
001.0100.00.2600.339.000.5	CONTRACTED SERVICES	24,500	30,935	0	0	0	
001.0100.00.2600.411.000.5	WATER	3,000	3,565	3,000	3,400	400	13.3%
001.0100.00.2600.420.000.5	CUSTODIAL SERVICES - CS	0	0	24,500	24,500	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2600.421.000.5	RUBBISH REMOVAL	4,000	3,829	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%

DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY18 Proposed Expenditure Budget (continued)

Account	Description	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY18 Proposed	FY18 v.17 \$ Diff	Pct Diff
001.0100.00.2600.430.000.5	BLDG MAINT C/S	38,550	45,411	38,550	38,550	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2600.431.000.5	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	12,000	13,254	12,000	12,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2600.520.000.5	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INS	24,260	7,932	6,900	6,900	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2600.530.000.5	TELEPHONE & POSTAGE	6,500	6,742	6,500	6,500	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2600.534.000.5	FIBER CONNECT FEES	3,168	2,880	3,168	3,168	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2600.580.000.5	TRAVEL	375	0	375	375	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2600.610.000.5	SUPPLIES	12,000	12,895	12,000	12,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.2600.622.000.5	ELECTRICITY	30,000	24,863	27,500	23,500	-4,000	-14.5%
001.0100.00.2600.624.000.5	FUEL OIL	42,500	19,798	42,500	35,500	-7,000	-16.5%
001.0100.00.2600.730.000.5	EQUIPMENT	300	5,558	300	300	0	0.0%
Func: OPERATIONS & MAINT OF PLANT - 2600		284,358	245,510	242,139	228,127	-14,012	-5.8%
001.0100.00.2700.519.000.5	TRANSPORT SERV C/S	134,481	134,661	137,081	139,914	2,833	2.1%
Func: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SVCS - 2700		134,481	134,661	137,081	139,914	2,833	2.1%
001.0100.00.2720.519.000.5	FIELD TRIPS	3,000	3,798	3,000	4,000	1,000	33.3%
001.0100.00.2720.522.000.5	8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP	4,000	2,224	4,000	0	-4,000	-100.0%
Func: STUDENT TRANSPORT CO-CURRICULAR - 2720		7,000	6,022	7,000	4,000	-3,000	-42.9%
001.0100.00.5100.910.000.5	PRINCIPAL - NOTE LT/DEFICIT	33,711	33,802	22,745	0	-22,745	-100.0%
001.0100.00.5100.910.001.5	WATER PLANNING PRINCIPAL LT	2,495	2,495	2,495	2,495	0	0.0%
001.0100.00.5100.910.622.5	EVERGREEN FUND GMP PRINCIPAL	5,000	6,000	5,000	6,000	1,000	20.0%
Func: DEBT SERVICE - 5100		41,206	42,297	30,240	8,495	-21,745	-71.9%
School: DISTRICTWIDE - 00		1,032,152	983,378	1,019,718	994,635	-25,083	-2.5%
001.0100.11.1100.320.000.5	PRE-SCHOOL CONTRACTED SVCS	30,000	28,000	37,104	37,104	0	0.0%
Func: REGULAR PROG-DIRECT INSTR - 1100		30,000	28,000	37,104	37,104	0	0.0%
School: PRE-K - 11		30,000	28,000	37,104	37,104	0	0.0%
001.0100.13.1100.110.000.5	ELEMENTARY TEACHER SAL	683,852	717,884	734,899	632,758	-102,141	-13.9%
001.0100.13.1100.110.651.5	ACADEMIC SUPPORT SALARY	57,590	57,590	58,166	50,796	-7,370	-12.7%
001.0100.13.1100.115.000.5	PARA SALARY REG ED ELEM	118,745	156,037	137,537	162,313	24,776	18.0%
001.0100.13.1100.118.651.5	STIPENDS	0	1,675	0	1,373	1,373	
001.0100.13.1100.120.000.5	SUBSTITUTES	25,000	22,410	25,000	22,000	-3,000	-12.0%
001.0100.13.1100.210.000.5	HEALTH	253,285	266,367	264,136	264,620	484	0.2%
001.0100.13.1100.210.651.5	HEALTH INSURANCE	0	13,120	13,120	10,765	-2,355	-17.9%
001.0100.13.1100.215.000.5	DENTAL	17,573	15,961	16,373	17,749	1,376	8.4%
001.0100.13.1100.215.651.5	ELEM TEACHER DENTAL	0	1,193	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%
001.0100.13.1100.220.000.5	FICA - REG. ED. ELEMENTARY	67,711	65,227	63,261	60,854	-2,407	-3.8%
001.0100.13.1100.220.651.5	FICA/MEDICARE	0	4,329	4,450	3,848	-602	-13.5%
001.0100.13.1100.230.000.5	LIFE INS	1,692	1,652	1,692	1,709	17	1.0%
001.0100.13.1100.230.651.5	LIFE INSURANCE	0	108	0	108	108	
001.0100.13.1100.240.000.5	VT MUN RET	5,409	5,805	5,400	5,463	63	1.2%
001.0100.13.1100.245.651.5	FED GRANT VSTRS RETIREMENT	0	7,395	5,409	7,042	1,633	30.2%
001.0100.13.1100.250.000.5	WORKERS COMP	0	6,747	4,940	5,474	534	10.8%
001.0100.13.1100.250.651.5	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	0	478	480	480	0	0.0%
001.0100.13.1100.260.000.5	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP	2,400	0	500	505	5	1.0%
001.0100.13.1100.274.000.5	DISABILITY INS	3,296	4,598	3,296	3,329	33	1.0%
001.0100.13.1100.274.651.5	DISABILITY INSURANCE	0	221	0	220	220	
001.0100.13.1100.283.000.5	403(B) BENEFIT	6,300	5,482	6,300	20,760	14,460	229.5%
001.0100.13.1100.283.651.5	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	0	0	0	503	503	
001.0100.13.1100.285.000.5	125 PLAN	280	547	280	283	3	1.1%

DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY18 Proposed Expenditure Budget (continued)

Account	Description	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY18 Proposed	FY18 v.17 \$ Diff	Pct Diff
001.0100.13.1100.290.000.5	COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	6,500	8,290	6,500	6,565	65	1.0%
001.0100.13.1100.290.651.5	COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	0	330	0	330	330	
001.0100.13.1100.320.000.5	ASSEMBLIES, DIVERSITY, ASIAN	3,498	2,000	3,498	3,498	0	0.0%
001.0100.13.1100.430.000.5	REPAIRS	310	0	310	310	0	0.0%
001.0100.13.1100.431.000.5	COST PER COPY PROGRAM	11,000	15,368	9,000	9,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.13.1100.610.000.5	SUPPLIES	21,000	12,200	21,000	21,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.13.1100.640.000.5	TEXTBOOKS & PERIODICALS	2,000	1,122	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.13.1100.730.000.5	EQUIPMENT	4,000	3,281	4,000	4,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.13.1100.810.000.5	OTHER FEES - REG. ED. ELEMENTARY	1,500	1,369	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
Func: REGULAR PROG-DIRECT INSTR - 1100		1,292,941	1,398,785	1,394,247	1,322,354	-71,893	-5.2%
School: ELEMENTARY - 13		1,292,941	1,398,785	1,394,247	1,322,354	-71,893	-5.2%
001.0100.30.1100.110.000.5	SECONDARY TEACHER SAL	191,489	193,384	162,836	166,511	3,675	23%
001.0100.30.1100.120.000.5	SUBSTITUTES SALARY	8,000	5,100	8,000	8,000	0	0.0%
001.0100.30.1100.210.000.5	HEALTH - REG. ED. SECONDARY	32,689	46,512	29,674	44,104	14,430	48.6%
001.0100.30.1100.215.000.5	DENTAL	2,554	3,367	2,554	2,580	26	1.0%
001.0100.30.1100.220.000.5	FICA	14,649	14,073	12,456	13,350	894	72%
001.0100.30.1100.230.000.5	LIFE INS	344	408	344	347	3	0.9%
001.0100.30.1100.250.000.5	WORKERS COMP	0	1,326	1,317	1,330	13	1.0%
001.0100.30.1100.274.000.5	DISABILITY INS	637	1,123	637	643	6	0.9%
001.0100.30.1100.283.000.5	403(B) BENEFIT	1,708	898	1,608	1,624	16	1.0%
001.0100.30.1100.290.000.5	COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	2,000	3,165	2,000	2,020	20	1.0%
001.0100.30.1100.610.000.5	SUPPLIES	8,950	12,800	8,950	8,950	0	0.0%
001.0100.30.1100.640.000.5	TEXTBOOKS	650	1,433	650	2,000	1,350	207.7%
001.0100.30.1100.730.000.5	EQUIPMENT SECONDARY	1,250	1,707	1,250	3,950	2,700	216.0%
Func: REGULAR PROG-DIRECT INSTR - 1100		264,920	285,297	232,276	255,410	23,133	10.0%
001.0100.30.2210.320.000.5	PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT	1,825	419	1,825	1,825	0	0.0%
Func: IMPROVEMENT OF INSTR SVCS - 2210		1,825	419	1,825	1,825	0	0.0%
School: SECONDARY EDUCATION - 30		266,745	285,716	234,101	257,235	23,133	9.9%
Prog: REGULAR PROGRAMS - 0100		2,621,838	2,695,879	2,685,170	2,611,328	-73,842	-2.7%
001.0140.00.2720.517.000.5	WINTER ACTIVITES	5,000	5,253	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
Func: STUDENT TRANSPORT CO-CURRICULAR - 2720		5,000	5,253	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
001.0140.30.1400.110.000.5	OFFICIALS FEES	2,200	2,520	2,200	2,520	320	14.5%
001.0140.30.1400.114.000.5	COACHING SALARY	10,500	6,725	10,500	9,500	-1,000	-9.5%
001.0140.30.1400.220.000.5	FICA COACHES	803	511	803	972	169	21.0%
001.0140.30.1400.250.000.5	WORKERS COMP	0	32	31	31	0	0.0%
001.0140.30.1400.610.000.5	ATHLETIC SUPPLIES	1,500	1,546	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%
001.0140.30.1400.730.000.5	EQUIPMENT	350	0	350	350	0	0.0%
001.0140.30.1400.810.000.5	TOURNAMENT FEES	800	250	800	800	0	0.0%
Func: CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - 1400		16,153	11,583	16,184	15,673	-511	-3.2%

DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY18 Proposed Expenditure Budget (continued)

Account	Description	FY16 Budget	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budget	FY18 Proposed	FY18 v.17 \$ Diff	FY18 v.17 Pct Diff
Prog: AFTER SCHOOL & CO-CURRICULAR - 0140		21,153	16,836	21,184	20,673	-511	-2.4%
001.0211.00.1200.115.000.5	SPEC ED PARA SALARY	58,961	35,769	21,237	0	-21,237	-100.0%
001.0211.00.1200.210.000.5	HEALTH - SPECIAL ED	23,353	7,795	8,255	0	-8,255	-100.0%
001.0211.00.1200.215.000.5	DENTAL	1,455	0	721	0	-721	-100.0%
001.0211.00.1200.220.000.5	FICA	4,511	2,668	1,624	0	-1,624	-100.0%
001.0211.00.1200.230.000.5	LIFE INS	102	45	102	0	-102	-100.0%
001.0211.00.1200.240.000.5	VT MUN RET	2,158	1,185	1,158	0	-1,158	-100.0%
001.0211.00.1200.250.000.5	WORKERS COMP	603	270	203	0	-203	-100.0%
001.0211.00.1200.274.000.5	DISABILITY INS	207	116	107	0	-107	-100.0%
001.0211.00.1200.285.000.5	125 PLAN	70	0	70	0	-70	-100.0%
001.0211.00.1200.290.000.5	COURSE REIMBURSEMENT	700	0	250	0	-250	-100.0%
001.0211.00.1200.320.000.5	SP ED PARA CONTRACTED SVCS	4,000	1,900	0	0	0	
Func: SPECIAL EDUCATION- DIRECT INSTR - 1200		96,120	49,747	33,727	0	-33,727	-100.0%
Prog: SPECIAL ED ELIGIBLE FOR REIMB - 0211		96,120	49,747	33,727	0	-33,727	-100.0%
001.0212.00.1200.331.000.5	SPECIAL ED SVCS (SU ASSESSME	428,868	428,868	643,094	281,568	-361,526	-56.2%
Func: SPECIAL EDUCATION- DIRECT INSTR - 1200		428,868	428,868	643,094	281,568	-361,526	-56.2%
001.0212.11.1200.332.000.5	ESSENTIAL EARLY ED SERV (SU	64,350	51,036	78,985	60,206	-18,779	-23.8%
Func: SPECIAL EDUCATION- DIRECT INSTR - 1200		64,350	51,036	78,985	60,206	-18,779	-23.8%
Prog: SPECIAL ED INELIGIBLE FOR REIMB - 0212		493,218	479,904	722,079	341,774	-380,305	-52.7%
001.0910.00.3100.890.000.5	FOOD SERVICES SUBSIDY	13,500	12,498	13,500	13,725	225	1.7%
Func: FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS - 3100		13,500	12,498	13,500	13,725	225	1.7%
Prog: FOOD SERVICES - 0910		13,500	12,498	13,500	13,725	225	1.7%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		3,245,829	3,254,864	3,475,660	2,987,500	-488,160	-14.0%

Three Prior Years Comparisons – Format as Provided by AOE

District: Dummerston		T061		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil			
Three Prior Years Estimated Tax Rates - Format Provided by AOE				10,076	1.00			
Excludes Separate Article				11,875	income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income			
As of 1/24/2017								
Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	\$Diff	%Diff	ref.#
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$3,234,642	\$3,245,829	\$3,475,661	\$2,987,500	-488,161	-14.0%	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	0		2.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$3,234,642	\$3,245,829	\$3,475,661	\$2,987,500	-488,161	-14.0%	4.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-			6.
7.	Total Budget	\$3,234,642	\$3,245,829	\$3,475,661	\$2,987,500	-488,161	-14.0%	7.
Revenues								
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$593,366	\$593,322	\$664,767	\$255,334	-409,433	-61.6%	10.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$593,366	\$593,322	\$664,767	\$255,334	-409,433	-61.6%	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$2,641,276	\$2,652,507	\$2,810,894	\$2,732,166	-78,728	-2.8%	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	160.39	155.07	163.29	156.43	-7	-4.2%	15.
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$16,468	\$17,105	\$17,214	\$17,466	252	1.5%	16.
		threshold = \$16,166	threshold = \$17,103	Allowable growth	threshold = \$17,386			
25.	Excess spending threshold	\$16,166	\$17,103	\$17,220	\$17,386	166	1.0%	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$302	\$2	\$-	\$80	80		26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,770	\$17,107	\$17,214	\$17,545	331	1.9%	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	180.610%	180.859%	177.447%	174.131%	0	-1.9%	28.
		based on \$9,285	based on \$9,285	based on yield \$9,701	based yield \$10,076	375	3.9%	
Prorating the local tax rate								
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (prorated by line 30) [\$17,545.48 ÷ (\$10,076.00 ÷ \$1.00)]	\$1.770	\$1.791	\$1.775	\$1.741	-0.0332	-1.9%	29.
		based on \$0.98	based on \$0.99	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00			
30.	Percent of Dummerston equalized pupils not in a union school district	70.07%	68.63%	68.52%	68.02%	-0.5%	-0.7%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (68.02% x \$1.74)	\$1.240	\$1.229	\$1.216	\$1.184	-0.032	-2.6%	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	98.80%	103.12%	106.00%	106.50%	0.5%	0.5%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.1844 ÷ 106.50%)	\$1.255	\$1.192	\$1.147	\$1.112	-0.035	-3.1%	33.
		based on \$0.98	based on \$0.99	based on \$1.00	based on \$1.00			
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.								
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$17,545.48 ÷ \$11,875) x 2.00%]	3.25%	3.26%	3.17%	2.96%	-0.2%	-6.6%	34.
		based on 1.80%	based on 1.80%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%			
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (68.02% x 2.96%)	2.28%	2.24%	2.17%	2.01%	-0.2%	-7.4%	35.
		based on 1.80%	based on 1.80%	based on 2.00%	based on 2.00%			
35a.	BUHS Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.735	\$1.797	\$1.788	\$1.722	-6.6%	-3.7%	35a.
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at Brattleboro UHSD #6	29.93%	31.37%	31.48%	31.98%	0.5%	1.6%	36.
37.	BUHS Portion of district equalized homestead rate assessed by town	\$0.519	\$0.564	\$0.563	\$0.551	-1.2%	-2.2%	37.
38.	PreK-12 Combined Total estimated homestead equalized school tax rate	\$1.759	\$1.793	\$1.779	\$1.735	-4.4%	-2.5%	38.
39.	PreK-12 Combined estimated homestead CLA adjusted school tax rate	\$1.781	\$1.738	\$1.678	\$1.629	\$(0.049)	-2.9%	39.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. **New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.**

- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.

- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union
FY18 Budget Program Summary

Program	Description	FY16Budget	FY16Actual	FY17Budget amd.	FY18Proposed
Revenues					
0100	Admin. Instruction & Transport	3,067,508	3,120,060	3,109,213	3,197,388
0211	Special Ed. School Age	8,362,337	8,358,891	9,745,315	11,212,419
0212	Special Ed. PreSchool Age	701,140	550,733	705,151	733,092
0100	Grant Funded Programs	2,416,928	2,357,003	2,525,393	2,130,902
0910	Food Service Revenues	1,326,917	1,283,768	1,322,961	1,494,334
Total Revenues		15,874,830	15,670,455	17,408,033	18,768,135
Expenditures					
0100	Administration, Instruction	2,259,983	2,120,508	2,289,213	2,357,238
	Transportation	807,525	807,525	820,000	840,150
	Subtotal 0100	3,067,508	2,928,033	3,109,213	3,197,388
0211	Special Ed-School Age, non Grant	7,431,889	7,462,999	8,900,544	10,378,318
	Special Ed-School Age Grant	930,448	807,037	844,771	834,101
	Subtotal 0211	8,362,337	8,270,036	9,745,315	11,212,419
0212	Special Ed-EEE, non Grant	670,377	531,690	680,616	715,159
	Special Ed-EEE Grant	30,763	19,042	24,535	17,933
	Subtotal 0212	701,140	550,732	705,151	733,092
0100	Instruction, Instruction Support				
	Grant Funded	2,416,928	2,349,175	2,525,393	2,130,902
0910	Food Services	1,326,917	1,303,094	1,322,961	1,494,334
Total Expenditures		15,874,830	15,401,070	17,408,033	18,768,135

WSESU Cost Allocation Methodology:

Cost Function	Basis to allocate FY18 WSESU expenditures to Districts
SU Administration & Support of Instruction:	Two year average of Regular Ed Nov 1 Student Census for all school districts [e.g.FY18 budget basis uses avg. of Nov.2016 & Nov 2015 AOE student census data collection statistics] Note; Excludes EEE and PreK census data
Special Education-program 211 School Age Expenditures:	same as above
Special Education-Program 212 Essential Early Education Expenditures:	same as above for all elementary school districts however excludes BUHS #6
Transportation:	FY18 projected Routes, Billed directly to Districts based on use of Services

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union FY18 Expenses Allocation Statistics Based on Proportional Share of Enrollment

Statistics used for Administration & Support of Instruction Expenses [Excludes PreK]

		Nov. 2015 FY16 Census	Nov. 2016 FY17 Census	Basis FY17 FY16 Percent	Basis FY18 FY17 Percent
Total Enrollment K-12					
Brattleboro	K-6	713	696	31.2%	31.3%
Dummerston	K-8	153	145	6.7%	6.6%
Guilford	K-8	149	140	6.5%	6.4%
Putney	K-8	149	140	6.5%	6.4%
Vernon	K-6	159	165	7.0%	7.2%
Brattleboro UHS	7-12	960	939	42.0%	42.1%
Sub Total *		2,284	2,226	100.0%	100.0%
*Excludes EEE and PreK		229	275		
VTSD Not @ BUHS#6		52	42	Diff	% Diff
Total Enrollment		2,564	2,543	(21)	-0.8%

Administration & Support of Instruction Expense Allocations
Derivation of Net Assessment

	FY17	FY18	
SU Admin, Instruct., Transport	3,109,213	3,197,388	
less transport contract	820,000	840,150	
less other sources of revenue:	-	15,000	State Program grant
	-	20,000	Federal indirect cost grant
Assess. for Admin & Instruction	2,289,213	2,322,238	

**Administration & Support of Instruction Expense Allocations
Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]**

	FY17	FY18	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro	714,822	725,815	10,993	1.5%
Dummerston	153,559	153,789	230	0.1%
Guilford	149,049	148,640	(409)	-0.3%
Putney	149,449	149,052	(398)	-0.3%
Vernon	159,824	166,972	7,148	4.5%
Brattleboro UHS	962,511	977,970	15,459	1.6%
Sub Totals	2,289,213	2,322,238	33,025	1.4%

**Special Education School - School Age Expense Allocations
Expense Allocation Amounts [Revenue to WSESU]**

	FY17 *	FY18 *	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro	2,729,050	1,328,870		
Dummerston	643,094	281,568		
Guilford	369,464	272,140		
Putney	617,433	272,894		
Vernon	505,727	305,703		
Brattleboro UHS	4,035,736	1,790,532		
Sub Totals	8,900,504	4,251,706	(4,648,798)	-52.2%
* Reflects changes associated with Act 148, effective FY18				

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union FY18 Expenses Allocation Statistics
Based on Proportional Share of Enrollment (continued)

	FY17	FY18	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro	364,080	280,851	(83,229)	-22.9%
Dummerston	78,985	59,508	(19,477)	-24.7%
Guilford	65,702	57,516	(8,186)	-12.5%
Putney	85,649	57,675	(27,974)	-32.7%
Vernon	86,199	64,609	(21,590)	-25.0%
BUHS	-	-	-	
Sub Totals	680,616	520,159	(160,457)	-23.6%

Total WSESU Admin, Instruct. Support & Special Ed & EEE Expense Alloc. to Districts

	FY17	FY18	\$Diff.	%Diff.
Brattleboro	3,807,952	2,335,536	(1,472,416)	-38.7%
Dummerston	875,638	494,865	(380,773)	-43.5%
Guilford	584,214	478,295	(105,919)	-18.1%
Putney	852,532	479,621	(372,911)	-43.7%
Vernon	751,750	537,285	(214,465)	-28.5%
Brattleboro UHS	4,998,247	2,768,501	(2,229,745)	-44.6%
Sub Totals	11,870,333	7,094,103	(4,776,230)	-40.2%

Windham Southeast SU School Age Special Education Budget Assumptions - FY2018**Elementary Special Ed Costs - Incurred at the School District**

	FY16budget	FY16actual	FY17adopted	FY18Proposed
BTSD	553,944	493,740	230,710	-
BUHS	1,136,008	1,207,371	929,460	-
DTSD	96,120	49,747	33,272	-
GTSD	249,538	210,208	81,051	-
PTSD	232,262	210,836	148,844	-
VTSD	154,306	214,341	76,776	-
Total District level	2,422,178	2,386,243	1,500,113	0
Special Ed-School Age Expenses				

WSESU Special Ed. School Age Expense Assumptions [program 211]-excluding 4226

Entity	FY16b	FY16actual	FY17	FY18
WSESU district wide	1,048,753	1,081,023	1,110,463	1,070,796
WSESU 06 Step	-	-	878,089	853,923
WSESU 07 Step	-	-	249,193	405,089
PTSD	330,972	329,226	417,084	435,793
VTSD	152,702	179,880	182,159	347,157
BTSD	1,434,676	1,347,226	1,130,835	1,693,875
DTSD	287,514	304,754	306,990	240,241
BUHS	3,406,729	3,522,193	4,030,736	4,401,164
GTSD	148,228	139,039	119,307	262,468
Elementary Intensive	622,315	559,658	475,687	667,812
Total-Non Grant funded	7,431,889	7,462,999	8,900,544	10,378,318
IDEA 4226, 4228, Best Grants	812,474	812,474	844,811	834,101
Total WSESU Sp.Ed. Expense	8,244,363	8,275,473	9,745,355	11,212,419
Total District & WSESU Expense	10,666,541	10,661,716	11,245,468	11,212,419
Less Estimated FY18 State Aid revenue sent to WSESU				(6,126,612)

WSESU Special Ed School Age Net Expenses to be assessed to districts**4,251,706**

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union
Fiscal Year 2016 Sub-Grants to Member Districts **

District	Student Assistance	Title I Compensatory	EPSDT Medicaid	IEP Medicaid Reinvestment	21st Century	Title IIA Teacher Quality	Total
Brattleboro		603,369	12,000	104,000		12,980	732,349
BUHS	39,907	120,937			56,936	11,957	229,736
Dummerston		-	30,000	24,000		86,439	140,439
Guilford		54,295	20,000	10,000		10,116	94,410
Putney		50,920	16,000	18,000		16,289	101,209
Vernon		108	11,000	18,000		2,234	31,341
Totals	39,907	829,628	89,000	174,000	56,936	140,014	1,329,485

** Excludes pass through Nutrition Funds.

Special Education Aid Distributed From Agency of Education to School Districts, Fiscal Year 2016:

District	(3201) Block Grant	(3202) Intensive Aid	(3203) Extraordinary Aid	(3205) State Placed	(3204) E.E.E. State	Total Aid
Brattleboro	282,078	1,322,283	18,310	0	107,387	1,730,058
Dummerston	55,814	230,325	13,152	0	17,872	317,163
Guilford	52,404	207,437	0	0	14,779	274,620
Putney	57,716	346,750	1,800	0	17,133	423,399
Vernon	80,854	237,160	0	0	23,681	341,695
B.U.H.S. #6	365,585	1,906,902	596,998	0	0	2,869,485
WSESU	0	0	0	105,789	0	105,789
Total	894,451	4,250,857	630,260	105,789	180,852	6,062,209

DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**Dummerston School Graduation Awards Fund**

The Dummerston School Graduation Awards monies are held in a Money Market Account with TDBank.

Arlene Forrett Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance 7/01/15		\$1,076.46
Interest Earned		0.88
Graduation Award	*Not awarded out of this fund in 2016*	0.00
Ending Balance 6/30/16		<u>\$1,077.34</u>

Ruth E. Knapp Fund

Beginning Balance 7/01/15		\$252.09
Interest Earned		0.21
Graduation Award	*Not awarded out of this fund in 2016*	0.00
Ending Balance 6/30/16		<u>\$252.30</u>

Jenny Rubenstein Fund

Beginning Balance 7/01/15		\$311.13
Interest Earned		0.27
Graduation Award	*Not awarded out of this fund in 2016*	0.00
Ending Balance 6/30/16		<u>\$311.40</u>

Jean Shaw Creativity in Science Award

Beginning Balance 7/01/15		\$265.22
Interest Earned		0.17
Graduation Award	*Not awarded out of this fund in 2016*	0.00
Ending Balance 6/30/16		<u>\$265.39</u>

Timothy Garland Scholarship Fund

Beginning Balance 7/01/15		\$961.66
Interest Earned		0.79
Graduation Award	*Not awarded out of this fund in 2016*	0.00
Ending Balance 6/30/16		<u>\$962.45</u>

WINTER ACTIVITIES FUND

Beginning Balance 7/01/15	\$720.26
Total Deposits	11,581.00
Total Expenditures	<u>11,685.72</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/16	<u><u>\$615.54</u></u>

PTFO FUND

Beginning Balance 7/01/15	\$13,752.74
Deposits:	
Interest Earned	11.22
Deposits	<u>2,418.00</u>
	2,429.22
Total Expenditures	<u>3,108.70</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/16	<u><u>\$13,073.26</u></u>

CAPITAL FUND

Beginning Balance 7/01/15	\$2,767.61
Interest Earned	2.23
Total Expenditures	<u>1,526.79</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/16	<u><u>\$1,243.05</u></u>

DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Beginning Balance July 1, 2015**\$248,639.07**

Receipt Description	Totals	
Building Rental	10,080.00	
EEE Program State Revenue	17,872.00	
Elementary Tuition	8,353.00	
EPSDT Subgrant (WSESU)	30,000.00	
Interest Earned	228.78	
Medicaid Subgrant (WSESU)	24,000.00	
Pre-School Contracted Services	1,000.00	
School - Miscellaneous Receipts & Refunds	11,427.74	
State of Vermont General State Support Grant	2,572,053.00	
State of Vermont Education Spending Grant	80,454.00	
State of Vermont Extra Services Special Education	980.10	
State of Vermont Title I Subgrant	4,834.87	
State of Vermont Title IIA Subgrant	81,603.83	
State of Vermont Act 60 Funds	23,179.00	
State of Vermont Aid for Transportation	55,143.00	
State of Vermont Intensive Services Special Education	119,336.80	
State of Vermont Small Schools Grant	11,589.00	
State of Vermont Special Education Block Grant	55,814.00	
Transfer from Capital Fund	1,526.79	
WSESU - Reimbursements/Refunds	2,828.68	
Total Receipts		\$3,112,304.59
Sub-Total		\$3,360,943.66
Deduct: Disbursements		
Bank Service Fees	271.00	
Due to/from Town of Dummerston		
Loan Payments	2,495.04	
School Directors Orders	1,725,497.38	
WSESU - Payroll Orders	1,607,510.78	
Total Disbursements		\$3,335,774.20
Ending Cash Balance June 30, 2016		\$25,169.46

2016-2017 CERTIFIED STAFF SALARIES

Certified salaries effective July 1, 2016:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>% Time</u>	<u>Salary</u>
#1	MA +30	Longevity	100	72,708
#2	MA +30	Longevity	100	72,708
#3	MA +30	Longevity	100	72,708
#4	MA +30	Longevity	100	72,708
#5	MA +30	Longevity	100	72,708
#6	MA +30	Longevity	100	71,708
#7	MA +30	Longevity	60	43,625
#8	MA +15	Longevity	60	41,582
#9	BA +60	Longevity	100	69,304
#10	MA +15	16	100	61,339
#11	MA +15	12	100	55,230
#12	MA +15	10	100	52,176
#13	MA	14	100	56,802
#14	MA	9	100	49,165
#15	MA	7	100	46,111
#16	BA +45	Longevity	100	67,575
#17	BA +45	Longevity	60	40,545
#18	BA +15	Longevity	60	33,742
#19	BA +15	11	100	49,254

2016-2017 CLASSIFIED STAFF SALARIES

Classified wages effective July 1, 2016

Employee #1	\$19.28	Employee #7	15.78
Employee #2	18.71	Employee #8	15.28
Employee #3	18.28	Employee #9	14.78
Employee #4	17.78	Employee #10	14.78
Employee #5	16.78	Employee #11	14.78
Employee #6	16.28		

Administration

Ron Stahley, Ed.D.	Superintendent
Frank Rucker, Ed.D.	Business Administrator
Jo Carol Ratti	Principal

Teachers

Jennifer E. Brown	Math 6-8/Language Arts 8
Nancy Clements	Art
Rita Corey	Vocal Music
K. Lilly DePino	Academic Support
Elizabeth Dimick	Special Educator
Kathleen Evans	Grade 3
Susannah Friedman	Grade 5
Heidi Graves	Grade 2
Mary Harvey-Bandish	Instrumental Music
Jill Johnson	Kindergarten
Kimberly Lane	Physical Education
Melissa Petroski	Librarian
Ellen Rago	Social Studies 7-8
Lindsey Royce	Math/Science 6-8

Teachers (continued)

Linda Skrzyniarz	Academic Support
Molly Stoner	Grade 4
Annette Wilson	Grade 1

Staff

Jennifer Martyn	Administrative Assistant
Kathy Bacon	Paraeducator
Lisa Bauer	Paraeducator
Lynn Cameron	Paraeducator
Melanie Chamberlin	Paraeducator
Sandra Draper	Paraeducator
Mary Goodemote	Paraeducator
Ann Knapp	Paraeducator
Joan Momaney	Paraeducator
Sandra Sherman	Paraeducator
Matthew Hatfield	Head Custodian

Special Services

Mary Ann Runge	School Nurse
Lynn Herzog, M.D.	Medical Advisor
Jennifer O'Neill	School Counselor
Marisa Duncan-Holley	Special Education Administrator
Francine Swanson	Speech Pathologist

DUMMERSTON ENROLLMENT

Class	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
K	11	25	15	9	10
1	23	18	24	18	9
2	18	20	20	26	18
3	22	17	20	21	27
4	18	16	15	19	19
5	27	18	15	16	20
6	20	21	17	14	16
7	13	15	17	17	15
8	13	15	16	15	15
	165	165	159	155	149

BUHS Students from Dummerston for 2016-2017:

Grade 7	-
Grade 8	-
Grade 9	17
Grade 10	18
Grade 11	11
Grade 12	15
	61

School Director's Report

In addition to conducting its regular business in FY15 (July 2015-June 2016), the Dummerston Town School Board focused on a few other agenda items.

Act 46 was the topic of discussion at every meeting. Act 46 is the law that was designed to address the inequities and increasing cost of education throughout the state. A study committee was formed with representatives from the school boards within the WSESU to come up with a plan for complying with the law. The Articles of Agreement that were created by the Study Committee were reviewed several times by the Dummerston Town School Board and feedback was given to the Study Committee. Forums were held giving the public chances to respond to the Articles of Agreement. The DTSB consulted legal counsel to address questions and concerns related to Act 46 and how it affects Dummerston.

The Open Meeting Law was reviewed to ensure that the law is being followed during meetings as well as through all communications that the Board may have with one another.

Some of the DTSB meetings have been televised on BCTV. This allows more residents to be able to view the meetings if they are not able to attend them. A few more meetings will be televised in the upcoming months. The DTSB decided to see if the new budget will allow for the expense of having the meetings televised each month.

The Dummerston Energy Committee worked with the DTSB to help keep the costs of heating the school at a minimum and to review energy saving opportunities. An energy audit was performed and some improvements were made following that.

The Dummerston Town School Board would like to express its thanks to the Dummerston community for its continuing support of public education. This past year many residents have attended the DTSB meetings sharing thoughts, ideas, and suggestions adding a community feel to the meetings.

Report from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools

During the past year, the teachers and staff of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union have been committed to providing excellent learning opportunities for our students in positive learning environments. We are working to ensure that all students are positioned to meet the Vermont Learning Standards and the National Common Core Standards.

Academics and Social Skills Development

Our schools continue to work with challenges posed by a population with significant numbers of children living in poverty. With that stated, I am most heartened by the countless ways in which our staff is committed to providing our students a comprehensive educational experience. We work to challenge our students to reach their fullest potential with an emphasis on academic studies, while also supporting social competency and social skill development to become competent and caring citizens. We want to assure that all students will have access to equal educational opportunities in safe, healthy, and respectful environments.

I am proud that WSESU is at the forefront of offering dual credit programming that allows our high school students to earn college credit at Brattleboro Union High School and the Windham Regional Career Center. There are currently over 350 of our students taking courses that offer dual high school and college credit in this exciting and cost effective instructional program. Students now graduate from high school with fifteen to thirty college credits on their transcripts. This program is helping to make college more affordable for our students and families, reaches out to students who may not otherwise see college as an option, and provides our students an advantage in their future career paths.

Act 46 Governance Legislation

Act 46 was created by the Vermont Legislature during the 2015 session. Act 46 creates a process to consider governance changes that provide tax incentives for communities that voluntarily merge into a unified governance model. The stated goals of Act 46 are designed to encourage and support local decisions and actions that:

- Provide substantial equity in the quality and variety of educational opportunities statewide;
- Lead students to achieve or exceed the State's Education Quality Standards;
- Maximize operational efficiencies through increased flexibility to manage, share, and transfer resources, with a goal of increasing the district-level ratio of students to full-time equivalent staff;
- Promote transparency and accountability; and
- Delivers public education at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value.

This past year, the WSESU Act 46 Study Committee has worked to identify program opportunities for achieving equity in all of our schools. The committee has worked to explore operational efficiencies and ways to utilize our resources to reduce costs. Act 46 Study Committee meetings are carried on BCTV and Act 46 information is available on the WSESU website: www.wssu.k12.vt.us.

Budget Development and Presentation

As superintendent of schools, I work closely with WSESU Business Administrator Frank Rucker, district principals, and board members on the budget development process. This process involves a comprehensive educational program and staffing review as well as coordination of services and programs within the district and schools. We work to keep the school system focused on our students – in a fiscally responsible way. We are very conscious of how we fund our programs related to direct instructional costs compared to administrative spending. Our budgets reflect lower administrative costs as compared to state averages, while dedicating our resources to direct instruction to improve student learning. We will review these program decisions as we present each budget at your annual town meeting.

I also want to take this opportunity to let you know that at the end of this school year I will be retiring as WSESU Superintendent of Schools. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in the WSESU School District for the past fifteen years. It has been an honor to work with such talented educators and wonderful students and families of our school community.

I am very excited that the WSESU Supervisory Board has approved the hiring of Lyle Holiday our current Director of Curriculum as Superintendent of Schools commencing July 1, 2017. We are very fortunate to have someone of Lyle's abilities supporting the students, families and staff of our district.

Finally, I am exceedingly grateful to all who give so much to make this such an outstanding school district. It is the combined efforts of each of our constituencies – the faculty who teach here, the administrators and staff who serve our students, the students themselves, and our parents, school board members and community members who lend their interest and support – which enable this district to promote **"An Education of Excellence"**. To all of you, my sincere appreciation.

Sincerely,

Ron Stahley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

Child Find Notice

All children have a right to a public education. Federal and State law provide that all qualifying children with disabilities have a right to a free appropriate public education, including where provided by law, special education and related services.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union and all of its member districts (Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, Vernon, and Brattleboro Union High School District #6) (collectively, "the District"), have a duty to identify and locate any children, ages 3 through 21, who may be eligible for special education (including children who are highly mobile, such as migrant children, or who are homeless, or are wards of the State), who are residents of the District and may have disabilities, or who are attending private schools or a program of home study within the boundaries of the District, or who are not receiving services, in order to evaluate and engage in planning of services, as appropriate, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and/or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The District also needs to identify and locate all infants, birth to age three who may have disabilities, for evaluation and services under Part C of the federal special education law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act).

The District hereby provides notice that such children may be entitled to early intervention services (birth-3) or to special education and related services (3-22).

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone: Superintendent of Schools, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, 53 Green Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301; 802-254-3731. Information provided will be used only to carry out child find purposes, so that those protected by the disabilities laws will be contacted with respect to potential eligibility, and all information will remain confidential within the District's child find system, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its regulations, 334 C.F.R. Part 99.

TOWN OF DUMMERSTON VITAL STATISTICS
January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016

BIRTHS FILED

During the calendar year, there were six births to Dummerston parents. We have chosen not to publish the names of the children for their protection. Out of the six children born there were three boys and three girls. *Congratulations to all the new parents!!*

DEATHS FILED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Victor Patrick Burdo	87	M	January 3, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston
Arlene Maria Buzby	89	F	January 6, 2016	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Janet Sexton Avery	83	F	February 26, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston
Frederick W. King	73	M	April 8, 2016	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Ian A. Tkaczyk	27	M	May 5, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston
Darrell H. Rhodes	86	M	May 11, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston
Charles Patrick Gouger	62	M	May 31, 2016	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Fred Leo Bokum	88	M	May 31, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston
Samuel E. Bunker	88	M	June 11, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston
Ingunn F. Hamill	82	F	June 28, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston
Kenneth Francis Carpenter	73	M	July 1, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston
Susan Leigh Collins	57	F	July 15, 2016	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Glenna Helen Annis	85	F	August 6, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston
Barbara Wehman	78	F	August 25, 2016	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Sharon L. Garry	52	F	September 2, 2016	Brattleboro	Dummerston
Kara M Surridge	32	F	September 3, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston
Howard Morton Smith	89	M	September 11, 2016	Windsor	Dummerston
Marlin Paquette	56	M	October 2, 2016	Townshend	Dummerston
Joyce A. Scott	84	F	October 26, 2016	Townshend	Dummerston
David Laning Williams	102	M	October 28, 2016	Brattleboro	Dummerston

CIVIL MARRIAGES FILED

<u>Names</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Timothy David Tassinari Laura Lee Thomas	May 14, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston Dummerston
Danielle Kaye Christie Matthew Harris Katz	June 1, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston Dummerston
Wendy Boyer Seier David Charles Baker	July 12, 2016	Dummerston	Londonderry Dummerston
Chelsea Elizabeth Clark Colby Philip White	July 30, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston Dummerston
Aidan O'Donnell Naomi Jean Pollica	August 27, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston Dummerston
Jennifer Ann Roller Luke James Tyler	September 13, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston Dummerston

Morgan Knight Ingalls John Stephen Dunham	September 21, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston Marlboro
Thomas Christopher Nolan Yvanita Echavarria	October 27, 2016	Brattleboro	Dummerston Dummerston
Rashed Hisham Kanaan Lana S.O. Alamat	December 2, 2016	Dummerston	Dummerston Amman, Jordan

DUMMERSTON TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2016

At 1:00PM the Moderator reconvened the Town portion of the meeting.

ARTICLE 1: Elected all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to accept the Auditors' report to the Town Accounts.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to authorize the Selectboard to appoint a receiver of current and delinquent taxes.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to raise the sum of \$150,000.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Capital Fund for future capital needs.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to authorize expenditures in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the Capital Fund for FY2017.

ARTICLE 6: Voted to approve total general fund expenditures of \$430,872.00 of which \$214,160.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$197,586.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to approve total highway fund expenditures of \$495,390.00 of which \$348,414.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$146,976.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be put in the Highway Structures Replacement Fund.

ARTICLE 9: Voted to grant tax exempt status to the Evening Star Grange for a period of one year, pursuant to the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to grant tax exempt status to the Green Mountain Camp for a period of one year, pursuant to the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840.

ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town Meeting.

Zeke Goodband spoke:

He thanked the following people for their service:

- Jean Newell has been Auditor since 1995 (applause followed).
- Gurudharm Khalsa has finished his second year as Selectboard member and he is thanked for his service.
- Pam McFadden has served for 11 years as our Town Clerk and we want to thank her for her service.

Several openings on several boards. There are positions on the Energy Committee, which is running out of gas and needs your help. DBR is the party committee and Planning Commission has openings.

Rick Looman and Rich Cogliano from the Fire Department spoke next. They discussed the need for a new fire station. The center station was built in 1965 and it is time for a new one. There are hand-outs available with an explanation of the new building. The following points were mentioned as reasons the existing structure is in need of replacement:

- chimney falling down;
- water runoff into the building, which is causing corrosion of the trucks;
- moisture in the building has shortened the life of the uniforms and apparatus the fire-persons carry;
- electrical service is only 100amp;
- not energy efficient;
- not handicap accessible;
- engine #2 does not fit into the station.

The new station that is being proposed is a (1) one-story station. It will be approximately the same square footage as the existing station but have a different foot print. The bays will be larger. A new foundation will be put in to help with the drainage issue and it will have 200 amp electrical service and provide radiant heat in floors. The cost is approximately

\$250-280K for a new building. The department has been saving monies over the past 30 years, and along with other fundraising events they have raised 40% of this amount. There will be a special town meeting in April to appropriate and raise the monies for the balance of the construction of the building.

Mark Whitaker spoke. He told the audience that it warms his heart not to have to go into heavy discussion of the Farm Land Protection Fund. He also announced that this will be his last Dummerston Town Meeting and he can no longer be the Fence Viewer.

Bill Schmidt responded to Mark. He stated there is another Farm Land Protection Fund project in the works. If all goes well, Vermont Land Trust, which is working with the farmer, will be looking for funding to purchase the farm at the end of the summer. The \$30,000.00 in the fund will hopefully be used to partially fund the project. He is not at liberty to share with us who the farmers are until the property is sold.

Jonathan Royce with the Conservation Commission wants us to be aware of the Emerald-Ash borer. Please contact the commission to let them know of affected trees.

Opheyemi Parham shared with us that she feels she is speaking for the new demographics here in Dummerston. The sign **Black Lives Matter** was best explained by her (5) five year old grandson as... 'Don't hurt brown people.'

Joe Little expressed his thanks to those who wrote the Town Report. He said it was actually a great read!

David Patriquin from the Library Committee expressed his thanks to the Town Office and Community Center for the use of the building. The new web connection at the library was provided by the Vermont Department of Libraries, which has a whole collection of books on the computer.

Sam Farwell spoke to encourage participation on the Planning Commission. There will be seats available. The committee will be starting work on the new Town Plan. He asked that Dummerston residents look for the public forums because that is everyone's opportunity to voice opinions on the Town Plan.

Mary Ellen Copeland reported on work that was done on the Prospect Hill trail, particularly to eradicate invasive plant species. Please look for invasive plants that may be growing on your property. In order to help residents recognize and remove the invasive species, the Conservation Commission will be holding more workshops this spring. There will be additional workshops to educate the public on the resources here in Dummerston. They are held on Monday mornings from 10-11 AM at the Learning Collaborative on Route 5.

Larry Lynch Jr. thanked the town for the dedication of the Town Report to Larry Lynch, Sr. It was very thoughtful of the town to make this dedication. He feels his dad would be overwhelmed by the gesture. He received a standing ovation.

Zeke Goodband moved to adjourn the meeting and **Steve Glabach** seconded it. Adjournment was passed by voice vote.

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DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES
March 1, 2016

ARTICLE 1: Elected all necessary School Board Directors for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to accept the Auditors' report to the Town School District.

ARTICLE 3: Voted to authorize the School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the U.S. Government.

ARTICLE 4: Voted to pay its Officers and Directors the salaries of \$500.00 each for a total of \$2,500.00.

ARTICLE 5: Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,475,661 to defray its expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

ARTICLE 6: Transacted any other business that may legally come before said Town School District Meeting.

Amy Wall encouraged townspeople to learn about Act 46 and to attend or watch on BCTV WSESU Act 46 Study Committee meetings. She stated that she and Kristina Naylor serve as the Dummerston representatives on this Committee and are available along with any DTSD member to answer questions and hear concerns/thoughts. Forums will be held in town to inform townspeople further. While noting the incentives, Amy Wall emphasized the importance of making decisions that provide the best public education for our children.

Amy announced that there are two very important people retiring from the school this year: Lois Reed, retiring after 33 years. She has always been the calm in the storm and thanked her for the love and civility she provided throughout her years of service. Terri Robinson is retiring after 37 years. Amy personally thanked Terri for providing reading support to her son, who is now an enthusiastic reader.

Amy also thanked Rick Mills, who is leaving the board after eight years of service to the School District. He was the voting member of the WSESU supervisory board. He served as the vice-chair on the teacher negotiation committee, as well as the transportation representative on the School Board. He is kind, considerate, and good-hearted. Thank you for your service. He was presented with a gift from the board, and received applause from the audience.

Jody Normandeau asked the audience to please "keep your eye on the ball" with Act 46. If the town wants the school to remain as it is, the School District will have to make a case before the State Board of Education to remain independent and not merge.

Read Miller addressed a question to the Act 46 Study Committee: "Could you please present to the town, 'How does Act 46 benefit the community and what are the financial implications?'"

With no objection, the moderator adjourned the meeting for lunch and announced that it would reconvene at 1:00pm with the Town portion of the meeting.

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WARNING
DUMMERSTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Town of Dummerston School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Dummerston School in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business of the Town School District. (Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot.) The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary Town School District officers for the ensuing year: School District Moderator for one year term; one School Director for three year term; two School Directors for one year terms. (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 2: To act on the Auditor's Report of the Town School District.
- ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town School District will authorize its School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the U.S. Government.
- ARTICLE 4: To see what salaries the Town School District will vote to pay its Officers and Directors.
- ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$2,987,500, 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 \$17,466 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.5% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$60,000 for previously deferred repairs and maintenance, such as paving of the school entrance and improvements to current HVAC equipment? It is estimated that this additional expenditure, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,849 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.7% higher than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 7: To see whether the voters will request the Dummerston Town School Board: to engage in a full and thorough examination of the feasibility of alternatives to merger. The current merger plan being proposed by a five town Act 46 Study Committee, which is not answerable to our school board or the electorate, proposes merging the other town school districts of the WSESU and the administration into one Unified Union School District with the consequent elimination of the Dummerston Town School Board. The WSESU merger would empower a new multi-town board to contemplate closure of the Dummerston Town School and the elimination of grades in ensuing years.
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town School District Meeting.

Katey Everest, Chairman /s/
Kristina Naylor, Vice-Chair /s/
Michael McGillion, Clark /s/
Emily Gelke /s/
Amy Wall /s/

January 25, 2017

**TOWN OF DUMMERSTON
WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017**

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE Town of Dummerston are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Dummerston School at 52 Schoolhouse Road in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00AM to transact the following business of the Town. (Voting on Article 1 will be by Australian Ballot.) The polls will be open from 8:00AM to 7:00PM.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary Town Officers for the following positions required by law to be elected at the annual meeting (by Australian Ballot).

Moderator	1 year term
Town Clerk	1 year term
Town Treasurer	1 year term
Selectperson	2 year term
Selectperson	3 year term
Lister	3 year term
Auditor	3 year term
Auditor	remaining 1 year of 3 year term
Town Agent	1 year term
Town Grand Juror	1 year term
Trustee of Cemetery Funds	1 year term
Library Trustee	5 year term

ARTICLE 2: To act on the auditors' report of the Town Accounts.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will vote to authorize the Selectboard to appoint a receiver of delinquent taxes.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will vote to raise the sum of \$170,000.00 through taxes and appropriate said amount to the Capital Fund for future capital needs.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will authorize the following capital expenditure: the purchase of a one ton dump truck at a price not to exceed \$90,000.00; and to pay for said purchase from the Capital Fund.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will authorize the following capital expenditure: the purchase of a new fire truck at a cost not to exceed \$325,000.00, and to authorize the financing of said fire truck through promissory notes not to exceed a term of five years, and to authorize the payment of the first year's debt service from the Capital Fund in the amount of \$65,000.00.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will approve total general fund expenditures of \$512,093.00, of which \$311,560.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$200,533.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will approve total highway fund expenditures of \$511,189.00 of which \$367,385.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$143,804.00 by non-tax revenues for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will grant tax exempt status to the Evening Star Grange for a period of one year, pursuant to the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the voters will grant tax exempt status to Green Mountain Camp for a period of one year, pursuant to the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840.

ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before said Town Meeting.

Dated at Dummerston, this 18th day of January, 2017.

Ezekiel Goodband, Chair	Jerelyn Wilson
Steven Glabach, Vice-Chair	Hugh Worden
Joseph Cook, Clerk	

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