

A black and white photograph of a small, single-story wooden building with horizontal siding. The building has three multi-paned windows and a central door with a small porch. A house number '1822' is visible above the door. The building is surrounded by a low stone wall in the foreground and bare trees in the background.

According to Newton's History of Marlborough
"commodious building of good size" was built by the
Town in 1822 "for the transaction of public business.

It was originally located across South Road and
was moved to its present location in 1966. It has
served as the site for our annual Town Meetings and
as the Polling Place for local, state and general
elections.

**A big Thanks to the Marlboro Alliance
who gave a \$20,000 grant for improvements
to the Town House!**

**Marlboro, Vermont
Town Report
2016**

TOWN OF MARLBORO

P.O. Box E, 510 South Road, Marlboro, Vermont 05344

Population 1078 (2010 Census)

686 registered voters

Meeting Times and Town Officer Hours

Auditors:	Meets at the Town Office at the Auditors' discretion
Board of Listers:	Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Town Office)
Conservation Commission:	1 st Monday at 7 p.m. (Town Office)
Development Review Board:	3 rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. (Town Office when Warned)
Hogback Preservation Commission:	2 nd Monday, Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep, Nov. 5p.m. (Town Office)
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company:	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Firehouse)
Planning Commission:	2 nd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. (Town Office)
School Board:	1 st Monday at 6 p.m. (Elementary School)
Select Board:	2 nd and 4 th Thursdays at 5 p.m. (Town Office)
Town Clerk:	9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs. 254-2181
Treasurer:	10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs.

Zoning

For information on permits contact Mary Sargent at 257-4227

In Case of Fire or Emergency dial 911

Town Telephone Numbers

Town Office.....	254-2181
Town Office Fax.....	257-2447
Town Garage Answering Machine...	257-0252
Animal Control Officer.....	380-0311
Constable.....	254-3344
Vermont State Police...911 or (802)	722-4600

Marlboro Elementary School.....	254-2668
Marlboro Post Office.....	254-4400

Tree Warden

Pieter Van Loon.....	254-3872
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For Burn Permits Call:

David Elliot.....	464-8626
Allan McLane.....	579-7987
Pieter van Loon.....	254-3872

Websites

Town.....	http://marlborovt.us
School.....	http://marlboroschool.net

Cover Art

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Taxes

Property tax bills are mailed in mid-August. The tax due date is set at Town Meeting and appears on the tax bills. The final Grand List is filed in July using values as of April 1st.

**PRE-TOWN MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBURARY 28, 2017
AT 6PM IN THE TOWN HOUSE**

TOWN MEETING MARCH 7th 2017 AT 9 A.M. IN THE TOWN HOUSE

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING

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**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
ELECTED OFFICERS**

<u>Office</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	Steven John	2017
Town Clerk	Forrest Holzapfel	2017
Treasurer	Linda Peters	2019
Select Board	Tyler Gibbons	2017
	Pieter van Loon	2018
	Patti Smith	2019
Listers	Eric Matt	2017
	Evan Wyse	2018
	Forrest Holzapfel	2019
Auditors	S. Rose Watson	2017
	Gail MacArthur	2018
	Andy Reichsman	2019
Constable	Clarence Boston	2017
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Linda Peters	2019
Grand Juror	Robert Anderson	2017
Town Agent	Robert Anderson	2017
Trustee of Public Funds	Linda Peters	2019
Justices of the Peace	David Holzapfel	2019
	Linda Peters	2019
	T. Hunter Wilson	2019
	Andy Reichsman	2019
	Marcia Hamilton	2019
School Directors	Dan MacArthur	2017
	Lauren Poster	2017
	Carol Ann Johnson	2017
	Douglas Korb	2018
	Celena Romo	2019

Town of Marlboro
Money Paid to Elected Officials-2016

Select Board:	\$1,000.00 per Board Member	\$ 3,000.00
Town Clerk:	Annual Salary	\$ 32,783.56
Town Treasurer:	Annual Salary	\$ 40,298.20
Listers:	E.W. 32.72 F.H. & E.M. 23.34	\$ 10,426.37
Auditors:	17	\$ 1,173.00
Constable:	Annual Salary	\$ 212.04

TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT - APPOINTED OFFICERS

Animal Control Officer: Michael Young

Assistant Treasurer: Andrea Howe (appointed by Treasurer)

Assistant Town Clerks: Evan Wyse, Julia von Ranson (appointed by Town Clerk)

Conservation Commission: Adam Gebb (Chair), Charlie Schneeweis, Dante Corsano, Michael Purcell, Tom Groves, Ashley Bies, Lucia Kloster

Development Review Board: Steven John (Chair), Jean Boardman (Clerk), Tony Gordon, Brent Seabrook, Gail MacArthur **Alternates:** Bennett Grout, Matthew Tell

E-911 Coordinator and Town Communication Coordinator: Allan McLane

Emergency Management Director: Mike Andreotta

Energy Coordinator: Vacancy

Fire Wardens: Allan McLane and Pieter van Loon

Green-Up Day Coordinator: Carie Kowalski

Health Officer: Susanne Shapiro

Hogback Preservation Commission: Michael Purcell (Chair), Christine Colella, Edward Metcalfe, David Elliott, Phil Howe, Malcome Moore, Sarah Grant

Housing Rehabilitation Committee: Patricia Webster and T. Hunter Wilson

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, and Wood: Robert Anderson

Planning Commission: Matthew Tell (Chair), Edith Mas (Clerk), Bennett Grout, Tim Segar, Patti Smith, Staley McDermet,

Rescue Inc. Trustee: Mike Andreotta

Road Foreman & Fire Cheif: David Elliott

Select Board Assitant: Marcia Hamilton

Senior Solutions: Lucy Gratwick

Tree Warden: Pieter van Loon

Weigher of Coal: Hugh Whitney

Windham Regional Commissioners: Edith Mas

Windham Solid Waste District Representatives: Tony Gordon and Stillman Vonderhorst

Zoning Administrator: Mary Sargent

MARLBORO ORGANIZATIONS

Marlboro Cares – 258-3030 *****

Jennifer Mazur, President 254-9747 Beth McDermet, Treasurer

The Marlboro Meeting House *****

Lynette Hamilton, Moderator 257-0091
 Marcia Hamilton, Clerk 464-5470
 Marcia Hamilton, Treasurer 464-5470

The Marlboro Park Association mpa.southpond@gmail.com *****

Mimi Brill & David Rountree, President Julianne Mills, Treasurer
 Vice President
 Carol Brook de-Bock, Secretary

Marlboro Center Park Committee *****

P'tricia Wyse, Chair 257-8065

Ames Hill-Marlboro Community Center, Inc. *****

Catharine Hamilton, President Paul Butler, Treasurer
 Megan Littlehales, Vice President Jenny Altshuler, Historian & Clerk
 Linda Rice, Vice President Hanna Thurber, Secretary

Marlboro College 257-4333 *****

Kevin F. F. Quigley, President Luis Rosa, Dean of Students

Marlboro Community Fair *****

marlborofair@gmail.com

Marlboro Music School and Festival *****

Festival Phone Number 254-2394 (Only while in session)

Marlboro Meeting House School *****

Patti Donnelly, Director 257-9929 School Phone Number 257-0801

Marlboro Historical Society *****

Forrest Holzapfel, President 257-9929 Augusta Bartlett, House Chair
 Donald Sherefkin, Vice President

**TOWN WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 7, 2017**

The legal voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing by Australian ballot the officers listed in Article 3.

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator for the term of one year.
- Article 2. To act upon the Auditors' Report.
- Article 3. To elect all town officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting: Select Board, one three-year term; Town Clerk, one three-year term; Lister, one three-year term; Auditor, one three-year term; Constable, one one-year term; Grand Juror, one one-year term; Town Agent, one one-year term;
- Article 4. To see if the town will set Friday, October 6, 2017 as the due date for property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.
- Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$275,000.00 for the General Fund.
- Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$360,000.00 for town highways, summer and winter maintenance.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and expend up to \$7,500.00 for recycling services for the period July 1 through December 31.
- Article 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$10,000.00 to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. to help defray operating expenses.
- Article 9. To see if the Town of Marlboro will renew the property tax exemption to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company for a period of five years, beginning March 7, 2017.
- Article 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$12,957.57 to Rescue, Inc. for services.
- Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$1,500.00 to Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. for services.
- Article 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$1,000.00 to Grace Cottage Hospital.
- Article 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$50.00 for the support of Green Up Vermont to provide services to residents of the town.

- Article 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend up to \$3,000.00 to support the production of the *Marlboro Mixer* newsletter.
- Article 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$500 to help the American Red Cross, Green Mountain in support of their mission and the work they do in Marlboro and the State of Vermont.
- Article 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$3,234.00 for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies (SeVEDS) to provide workforce and economic coordination services to residents of the Town.
- Article 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend the sum of \$9,929.00 for the following social service agencies:
- | | |
|---|------------|
| Brattleboro Area Hospice Inc | \$ 250.00 |
| The Current | \$ 250.00 |
| Deerfield Valley Food Pantry | \$ 500.00 |
| Gathering Place for Adult Day Services | \$ 500.00 |
| Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center | \$ 230.00 |
| Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont ... | \$1,050.00 |
| Marlboro Cares | \$ 400.00 |
| Senior Solutions | \$ 400.00 |
| Southeastern Vermont Community Action, Inc. | \$ 970.00 |
| Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH | \$3,179.00 |
| Women's Freedom Center | \$1,200.00 |
| Youth Services | \$1,000.00 |
- Article 18. To see if the Town will create a Town House Restoration Fund and appropriate \$10,000 for Phase I of the Town House Restoration.
- Article 19. To see if the Town of Marlboro will vote to proclaim the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in place of Columbus Day
- Article 20. To see if the voters of the Town of Marlboro will authorize the town to borrow funds in anticipation of tax revenue.
- Article 21. To discuss any other nonbinding business.

Tyler Gibbons, Chair

Pieter van Loon, Vice Chair

Patti Smith

Select Board Budget
Town of Marlboro, VT

	2015	2016	2016	2017
Administrative Expenses:	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Taxes and Assessments:	14,769.00	15,500.00	15,194.00	16,250.00
Fees and Salaries	133,588.68	137,700.00	138,058.20	143,000.00
Social Security	11,684.75	12,500.00	12,020.75	13,500.00
Insurance and Bonding	18,272.75	21,470.00	21,468.45	28,198.75
Printing	796.44	1,200.00	801.94	1,200.00
Postage	1,266.17	1,600.00	1,946.50	2,000.00
Office Supplies	3,984.24	3,500.00	2,443.49	3,500.00
Legal Expense	1,158.41	5,000.00	733.75	5,000.00
Solid Waste	14,502.06	14,036.18	14,034.72	12,810.20
Recycling Center Maintenance	1,096.00	1,200.00	573.50	1,200.00
Cemetery Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
Zoning and Planning	30.10	500.00	630.93	900.00
Animal Control	330.02	800.00	383.64	500.00
Mutual Aid Assessment	15,154.00	16,063.00	16,063.00	16,063.00
Insurance	36,264.90	38,440.79	39,176.87	32,964.48
Computer	4,341.95	5,500.00	5,624.34	5,800.00
Constable	200.00	210.00	210.00	218.00
Meeting Reimbursements	676.51	1,200.00	828.35	1,200.00
Mileage Reimbursements	486.83	1,000.00	914.86	1,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	2,289.91	2,500.00	2,028.49	2,500.00
	262,392.72	281,419.97	274,635.78	290,804.43
Marlboro Center Park	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
TO/PO-Post Office Maintenance	14,447.96	5,000.00	25.45	5,000.00
Windham County Sheriffs Dept.	5,486.00	7,566.00	7,553.00	7,800.00
Emergency Management		4,046.00	4,046.00	5,210.00
SUBTOTAL	282,326.68	294,185.97	286,260.23	309,014.43
Highway Department	323,309.89	325,000.00	368,991.81	360,000.00
Solar Project w/ Town Garage	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	608,636.57	619,185.97	655,252.04	669,014.43
Separately Warned Requests:				
Town House Preservation				10,000.00
Recycling Services				7,500.00
Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Rescue Inc.	11,782.00	12,019.64	12,019.64	12,197.52
Deerfield Valley Rescue	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Grace Cottage Hospital	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Marlboro Mixer Newsletter	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
American Red Cross	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
SeVEDS	0.00	3,234.00	3,234.00	3,234.00
Total of Separately Warned Requests:				
Social Service Organizations:	27,832.00	31,303.64	31,303.64	48,981.52
Brattleboro Area Hospice, Inc.	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
The Current	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Gathering Place for Adult Day Se	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Green Mountain RSVP	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00
Health Care & Rehabilitation Serv	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
Marlboro Cares	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Senior Solutions	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Southeastern VT Community Acti	970.00	970.00	970.00	970.00
Visiting Nurses Association and I	3,179.00	3,179.00	3,179.00	3,179.00
Women's Freedom Center	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
SUBTOTAL	9,929.00	9,929.00	9,929.00	9,929.00
	646,397.57	660,418.61	696,484.68	727,924.95

AUDITORS

Contact us at MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com

This year, it has been a pleasure to work with Andy Reichsman, who was voted in as Auditor last year and Gail MacArthur, who was approved by the Select Board to fill a vacant position.

For those of you who want to save paper, the Town Report will be posted on the Town Web-site for viewing prior to Town Meeting. We will still have plenty of printed copies available at the Town Office.

We are still requesting that all Town Organizations and Offices establish an email account for your organization. We are spending too much time trying to track down the email of whoever is in charge of an organization and often the report is delayed. Having an organization email provides a single point of contact for your organization and consistency when members change. It can easily be done through a gmail account. Once you have created an email account for your organization, please email it to us - MarlboroTownReport@gmail.com

Please send any changes of Municipal Meeting times and information relating to Marlboro Organizations to the auditors at the above email address. If we do not hear from you we will assume your information from the last Town Report has not changed.

We conducted our work according to 24 V.S.A. 1681-1684, which required that we examine and adjust the accounts of town and school district. To the best of our knowledge, the following reflects a true and accurate picture of the town's business for the year ending December 31, 2016.

Rose Watson

Gail MacArthur

Andy Reichsman

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET-2016

Assets:	2015	2016
General Fund:	\$ 174,947.33	\$ 141,199.20
Equipment Account:	\$ 30,617.75	\$ 87,204.42
Delinquent Tax Bills:	\$ 175,027.90	\$ 191,385.38
Liabilities:		
Tax Levy due to School and State:	\$ 96,539.93	\$ 101,899.56
Excess of Assets over Liabilities:	\$284,053.05	\$ 317,889.44

Town of Marlboro- ACT 68-2016**FY 2015 Education Funding Cash Flow for Municipality**

In 2016, the amount raised for ACT 68 was 2,042,586.86

School 11/24/16	\$ 1,936,091.56
2/12/17	\$ 101,899.56
Municipal Treasury	\$ 4,595.74

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS: NONE

Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 2016

2003

OQUISANTI MARK

2004

OQUISANTI MARK

2005

OQUISANTI MARK

2006

OQUISANTI MARK

2007

GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
OQUISANTI MARK
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2008

GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
OQUISANTI MARK
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2009

GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
OQUISANTI MARK
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2010

GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
GREEN MITCHELL J. & DORA M.
MILLS KEVIN B. STEVENS DENISE
OQUISANTI MARK
PALMER KENNETH E.
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2011

GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
MILLS KEVIN B. STEVENS DENISE
OQUISANTI MARK
PALMER KENNETH E.
ROGERS MARY ANN
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2012

GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
GREEN MITCHELL J. & DORA M.
KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
OQUISANTI MARK
PALMER KENNETH E.
ROGERS MARY ANN
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2013

BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.
GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
GREEN MITCHELL J. & DORA M.
KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL
KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
MESSIER DOREEN Estate of
OQUISANTI MARK
PALMER KENNETH E.
ROGERS MARY ANN
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2014

BENNETT BETH & RICHARD G.
BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.
COLE JEFFREY & LESLIE
GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
GARLITZ KEITH & WENDY
GREEN MITCHELL J. & DORA M.
KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL
KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
MARTIN DORI-PATRICIA
MERCIER RAYMOND H. & MERCIER TERRY J.
MESSIER DOREEN Estate of
MILLS KEVIN B. STEVENS DENISE
OQUISANTI MARK
PALMER KENNETH E.
ROBINSON E/) BILLY W. & DAWN
ROGERS MARY ANN
TURNER JESSICA
ZARGO ALAN & JANET

Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/2016

2015

BENNETT BETH & RICHARD G.
 BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.
 BROOKS CHARLES AND PATRICIA
 COLE JEFFREY & LESLIE
 GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
 GARLITZ KEITH & WENDY
 GREEN MITCHELL J. & DORA M.
 KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL
 KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
 MARTIN DORI-PATRICIA
 MERCIER RAYMOND H. & MERCIER TERRY J.
 MESSIER DOREEN Estate of
 OQUISANTI MARK
 PALMER KENNETH E.
 PELL, RANDOLPH AND KATHLEEN
 ROBINSON E/) BILLY W. & DAWN
 ROGERS MARY ANN
 SMITH TODD H.
 TURNER, JESSICA
 ZARGO ALAN & JANET

2015

BENNETT RICHARD AND BETH
 BEVILACQUA HEATHER C
 BOHAN MARAGRET, LEE SUZANNE M.
 BROOKS CHARLES AND PATRICIA
 CIDERMILL CANAL HOLDINGS LLC
 COHEN ALLEN
 COLE JEFFREY & LESLIE
 FRAZER GARY A. & GAIL M.
 GABRIELSEN WILLIAM & CONSTANCE
 GARLITZ KEITH & WENDY
 GILLIS
 GLOVER CYNTHIA D.
 GREEN MITCHELL J. & DORA M.
 INMAN CORINNA & CLIFTON
 ISLES SUSAN G & ORRIN W
 KENISTON DANIELKENISTON DANIEL
 KIM HAJIN AND KUMJEE
 MARTIN DORI-PATRICIA
 MARTIS JAMES N.
 MERCIER RAYMOND H. & MERCIER TERRY J.
 MESSIER DOREEN Estate of
 MILLS KEVIN B. STEVENS DENISE
 MURROW CHARLES CASEY
 OQUISANTI MARK
 PALMER KENNETH E.
 PELL, RANDOLPH AND KATHLEEN
 POWLING ROBERT L.
 ROBINSON E/) BILLY W. & DAWN
 ROGERS MARY ANN
 SAFFORD ROGER H. SR. & CHANTEL L.
 SCHMITTER MARK & CHARLENE
 SELLECK ROBERT
 TURNER JESSICA
 ZARGO ALAN & JANET

**TOWN OF MARLBORO
TREASURER'S REPORT OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

From Town Report 2015

Outstanding, or in the Collectors Hands 12/31/15 \$175,027.90

Referred to the Collector for 2016 \$123,136.21

Transmitted by Collector to Treasurer prior years \$43,013.22

Transmitted by Collector to Treasurer 2016 taxes \$63,765.00

Outstanding, or in the Collectors Hands 12/31/16 \$191,385.89

Outstanding per Delinquent Tax Collector \$191,385.89

Balance in Delinquent Tax Collector Checking account \$ 525.58

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT SUMMARY: 2016**

STARTING BALANCE: \$30,617.75

INCOME:

EXPENSE:

2003 FORD PICKUP 350	10,477.50	2,763.21	
2006 FORD XL PICKUP 450	7,615.72	10,071.25	
2003 FREIGHTLINER FL-80	415.00	1,084.92	
2009 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	25,637.50	8,709.93	
2010 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	23,545.00	11,721.89	
2011 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK	18,757.50	5,804.34	
CAT LOADER	2,056.00	1,870.97	
JOHN DEERE GRADER	21,120.00	4,843.97	
JOHN DEERE BACKHOE	10,640.00	2,209.73	
GARAGE	600.00	12,017.25	
MISC.	30.60	32.50	
DIESEL	3,988.34	21,412.04	
LOAN-TO GENERAL FUND	35,000.00	35,000.00	
FROM EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT	0.00	0.00	
SUB-TOTALS:	<u>159,883.16</u>	<u>117,542.00</u>	
VEHICLE FUEL ADJUSTMENT:	+	-	14,245.51
TO INVESTED FUNDS		-	0.00
FROM INVESTED FUNDS		-	0.00
	0.00		
		+	<u>\$87,204.42</u>
INVESTED FUNDS FROM EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT:			
	0.00		
BALANCE OF INVESTED FUNDS:			
TOTAL CASH IN BANK:		+	<u>\$87,204.42</u>

Town of Marlboro
Income & Expense
As of December 31, 2016

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	Dec 31, 16	
	Debit	Credit
1110 · The Merchants Bank	141,070.92	
1115 · TD Bank-Checking		
1120 · Merchants Bank-Money Market	128.28	
1125 · MFS-Savings		
2000 · Accounts Payable		
2025 · Collected Fees Payable		443.00
2100 · Payroll Taxes Payable		
2110 · Void Payroll Checks- Net		
2125 · VT Retirements Payable		
2135 · HSA Payable		
2210 · Education Spending Payable		
2300 · Short Term Notes		246,000.00
3000 · Opening Balance Equity		55,743.77
3015 · Prior Year Equity Balance		118,499.69
4105 · Property Tax Revenue		2,329,563.96
4106 · Prior Year Current		170,344.18
4120 · Delinquent Taxes & Interest		121,434.14
4210 · Warrant Charge & Fee		8,524.29
4405 · Civil Fees		785.38
4408 · Current Use/Hold Harmless		44,034.00
4410 · Emergency Management		16,725.75
4420 · Highways		121,696.89
4421 · Local Roads Grant		35,488.71
4425 · Pilot Payment		2,474.61
4440 · Property Tax Adjustment		11,880.98
4445 · Reappraisal		6,298.50
4422 · Paving Reimbursement		175,000.00
4815 · Fees and Licenses		12,774.25
4820 · Rental Income		14,083.29
4880 · Zoning Fees		3,025.00
4885 · Interest Income		408.27
4920 · Miscellaneous Income		2,942.89
5000 · GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	369.01	
5010 · Animal Control	383.64	
5030 · Ballot Clerk	350.00	
5060 · Cemetery Maintenance	1,500.00	
5070 · Computer Expense	4,666.59	
5080 · Continuing Education	728.50	
5100 · Insurance & Bonding	20,990.70	
5110 · Legal Expenses	733.75	
5120 · Meetings	828.35	
5130 · Mileage Reimbursement	914.86	
5160 · Mutual Aid Assessment	16,063.00	
5170 · Outside Contract	957.75	
5180 · Property Tax Overpayment	22,489.45	
5201 · Salaries & Wages	148,484.61	
5240 · Health Insurance	38,520.24	
5320 · Postage	1,946.50	
5325 · P O Box Rent	204.00	
5340 · Office Supplies	2,443.49	
5360 · Printing	801.94	
5380 · Public Officers Liability	477.75	
5390 · Recycling Center Maintenance	573.50	
5395 · Solid Waste	14,034.72	
5410 · Taxes & Assessments	15,194.00	
5415 · Zoning & Planning	630.93	
5420 · Miscellaneous	1,153.80	
5520 · Fire Alarm	225.00	
5540 · Insurance-Building	6,011.90	
5560 · Plowing, Mowing	881.00	
5580 · Repairs & Maintenance	2,117.52	
5610 · Electric	227.19	
5640 · Heating Fuel	2,918.65	
5660 · Telephone/Internet	1,727.48	
6060 · Bridge Work	4,511.96	
6070 · Black Top Patch	66.96	
6080 · Culverts & Ditch Work	4,502.90	
6150 · Equipment Rental	400.00	
6220 · General Liability Insurance	2,999.69	
6240 · Gravel Purchase	47,995.50	

Town of Marlboro
Income & Expense
As of December 31, 2016

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	Dec 31, 16	
	Debit	Credit
6260 · Miscellaneous	952.40	
6280 · Outside Contract	450.00	
6301 · Salaries & Wages	155,183.67	
6340 · Health Insurance	48,907.90	
6345 · Health Savings Account		
6350 · Life Insurance	929.40	
6351 · Retirement	6,144.26	
6480 · Resurfacing	226,948.73	
6490 · Road Signs	375.60	
6502 · Liquid Calcium	4,920.00	
6510 · Salt Purchase	10,630.73	
6550 · Uniforms	3,527.09	
6680 · Winter Sand	54,061.80	
6610 · Propane	427.92	
6620 · Telephone Expense	1,255.05	
6645 · Miscellaneous Reimbursement	710.90	
6650 · Quartley Stipend	2,300.00	
6661 · Generator	299.51	
6700 · SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	7,553.00	
6820 · GSR Equipment Use	78,163.50	
6860 · WR-Plowing	8,805.00	
6880 · WR-Sanding	28,605.00	
7010 · Marlboro Volunteer Fire Dept.	10,000.00	
7015 · Rescue, Inc.	12,019.62	
7020 · American Red Cross	500.00	
7025 · Deerfield Valley Rescue	1,500.00	
7030 · Grace Cottage Hospital	1,000.00	
7035 · Green Up Vermont	50.00	
7040 · Marlboro Mixer Newsletter	3,000.00	
7045 · Southeastern VT Eco. Developmen	3,234.00	
7310 · Brattleboro Area Hospice	250.00	
7315 · Southeastern Vermont Transit In	250.00	
7325 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	
7330 · Gathering Place	500.00	
7335 · Green Mt. RSVP Ctr.	230.00	
7340 · Health Care & Rehab. Services	1,050.00	
7345 · Marlboro Cares	400.00	
7350 · SEVCA	970.00	
7355 · Senior Solutions	400.00	
7360 · Visiting Nurses Assn. & Hospice	3,179.00	
7365 · Womens Freedom Center	1,200.00	
7370 · Youth Services	1,000.00	
7500 · SHORT TERM DEBT	246,999.58	
8500 · EDUCATION SPENDING	2,032,781.49	
9020 · FICA Expense	24,780.37	
TOTAL	3,498,171.55	3,498,171.55

Town of Marlboro

Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

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	Jan - Dec 16	Jan - Dec 15
Income		
4100 · TAX REVENUE		
4105 · Property Tax Revenue	2,329,563.96	2,465,917.06 *1
4106 · Prior Year Current	170,344.18	1,718.62
4120 · Delinquent Taxes & Interest	121,434.14	180,528.40
4210 · Warrant Charge & Fee	8,524.29	13,630.37
Total 4100 · TAX REVENUE	2,629,866.57	2,661,794.45
4400 · STATE REVENUE		
4405 · Civil Fees	785.38	299.12
4408 · Current Use/Hold Harmless	44,034.00	50,235.00
4410 · Emergency Management	16,725.75	29,056.26
4420 · Highways	121,696.89	121,622.17
4421 · Local Roads Grant	35,488.71	0.00
4425 · Pilot Payment	2,474.61	2,517.08
4440 · Property Tax Adjustment	11,880.98	13,129.46
4445 · Reappraisal	6,298.50	6,298.50
4460 · FEMA Reimbursement	0.00	42,977.20
Total 4400 · STATE REVENUE	239,384.82	266,134.79
4422 · Paving Reimbursement	175,000.00	0.00
4800 · OTHER REVENUE		
4815 · Fees and Licenses	12,774.25	8,723.05
4820 · Rental Income	14,083.29	12,999.96
4880 · Zoning Fees	3,025.00	4,015.00
4885 · Interest Income	408.27	404.44 *2
4920 · Miscellaneous Income		
4922 · Miscellaneous Payport	0.00	313.32
4920 · Miscellaneous Income - Other	2,942.89	51,981.41 *3
Total 4920 · Miscellaneous Income	2,942.89	52,294.73
Total 4800 · OTHER REVENUE	33,233.70	78,437.18 *2
4950 · Transfer from TD bank	0.00	20,000.00
Total Income	3,077,485.09	3,026,366.42
Gross Profit	3,077,485.09	3,026,366.42
Expense		
5000 · GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES		
5010 · Animal Control	383.64	330.02
5030 · Ballot Clerk	350.00	35.00
5040 · Bank Fees	0.00	309.99
5060 · Cemetery Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00
5070 · Computer Expense	4,666.59	4,341.95
5080 · Continuing Education	728.50	471.51
5100 · Insurance & Bonding	20,990.70	17,795.00
5110 · Legal Expenses	733.75	1,158.41
5120 · Meetings	828.35	205.00

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	Jan - Dec 16	Jan - Dec 15
5130 · Mileage Reimbursement	914.86	486.83
5160 · Mutual Aid Assessment	16,063.00	15,154.00
5170 · Outside Contract	957.75	1,126.50
5180 · Property Tax Overpayment	22,489.45	24,272.58
5200 · PAYROLL-ADMINISTRATIVE		
5201 · Salaries & Wages	148,484.61	154,498.92
5240 · Health Insurance	38,520.24	36,264.90
Total 5200 · PAYROLL-ADMINISTRATIVE	187,004.85	190,763.82
5320 · Postage	1,946.50	950.17
5325 · P O Box Rent	204.00	316.00
5340 · Office Supplies	2,443.49	3,984.24
5360 · Printing	801.94	796.44
5380 · Public Officers Liability	477.75	477.75
5390 · Recycling Center Maintenance	573.50	1,096.00
5395 · Solid Waste	14,034.72	14,502.06
5410 · Taxes & Assessments	15,194.00	14,769.00
5415 · Zoning & Planning	630.93	30.10
5420 · Miscellaneous		
5422 · Payport reimbursement	0.00	313.32
5420 · Miscellaneous - Other	1,153.80	818.42
Total 5420 · Miscellaneous	1,153.80	1,131.74 *4
5000 · GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES - Other	369.01	36.60
Total 5000 · GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	295,441.08	296,040.71
5150 · Solar Project-Town Garage	0.00	3,000.00
5500 · PLANT OPERATION EXPENDITURES		
5520 · Fire Alarm	225.00	300.00
5540 · Insurance-Building	6,011.90	5,304.00
5560 · Plowing, Mowing	881.00	1,286.00
5580 · Repairs & Maintenance	2,117.52	4,589.50
5600 · Utilities		
5610 · Electric	227.19	290.85
5640 · Heating Fuel	2,918.65	516.36
5660 · Telephone/Internet	1,727.48	2,491.25
Total 5600 · Utilities	4,873.32	3,298.46
Total 5500 · PLANT OPERATION EXPENDITURES	14,108.74	14,777.96
6000 · HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES		
6060 · Bridge Work	4,511.96	39,563.36
6070 · Black Top Patch	66.96	0.00
6080 · Culverts & Ditch Work	4,502.90	224.20
6150 · Equipment Rental	400.00	0.00
6220 · General Liability Insurance	2,999.69	2,708.00
6240 · Gravel Purchase	47,995.50	68,071.25
6260 · Miscellaneous	952.40	309.56

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	Jan - Dec 16	Jan - Dec 15
6280 · Outside Contract	450.00	24,033.10
6300 · PAYROLL-HIGHWAY		
6301 · Salaries & Wages	155,183.67	154,801.02
6340 · Health Insurance	48,907.90	43,490.36
6345 · Health Savings Account	0.00	0.00
6350 · Life Insurance	929.40	928.80
6351 · Retirement	6,144.26	6,109.15
Total 6300 · PAYROLL-HIGHWAY	211,165.23	205,329.33
6480 · Resurfacing	226,948.73	2,094.00
6490 · Road Signs	375.60	0.00
6502 · Liquid Calcium	4,920.00	5,340.00
6510 · Salt Purchase	10,630.73	10,336.03
6550 · Uniforms	3,527.09	3,465.20
6680 · Winter Sand	54,061.80	49,675.60
Total 6000 · HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES	573,508.59	411,149.63
6800 · EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT		
6820 · GSR Equipment Use	78,163.50	81,529.00
6860 · WR-Plowing	8,805.00	21,128.00
6880 · WR-Sanding	28,605.00	17,387.50
Total 6800 · EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT	115,573.50	120,044.50
6600 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
6605 · Pager Costs	0.00	525.60
6610 · Propane	427.92	500.07
6620 · Telephone Expense	1,255.05	845.84
6630 · RERP Drill	0.00	957.00
6645 · Miscellaneous Reimbursement	710.90	2,051.87
6650 · Quartley Stipend	2,300.00	4,300.00
6661 · Generator	299.51	0.00
Total 6600 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	4,993.38	9,180.38
6700 · SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	7,553.00	6,110.00
7000 · SERVICE AGENCY GRANTS		
7010 · Marlboro Volunteer Fire Dept.	10,000.00	10,000.00
7015 · Rescue, Inc.	12,019.62	11,782.00
7020 · American Red Cross	500.00	500.00
7025 · Deerfield Valley Rescue	1,500.00	1,500.00
7030 · Grace Cottage Hospital	1,000.00	1,000.00
7035 · Green Up Vermont	50.00	50.00
7040 · Marlboro Mixer Newsletter	3,000.00	3,000.00
7045 · Southeastern VT Eco. Developmen	3,234.00	0.00
Total 7000 · SERVICE AGENCY GRANTS	31,303.62	27,832.00
7300 · SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS		
7310 · Brattleboro Area Hospice	250.00	250.00
7315 · Southeastern Vermont Transit In	250.00	250.00

Town of Marlboro Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

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	Jan - Dec 16	Jan - Dec 15
7325 · Deerfield Valley Food Pantry	500.00	500.00
7330 · Gathering Place	500.00	500.00
7335 · Green Mt. RSVP Ctr.	230.00	230.00
7340 · Health Care & Rehab. Services	1,050.00	1,050.00
7345 · Marlboro Cares	400.00	400.00
7350 · SEVCA	970.00	970.00
7355 · Senior Solutions	400.00	400.00
7360 · Visiting Nurses Assn. & Hospice	3,179.00	3,179.00
7365 · Womens Freedom Center	1,200.00	1,200.00
7370 · Youth Services	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 7300 · SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS	9,929.00	9,929.00
7400 · Transfer between Accounts	0.00	20,000.00
7500 · SHORT TERM DEBT	246,999.58	30,063.18
8500 · EDUCATION SPENDING	2,032,781.49	2,126,299.58
9020 · FICA Expense	24,780.37	26,561.64 *5
Total Expense	3,356,972.35	3,100,988.58
Net Income	-279,487.26	-74,622.16

*1 Tax Overpayment Reconciled (\$98.02)

*2 December Interest (\$27.12) moved from 4920 to 4885

*3 Charge for payport test (\$2.00)

*4 On-Line Banking Fee (\$36.60)

*5 QuickBooks FICA correction (\$380.62)

Grand List (Real Property)	\$1,502,413.00
Homestead Tax Rate: \$ 2.0881	
Non Residential Tax Rate: \$ 1.8936	
Taxes Voted:	
General Fund	225,000.00
Highways	325,000.00
Separately Warned Requests	31,303.64
Social Service Organizations	9,929.00
Total Taxes Voted for Town:	591,232.64
School District	2,042,586.86
Total Tax Liability	2,633,819.50
Current Use-Hold Harmless	-44,034.00
Property Tax Adjustment	-11,880.98
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TOTAL TAX LIABILITY	2,577,904.52
Tax Bill Prepared	2,564,467.77
Taxes Received by Treasurer	2,441,331.56
From Collector	64,623.74
Total 2016 Tax Bills in Hands of Collector	58,512.47
	2,564,467.77

THE MARY WHITE HINCKLEY BEQUEST

The income for this bequest was distributed in January 2017 in equal amounts of \$21.77 each to:

The Historical Society of Marlboro
 The Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company
 The Marlboro Meeting House
 Marlboro (School) Parents & Friends
 The Marlboro Town Park

KINGS CEMETERY FUND

In Savings Accounts at	2015	2016
Beginning of Year:		
	\$45,651.96	\$46,681.05
Deposit		
Interest	\$ 2,180.00	1200.00
Withdrawn	\$ 114.09	114.35
In Savings Accounts at	\$ (1,265.00)	\$ (1,245.00)
End of Year:		
	\$ 46,681.05	\$46,750.40

HOGBACK PRESERVATION FUND

	2016
Balance in Money Market on 12/31/15	\$ 1,902.79
Merchants Bank	
Deposits	\$ 11,822.05
Interest	\$ 3.73
Expenses	\$ (983.90)
Balance in Money Market on 12/31/2016	\$ 12,744.67

CD Matured on 6/24/2016 in the amount of \$122,822.05

\$11,822.05 transferred to Money Market

Balance of \$111,000.00 transferred to the following CD's at BS&L

1 year	\$4,000.00
2 year	\$4,000.00
3 year	\$4,000.00
4 year	\$4,000.00
5 year	\$95,000.00

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The AHMCC is dedicated to keeping South Pond beautiful and pristine.

The AHMCC has existed for over 75 years now. It currently owns 408.8 acres, a good portion of which borders South Pond. This includes ownership of all three beaches. One of the beaches is used by members of the AHMCC, another is leased to the Marlboro Music Festival and the third is leased to the Marlboro Park Association. There are two seasonal cabins that are rented for the summer months only. All three beaches are private and for members only. This is, in part, to protect the area from over-use. Founders and past members of our organization have gone to great lengths to protect it for past, present and future generations. Current members strive to continue this mission, the first and primary focus being, “to promote and further the conservation and preservation of the natural resources and ecology of the Marlboro – Ames Hill forest areas as a natural sanctuary for wildlife”. Certificate holders within the organization govern and guide our stewardship of the water and the land. All of the pond’s shores are under conservation restrictions in agreement with the Vermont Land Trust. In 2002, the AHMCC added all of its acreage to the Land Trust agreement, excluding a small parcel out by Cowpath 40, so that our land will be protected and undeveloped for perpetuity. Our big news this year is that we have plans to acquire and conserve an additional 207 acre parcel in the near future. This parcel includes the ponds inlet and wetlands.

South Pond is the beautiful, perfect place it is today due to the dedication and hard work of many people. We ask that you be mindful of the AHMCC mission while you are there so we can all try to preserve the Pond and its surroundings.

Current Executive Board: Catharine Hamilton, Pres. / Paul Butler, Tres. / Jenny Altshuler & Hanna Thurber, co-Sec. / Megan Littlehales & Linda Rice, co-VP

Submitted by Catharine Hamilton , President AHMCC 802-254-2501

MARLBORO BOARD OF LISTERS

As of January 1, 2017, our Common Level of Appraisal, as determined by the State of Vermont, is **100.44%**, **down from 100.87%** in 2015 (97.06% in 2014). The minimal decrease is because the CLA is a three year average, and as the market has stayed level, the CLA is level as well. Our Coefficient of Dispersion (the COD measures equity among all taxpayers) is **13.37%**, **up from 11.17%** in 2015 (15.55% in 2014). A COD of 15% or less is considered acceptable by nationally held standards.

After ten years of pretty smooth sailing, we are undertaking a town-wide reappraisal of all properties. We begin property inspections last fall, will continue into the spring of 2018, and new values will be assigned for every property for Tax Year 2018. Comparing actual Marlboro property sales from the last three years against our 2008 appraised values shows that overall, our appraised values are very close to the sale

prices. However, in the interest of equity among taxpayers, as suggested by the State, many small adjustments need to be made to land and building values. Therefore, all properties will have some change in value.

The year of 2016 saw 37 transfers of property, 4 less than in 2015. 14 of the transfers were “Arms-Length Sales” with a variety of properties trading hands: single family dwellings, camps, open land parcels, and 2 commercial properties.

New construction continues at a steady pace around town with numerous sheds, porches, and garages, while there are also 7 new houses being built (in some state of completion). We inspected buildings and land at 34 different properties for a net increase of \$891,300 to the Grand List for 2016. When we lodged our 2016 Grand List, the Town value was \$150,241,300. The 2 tax rates of 2016 are down from the prior year and are set at \$2.0881 for Homestead Property and \$1.8936 for Non-Residential Property.

Please remember that **Full Time Residents** of Vermont need to annually file Vermont Form HS-122 (Homestead Declaration & Property Tax Adjustment Claim) in order to receive help in defraying their Marlboro Property Tax Bill. Vermont Form HI-144 (Household Income) is needed along with HS-122 to determine your eligibility. DUE DATE: April 15, 2017 (Claims allowed up to October 15, 2017 but late filing penalties apply).

Give the Office a call at 254-2181 or email us at marlborolisters@gmail.com if you have questions. As always, we welcome questions, concerns, or curiosity about land or buildings in town, so feel free to contact us or stop into the office.

Marlboro Listers: Evan Wyse, Forrest Holzapfel, Eric Matt

MARLBORO CONSTABLE

The 21st century has brought climate change to Marlboro, and with it washed out roads, failed crops, and a lot of questions about our basic safety. In an era of this type of uncertainty and danger, I believe the modern country constable can best serve the community by contributing to and supporting public safety in all its possible forms. To this end, I serve on the Emergency Management Committee, and have begun to reach out to individuals in town to find out what their needs and concerns are regarding their personal safety. My duties on the committee include being a back-up pager carrier for Vermont Yankee emergency events, traffic flow coordinator, and attending planning and preparedness meetings. In the course of these duties I have solidified my connections with other emergency personnel in town to prepare for a wide range of emergency situations.

Respectfully, Clarence Boston, Constable, Marlboro, VT

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The DRB has a set schedule of regular monthly meetings/hearings on the third Tuesday of the month. Permit applications requiring a hearing should be submitted to the Zoning Officer at least twenty-one days prior to a hearing date.

The following actions by the DRB were taken during 2016. Approval was granted to:

- Marlboro College (Dan Cotter), P.O. Box A, Marlboro, VT 05344, to determine if a Variance is required to install two (2) streetlights on Green Mountain Power poles along South Road within the 50ft setback. No permit required.
- Marlboro Maximus, LLC (Peter Durgin, Mgr.), 535 Cummings Road, Chester, VT 05143. Subdivision of 60.64 acre parcel located at 1092 Lahar Road, Marlboro, VT into two (2) lots, to split off the seasonal camp onto its own lot of 7.96 acres. The second lot will be used for forestry practices.
- Matthias Naegele, 112 West Street, Hadley, MA 01035 and James Betteridge, 1110 Bardell Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808 for a Boundary Line Adjustment at 1526 Cow Path 40, Marlboro VT, between Parcels 12-00-61 and 12-00-62.
- J&S Mountain Enterprises (Jason Petrelli & Sara Jasinski), P.O. Box 1510, Wilmington, VT 05363 for property at 7678 Rt 9, Marlboro VT; (Skyline Restaurant) to renovate/convert the existing building to a nano-brewery and restaurant, with four (4) studio apartments on the second floor; to construct a 16'x32ft. storage shed, no plumbing and construct a 20'x20ft. amphitheater. The application was amended to postpone consideration of studio apartments pending State review of Waste Water permit. Nano brewery and storage shed were approved.
- J&S Mountain Enterprises (Jason Petrelli & Sara Jasinski), P.O. Box 1510, Wilmington, VT 05363 for property at 7678 Rt 9, Marlboro VT; (Skyline Restaurant) to renovate/refurbish existing sign to correspond to new enterprise. No change in dimensions or location.
- Hollace Bowen, P.O. Box 489, Marlboro, VT 05344 for property at 1013 Stark Road, Marlboro, VT for a Variance to construct garage/storage shed within the required setback from Stark Road. Application for Variance was withdrawn after the initial hearing led to a request for more information. Structure will be located outside the setback.
- Dante & Suzanne Corsano, 1835 Butterfield Road, Brattleboro VT 05301 for property at 1825 Butterfield Road, Marlboro VT to convert existing garage to workshop, with attached open shed.
- Peter Paggi & Ashley Nadeau, 2472 Fort Bridgman Rd., Vernon, VT 05354 for property at 371 Cow Path 40, Marlboro VT. An amendment to approved site plan for construction of single-family dwelling.
- Marlboro College (Dan Cotter), P.O. Box A, Marlboro, VT 05344 for property located at 2070 South Road, Marlboro VT for Change of Use of existing residence to offices for Graduate Center Program. Construct a ramp at main entrance and renovate existing bathroom. Change of use approved pending State confirmation of Waste Water Permit amendment.

The Members of the DRB are: Steven John, Chairman, Jean Boardman, Clerk, Tony Gordon, Brent Seabrook and Gail MacArthur. Alternates to the Board are: Bennett Grout and Matthew Tell. Julia von Ranson is Administrative Assistant.

The DRB is grateful to T. Wilson, who served on the Planning Commission in the late 1970s and early '80s, the School Board in the 1980s and early '90s, and resigned from the DRB on November 17 after 21 years of service to the community as Chairman of both the ZBA and then the DRB. Thank you on behalf of all of Marlboro.

If you have an interest in serving on the Development Review Board, please apply by letter to the Marlboro Selectboard.

Jean H. Boardman Clerk, DRB

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Emergency Management Report, 2016

The past 12 months were a unique period in Emergency Management as Vermont Yankee was being decommissioned moving from an active nuclear generation facility to a nuclear storage facility. The VT DEMHS (Dept of Emergency Management and Homeland Security) working with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that there is no mathematical chance of the Vermont Yankee cooling pools overheating. The first six months of 2016 were focused on the transfer of local incidents to the local towns, and in modifying operating documentation to reflect that responsibility shift. In addition, the first six months saw the creation of an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan for Marlboro. This Hazard Mitigation Plan has now been approved by FEMA and is being used to drive improvement projects during 2017.

One such project will include the high-water sensor project for the residents along Augur Hole Road. During the early assessment of this project following a discussion with the Agency for Natural Resources (ANR), it became obvious that a project of this type had never been considered for such a small stream. I am hoping that once we start moving forward with sensor selection and implementation that the State will see fit to fund future such projects for other towns in Vermont.

This past December the Select Board has agreed to move forward in 2016 to using Vermont Alert, VTAlert as our community emergency communications tool of choice. The new tool, VTAlert, has newer significant features and lower cost making it the preferred solution for emergency communications by the Dept of Public Safety, Dept of Emergency Management, Homeland Security (DEMHS). We strongly recommend that every resident in Marlboro sign up for Vermont Alert. Please go to the following site for additional information and instructions: <https://www.vtalert.gov/>

The greatest change last year was the loss of Vermont Yankee funding for Emergency Management. The State DEMHS and others negotiated Entergy/Vermont Yankee to provide additional funding in October 2016 and that funding is now being used for various projects and improvements in the Town.

Following informal discussions with some residents I intend to hold an initial meeting at the EOC for Family Emergency Preparation in March 2017. I feel that this is prudent due to recent events and anyone who is new to emergency preparation will benefit from this and other sessions moving forward. Watch for details in the Marlboro Mixer and the Front Porch Forum.

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Day, May 7, 2016

Green Up Day marked its 46th Anniversary, with over 22,000 volunteers participating! Green Up Vermont, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, continues to proudly carry on this tradition of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency.** Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate and individual donations. People can now choose to donate to Green Up Vermont by entering a gift amount on Line 29 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form. As a result, Green Up Vermont has been able to significantly increase the percentage of individual giving, thus making Green Up Day more stable for the long-term.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride with our children growing up with Green Up. Green Up Day is a day each year when people come together in their communities to give Vermont a spring cleaning! Green Up Vermont also focuses on education for grades K-2 by providing two free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover seventeen percent the budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for supplies, including over 50,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and the services of two part-time employees. Sixth grader Blake Clark says "I think we should keep this tradition going forever and ever!" Please help make sure Green Up Day never goes away.

Mark your calendar: May 6, 2017 Green Up Day, 47 years of tradition!

**Join with people in your community to clean up for Green Up Day,
Always the first Saturday in May.**

HOGBACK PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Hogback Mountain Conservation Area

2016 pretty much started like 2016 ended w/proposed hikes New Year's Eve and then a New Year's Day Hike on 2017. Of course last winter was nothing like the one we seem to be having now. Various snow shoe and ski activities were canceled and concerns over inappropriate snowmobile use never materialized. Marlboro college students have used the MA (Management area) as a source for ecology papers and can be seen on the Hogback website. Valuable lessons include a noticeable reduction of the Hay Scented Fern where ESH cuts have used a "mat" approach. In addition to the annual MES Day and 9 different activities, Marlboro Elementary School Junior High students requested permission to harvest a number of saplings

from The Great White Way ESH project for their annual bench building project, and use the opportunity to educate the students about both the harvesting and ESH project. The small mammal report and bird banding has helped demonstrate the importance & usefulness of the MA. As a result of work done last fall, 9 of the 12 bird species named by Audubon Vermont as being “high priority for protection” were found on Hogback. To that end a working group, made up of members from the HPC and HMCA, continues to develop a plan to investigate a Biodiversity Study to create a baseline for use in future management decisions. With spring came plans and activities based around trail maintenance, final trail development, and other activities to explore the changes that new seasonal growth and associated animal activity brings. Additional conversations were had regarding the status of older buildings in the MA. The approach, that the old ski area apparatus and structures provide their own version of time past, does not mean that these attractive nuisances should be ignored or exist unconsidered. The First Aid building is believed to be unsalvageable at this point. The Benedict Cottage may have some physical use by the HMCA/HPC. The Castle was approved by the HPC for stabilization and use as a seasonal weather retreat. The Quonset Hut is on the list for debris removal and possible stabilization as a weather retreat.

Membership on various boards has continued to be problematic. A couple of HPC members have stepped down resulting in new members, Sarah Grant, Malcolm Moore, and Bob Anderson stepping in to fill the voids. The HMCA continues to look for active participants willing to help out w/a host a varied interest projects. Participants can choose to participate as helpers or even planners. Sign up for the newsletter and keep an eye out for special activities, trail or project days, etc... New energy is greatly appreciated. During the course of the year members of both the HPC & HMCA attended seminars offered by state and local agencies/committees, including “Recreation in Town Forests”, “Managing the People in Town Forests”, and a regional “Conservation Commission” summit. The HMCA hosted a presentation of “The Lost Ski Areas of Southern Vermont” at Memorial Hall in Wilmington and Hogback was prominently featured, as well as memorabilia specific to the Hogback Ski Area. Additionally, “Hogback/MA displays” were set up at the Marlboro Fair and Marlboro “Community Engagement Fair”. The Hogback Facebook page continues to gather likes and the website continues to be the source for information and updates on all things Hogback.

In addition to ESH volunteer work days, special projects included clearing and trimming work around the lower Bishop Cellar Hole, and the Black Friday Ski Trail Clearing Day after Thanksgiving. Regular trail work has included clearing deadfall, trimming back brush, finishing opening up the Cross Mountain Trail, installing signposts, map brochure boxes on kiosks, investigate possible new routes/trails, etc...

All in all, a busy productive season, ending w/a New Year’s Eve hike, followed by a New Year’s day one the next. With more participation, we could do even more.

HOUSING REHABILITATION COMMITTEE **Halifax-Marlboro-Whitingham**

The Housing Rehabilitation Committee, a consortium of our three towns, continues to distribute funds through low-interest loans to income-eligible residents for a variety of rehabilitation projects, ranging from septic and well installations, heating, and roofing, to plumbing and electrical repairs and upgrades. The Committee has served sixteen clients this year, with current loans amounting to \$147,922.00. Funds available for new loans to income-eligible applicants are \$194,596.00

Our Committee is one of the few in Vermont that remain active and self-sufficient in the administration of funds recycling from repaid loans. The Committee has funds to lend and invites the residents of our three towns who may have a rehabilitation project to apply to see if they meet eligibility guidelines. Please contact

us through any of the Committee members listed below. Applications are also available from the three Town Clerks.

While we continue to mourn the loss of our friend and colleague, Richard Coutant, we are very pleased to welcome another old friend, Robert Fisher, Jr. as our new attorney to act on our behalf when legal matters arise. We greatly appreciate Attorney Fisher's knowledge of our communities and his willingness to serve *pro bono*.

We want to express our thanks to the various town officials, especially the Town Clerks, Almira Aekus in Whitingham, Patty Dow in Halifax, and Forrest Holzapfel in Marlboro. Almira has been indispensable in assisting Linda with mortgage closings and discharges. We also want to express our appreciation for the community support extended to us over the years.

Andy Rice, Chair 257-7982 Al Dacey 257-5879 Don McKinley 368-2376

T. Hunter Wilson 464-5129 Patty Webster 464-8153 Linda Donaghue 368-2313

MARLBORO ALLIANCE

As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, The Marlboro Alliance mission is to support, nurture and enrich the Marlboro community. The Alliance raises funds to provide direct grants to individuals as well as to provide funds to organizations providing services to the Marlboro Community.

In 2016, with your support of our events and fundraising efforts, the Alliance was able to give approximately \$35,000 to organizations and individuals supporting the Marlboro community. In addition to events, like the annual scholarship appeal, January Thaw Book Swap, Town Meeting Pot Luck, Summer Sale, etc; three of our larger projects in 2016 were electrical upgrades and stone entrance replacement for the Town House, the successful Summer Library Program, and helping with the Meeting House building insulation project for the Meeting House Preschool.

We start 2017 with a board of directors dedicated to continuing the efforts of supporting the Marlboro community. Our directors are: Gussie Bartlett, Lucy Gratwick, Michelle Holzapfel, Lynna Jackson, Gail MacArthur, Francie Marbury (President), Edie Mas, Jennifer Mazur, Meg McCarthy, Lisa Merton, Carla Meskill (Secretary), Polli Moryl (Treasurer), Lauren Poster, Andy Reichsman, and Felicia Tober

The Marlboro Alliance may be reached by us postal mail at:
Marlboro Alliance, PO Box 165, Marlboro, VT, 05344

You may also contact The Marlboro Alliance with email:
MarlboroAlliance@gmail.com

And the web at: <http://www.marlbوروalliance.com/>

Town House Improvements

According to Newton's *History of Marlborough* this "commodious building of good size" was built by the Town in 1822 "for the transaction of public business." Timbers and boards from the first Meeting House were incorporated into the structure.

Beginning in 1892, it was used as the Town Clerk's office. It was originally located across South Road and was moved to its present location in 1966. It has served as the site for our annual Town Meetings and as the Polling Place for local, state and general elections.

It has been the venue for the Marlboro Alliance's main fundraiser, the Summer Sale, as well as the January Book-Swap and November Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. It is the site of the annual meeting of the Marlboro Historical Society and the Marlboro Elementary School's Junior High Consortium. It has been a venue for community meetings, and musical and theatrical performances.

In 2016, an ad hoc committee of concerned citizens requested a \$20,000 grant from the Marlboro Alliance for improvements to the Town House. The project also received the consent and approval of the Marlboro Select Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator.

To date, the electrical service has been updated and several outlets added. The original stone steps and retaining walls have been rebuilt for greater attractiveness, comfort and safety. Railings should be in place by Town Meeting Day. In the spring, fresh topsoil will be added to the beds and lawn areas. The civic-minded will be encouraged to donate plants and help complete the landscaping in the Spring of 2017.

The Committee wishes to thank the Marlboro Alliance for its generous support of these efforts.

Bob & Nancy Anderson, Lucy Gratwick, David & Michelle Holzapfel, Staley McDermet

MARLBORO CARES

Marlboro Cares is a non-profit, volunteer organization providing no-cost, non-emergency assistance to Marlboro residents. We have a nine-member volunteer board of directors and a pool of 60 wonderful volunteers.

Access to our services is via our call-forwarding telephone service (258-3030), which is monitored daily. Marlboro Cares was more active than ever in 2016. We answered 457 calls (compared to 127 in 2015) and assisted 34 different residents for non-emergency assistance, such as transportation, errands, information, companionship, and simple chores. Referrals were given to needed social services and for in-home care givers, equipment, and for handyman-type chores. Our volunteers provided 175 rides to residents this year (80 in 2015), driving over a record 5,852 miles. Regular check-ins and visits for our elder residents are provided, as requested. Meal Trains and meals were provided to 6 residents and their families following surgery, an illness, or the birth of a child. We thank the many volunteers who cooked and delivered over 90 meals, often more than one and to more than one recipient.

Our Senior Lunches continue to be popular social events. Over 50 different residents participated in 2016, many of them regularly. The monthly lunches take place at Marlboro College at 11:30 on the first Friday of

the month for a donation of \$3.00. These are fun gatherings, at which delicious food and good conversation abound. There is usually an invited speaker or musical group to entertain and enlighten us at each lunch. Our thanks to the fabulous speakers/musicians from 2016: Forrest Holzapfel, Kevin Quigley, Augusta Bartlett, Georgie Runkle, Val Mindel and Mike Miller, Bob Engel, Carol Hendrickson, and Jean Boardman. A special thanks also to Benjamin Newcomb, director of Food Services at Marlboro College, who couldn't be more welcoming and wonderful.

The lunch dates for the remainder of 2016-17 academic year are April 7th and May 5th. All Marlboro seniors are welcome, with transportation provided on request. Due to the growing popularity, reservations are necessary to insure that there will be enough food and chairs. Please call 258-3030 to let us know you plan to attend by the Monday evening before the lunch. Also, we ask that if you make a reservation and find you cannot attend, please call us so that your place may be given to someone on the Waiting List.

Marlboro Cares provided Memorial gifts to honor our 6 citizens who died this past year. Ten new babies were welcomed to town with a gift certificate to Carters. In December, we delivered Holiday Baskets to 18 of our most senior residents or to those who were mourning the recent loss of a loved one or who were suffering a serious illness. If we over-looked anyone, please let us know.

Marlboro Cares continued its semi-annual lecture series in the Spring with William Edelglass, who spoke on The Genealogy of Happiness. This lecture was co-sponsored with the Vermont Humanities Council. Two talks related to self-care for the elderly and to preparing to care for an older loved one are being planned for Spring, 2017. In October, Marlboro Cares again brought a Flu Clinic to town with the help of the Vt-NH Visiting Nurses and Hospice. Eleven residents received their flu shots. The Strong Living Exercise Group and Tai Chi classes, both begun with Marlboro Cares support, are ongoing. Marlboro Cares has a regular information article in the Mixer.

Marlboro Cares is a member of the Marlboro Alliance, which is our Federal non-profit umbrella organization. Marlboro Cares is represented on the Board of Directors of the Alliance and on the Emergency Shelter and Marlboro Assistance Fund committees. We are also affiliated with the regional Windham County Cares Network and are associated with Senior Solutions (formerly the Council on Aging). Our funding comes from a Senior Solutions Transportation grant, as well as grants from Marlboro Town Meeting and the Marlboro Alliance. We are also thankful for the generous tax-deductible donations received this year from residents and their families.

The Board of Directors would like to publicly thank our dedicated volunteers. In addition to the board of directors, they are: Bob & Nancy Anderson, Bobbi Angell, Laura Berkowitz, Fred Bisbee, Jean Boardman, Jeff & Michelle Bower, Michael Boylen, Barbara and Bruce Cole, Ellen Dudley, Bob Engel, Lucy Gratwick, Mary Greene, Craig Hammond, Forrest Holzapfel, Michelle Holzapfel, Andra Horton, Andrea Howe, Jill Hulme, Carol Ann & Peter Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, Susan Kunhardt, Gail MacArthur, Edie Mas, Andrea Matthews, Joe Mazur, Staley McDermet, Carla Meskill, Mike Miller, Malcolm Moore, Susan O'Hara, Linda Peters, Bradley and Lauren Poster, Kate Ratcliff, Kelly Salasin, Mary Sargent, Celia Segar, Ede Thomas, Peggy Tiffany, Felicia & Jim Tober, Liz Vick, Nancy Waring, Cherie Watson, Kent Webster, T. Wilson, and Marjorie Wright. Many other community members kindly made a meal for someone this year.

Three important people, our founding President, Sally Andrews, founding board member Bruce Cole, and Bob Engel stepped down from the Board of Directors of Marlboro Cares this year. Marlboro Cares extends its deep gratitude and appreciation to them for their years of service to the town of Marlboro. Current Board members are: Augusta Bartlett, Carol Hendrickson, Emily Kunreuther, Jennifer Mazur (President), Beth McDermet (Treasurer), Julianne Mills, Joe Prignano, Patty Webster, and Nora Wilson (Secretary). Ann Bartlett is our medical consultant. The telephone number for our assistance, to volunteer, to attend a lunch or for questions is 258-3030. Leave a message and someone will return your call within 24 hours.

MARLBORO MIXER TOWN NEWSLETTER

The Marlboro Mixer is a free bimonthly newsletter for the town of Marlboro that acts as a calendar for local meetings and events; lists classifieds and services; provides information about town and school officials work; shares non-fiction pieces about local ecology, agriculture, history, and people profiles. Residents are encouraged to contribute pieces of writing and service listings to "The Mixer".

The newsletter is mailed to all Marlboro town residents free of charge and is also available in email form. The newsletter is available at the Town Office and the Marlboro College Bookstore, as well. Funding for this publication is provided by the town of Marlboro. A budget is available on request.

To subscribe to the Mixer or send a submission, please write to:
Meg McCarthy, PO Box 1768, Brattleboro, VT 05302
meg@megmccarthy.com

SPACE FOR NOTES

MARLBORO FAIR

This year, the 34th Marlboro Community Fair moved to the third Saturday in September. Our theme was “Birds of a Feather”. We lucked out with gorgeous weather. Attendance was approximately the same as previous years with just over 400 people attending. Thanks to funding from the Marlboro Alliance, we did see an increase in student participation. The Alliance agreed to pay the entry fee for any student who participated in the Fair by either working or exhibiting.

Our expenses this year were \$4738.73, our gross was \$4408.50 for a net loss of \$330.23. Our major expense is tents which cost \$2915. We are working on ways to reduce the number of tents or the size and are brainstorming ideas to entice more people to attend. We were so close to covering the cost of the tents with the Gate. If we could get more people to attend it would make a huge difference. Please send ideas to Fair Committee members or marlborofair@gmail.com.

Gate receipts	2686.50
Student gate paid by MAAC	120
Bake Sale	183
Beverage sales	127
Tea Tent	310
Raffle	169
Donation	105
MAAC reimbursement for Community Tent	325
Javed's food	383
TOTAL INCOME	4408.50

Many thanks go to those who donated time, money, baked goods and exhibits! Special thanks to Dan and Gary MacArthur who have donated the sound system since 2006, The Tea Tent and Javed Chaudhri for donating their profits, Marlboro Alliance for funding the Community Tent, Mike Clough for setting up and running the Bike Rodeo, and to all the members of our community who help to make the Fair a wonderful community event each year. Thanks also go to the growing number of artisans who participate in Artisans Alley! We are always looking for new Fair Committee members, so please contact us to join or volunteer some time!

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Tiffany, Marlboro Community Fair Co-Chair
Fair Committee Members

Fred Bisbee, Jeff Bower, Co-Chair

Amanda Matt, Eric Matt, Andrea Matthews (Now emeritus)

Wylie Carlisle, Brian McNiece, Arlene Hanson – emeritus treasurer, Brian Whitehouse

MARLBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thank you to all the Trustees whose generous donation of time carries our Historical Society forward, and thank you to all townspeople who participate in our programs and offer financial support through dues & donations. We can't continue our work without you ! Our purpose is to preserve Marlboro history and promote its understanding, through summer programs and through the objects and documents at the Newton House museum. Please visit our website at digitalmarlboro.omeka.net to enjoy some of the 1,200 photographs from our archives.

Our 2016 began at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds as we brought our history on the road, up to the Vermont History Expo. Our exhibit of word and image was entitled "Watersheds & Millseats" inspired from the following excerpt from the Marlboro town history, written in the 1860's by Rev. E.H. Newton who poetically explains:

"...it is said to be a remarkable fact that not a stream of water of sufficient size to fill a goose quill runs into town...."

The summer program began with the Ice Cream Social on July 3rd, and a good crowd showed up for great homemade ice cream by Donald Sherefkin and conversation under the sugar maples. On July 14th the Annual Meeting was held at the Town House with local author Deborah Lee Luskin of Williamsville presenting a slide talk entitled "1964: A Watershed Year in Vermont's Political (and Cultural) History" which drew extensively from her research for her novel "Into the Wilderness". The political echoes from 1964 were certainly heard in the political landscape of the summer.

On July 16th Forrest Holzapfel led a group on a walk to the site of a hillside millseat on Fisher Brook, way up above the Augur Hole Valley. The mill was upstream from the remains of the homestead belonging to Alfred S. Worden and his cider brandy distillery. July 30th saw Malcolm Moore lead a walk down the Whitaker Farm Road, which was a more direct route to Newfane at one time. Marcia Hamilton led a group on August 6th to Adams Crossroad and its cemetery and shared her extensive genealogical knowledge of all the Marlboro families interred there. Liz Vick brought a group along the Old Turnpike Road on August 13th, which in the early 19th century was not a town road, but a privately owned turnpike between Brattleboro and Bennington. And on August 20th Archivist Dan Dennis gave a small workshop on genealogy basics, from what websites to use to conduct research, and the pitfalls of trying to fit family histories together. We will continue these excellent walks to new venues in the coming summer, and encourage townspeople to share their knowledge of historical locations in Marlboro with us.

Trustees: Jim Tober, Jean Boardman, Marcia Hamilton, Malcolm Moore, Liz Vick, & Staley McDermet

House Chairperson and Honorary Trustee: Gussie Bartlett

Treasurer : Jill Golden, Archivist: Dan Dennis, Vice President: Donald Sherefkin

President: Forrest Holzapfel

Honorary Trustees: Esther Fielding, Richard Hamilton, Fran Nevins and Polly Wilson

MARLBORO MEETING HOUSE

The first meeting house was built for religious worship around 1778 up on Town Hill. In 1819 there was a gale of wind that blew off a piece of the roof. Residents erected a second building in 1820 not so high on the hilltop. In 1844 it was moved down the hill to the present location where it stood until June 28, 1931 when it was destroyed by fire. A new meeting house was built in 1932 where it stands to this day in its 86th year. The Town House was erected in 1822 for the transaction of public business. It was constructed principally of the timbers and boards of the old meeting house. – Primarily From Newton's History of Marlborough

Religious services occur every summer for 10 weeks and once a month in the fall ending with the Christmas Candle Light Service of Lessons and Carols. Several times a year the meeting house organizes fundraisers including the popular Community Potluck Supper and Raffle in June. There is community participation and opportunity to raise funds to maintain the facility for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Marlboro Meeting House is a 501(c)(3) organization and is grateful to receive generous tax deductible donations from many full-time residents, second home owners and friends near and far.

During 2016 there was a memorial service, a Bat Mitzvah, a wedding and meditation sessions. The Marlboro Alliance organized the Annual Summer Sale held in July at the meeting house and the Town House. The Alliance also hosted the Town Meeting potluck lunch. Groups and individuals continue to find the Marlboro Meeting House a resource for their public and private functions.

The building has been used for more than 40 years as the home of Meeting House School. The school hosted the annual Mud Fling in February. During 2016 new insulation was blown in the wall, ceiling and floor of the first floor classroom, bathroom, kitchen and cellar.

Considerable repairs were made to the roofing and shingles. A service call for a new battery and remote control mechanism repairs were made to the chair lift along the left stairway.

The contact person for all uses of the building, or for the use of chairs and tables, is Marcia Hamilton. (m8rcia@gmail.com; 802 490-0347)

Marcia Hamilton, Clerk, Treasurer

MARLBORO PLANNING COMMISSION

This has been a busy year for the Planning Commission, to bring the final version of the town's revised Zoning ByLaws to public vote. The Planning Commission continued to meet every two weeks during the year to complete its revisions.

We are currently in the stage of public review and comment. Well-attended Town-wide reviews were held January 12, 26, and February 9th. Many comments were received, the Commission made relevant revisions, and held the first Public Hearing on December 6th.

Thanks to all for the great participation and comments in these meetings. The latest draft of the Zoning ByLaws is currently on the Town's website, and the next Public Hearing to review changes made will be held February 14th. Summary information was sent out in the Marlboro Mixer January-February 2017 and there are continuing posts on the Front Porch Forum. The Planning Commission now also has an email address, marlboroplanning@gmail.com, and welcomes any questions or comments.

All draft Zoning Bylaw revisions need to be reviewed carefully by everyone in the Town as many changes are being proposed that will affect landowners. The Planning Commission welcomes all to any of our meetings, held on the second Tuesdays at 5 pm in the Town offices. After the current hearings, the Planning Commission will present the draft Zoning ByLaws to the Select Board, who will hold its own hearing with potential revisions. When all the comments and questions have been answered, the final proposed Zoning ByLaws will be voted on by the whole Town before it goes into effect.

Edie Mas currently represents Marlboro at the Windham Planning Commission meetings, and have been active in committee work, regional workshops, and review of other Town Plans. Bennett Grout serves as an alternate on the Development Review Board.

Planning Commission

Matt Tell, Chair, Staley McDermet, Vice-Chair, Edie Mas, Secretary
Patti Smith, Bennett Grout, Tim Segar

THE MARLBORO SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Marlboro School Association's purpose is to enrich the education of our town's current and future elementary students by establishing a permanent source of additional funding "beyond that which can fairly and reasonably be raised through local and state taxes" for Marlboro Elementary School equipment, projects and programs. Normally, only the Association's income is distributed, though we also consider donations for specific projects. Gifts to the 501(c)(3) Association are tax deductible, as allowed by law.

The Marlboro School Association raised a record \$14,842 from our 21st annual appeal. Since we were founded in 1994 *we have provided over \$96,000 to support the children at the Marlboro Elementary School.* Thank you for making this possible!

We want to thank all of the town members, grandparents, and Marlboro School Alumni who have contributed to this year's appeal, which has raised \$11,165 to date. Your tax-deductible contribution can be sent to PO Box 213—*there's still time to contribute!*—and your donation will be recognized in the next annual appeal.

Last year the Association provided funding for basketball post renovation, a carpet cleaner, a projector, Forest Kindergarten weatherproof gloves, bird feeders, technology for all students, a Spiralizer that turns veggies into pasta, audio books, musical instrument rental, and Field Research.

This year, we provided funding for construction of the Compost Center (aka the "Compost Palace"), and plan to provide funding for Field Research.

If you are interested in serving on our board or would like more information regarding the Marlboro School Association, please contact one of the current board members.

Jen Carr, Bruce Cole, Sara Kazemi, Douglas Korb, Francie Marbury, Lauren Poster, Kate Purdie, Adrian Segar

SELECT BOARD

Patti Smith was elected to the board. The board, with Pieter van Loon, and Tyler Gibbons, elected Tyler Gibbons Chair and Pieter van Loon Vice-Chair in March, 2016.

The speed limit in front of the Marlboro Elementary School was reduced to 40 mph after more than 30 years of repeated attempts by the Town to have the State Agency of Transportation take action. During the year efforts were increased with the help of Sue Burt, involved resident, Francie Marbury, Principal and the following State legislators: Representative, Emily Long; Representative, Molly Burke (House Committee on Transportation), and Senator Becca Balint.

The board worked with Alyssa Sabetto, Senior Planner at Windham Regional Commission to update the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. A tracking tool is in place to monitor progress annually. To remain compliant, the Plan will have to be updated by November 29, 2021. With this Plan approval, the Town of Marlboro is eligible to apply to the Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for mitigation grants administered by FEMA.

The board approved the Local Emergency Operations Plan updated by Mike Andreotta, Emergency Management Director. Please visit the Town website for more information on Emergency Management.

The Town was awarded a grant for \$226,476.86 from the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation to pave South Road.

The board, with extensive help from select board assistant, Marcia Hamilton, adopted an Amendment to the Marlboro Traffic Ordinance which allows the Town to receive a percentage of fines collected by the State for traffic violations that occur on Route 9 in Marlboro. Before the amendment took effect in July, the Town received a percentage of fines for traffic violations only on Town roads.

The select board hosted a meeting with the Commander of the Westminster barracks of the Vermont State Police to discuss the high number of burglaries that have occurred in Marlboro during the year.

The Marlboro Connectivity Committee formed and has held several meetings regarding present connectivity and the future of reliable, high-speed internet for Marlboro. The goals of this group are to help get everyone in town connected to affordable high-speed service and to facilitate a process to bring a high speed service to town that will be a long-term solution. Anyone with interest is welcome to join; please contact the current chair, Ty Gibbons, at tgselectboard@gmail.com for more information.

In anticipation of the 200th Anniversary of the Town House in 2022, the select board lent its support to the Marlboro Alliance in addressing the restoration needs of the building.

The public is always welcome to attend Select Board meetings and we value your input. There is always a ten minute period for unscheduled open public comment at the beginning of every meeting. You may contact the Select Board by email at marlboroselectboard@gmail.com or by post at Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344.

Marlboro Select Board: Tyler Gibbons, Chair; Pieter van Loon, Vice Chair; Patti Smith

MEETING HOUSE SCHOOL

Meeting House School, located in the Marlboro Meeting House Church, is a non-profit preschool program established by a Marlboro parent and teacher in 1973 for children in the Marlboro area. The school operates during the school year from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Three days a week the school also offers an Aftercare Program that runs from 12:30 to 3:00.

Director and head teacher Patti Donnelly and assistant teacher Gemma Ollis do an amazing job of designing and implementing an age-appropriate and activity-based curriculum for the preschool. The school fosters positive social interactions among children and presents themes which are relevant to the children's experiences, such as apple picking and making applesauce in the fall, festivals of light and gift making and giving in December, and sugaring and planting seeds in the spring. Outdoor play, walks, sledding and exploration are part of everyday fun! With the help of Shelley, our whole foods cook, the Meeting House School provides a healthy snack and a hot lunch every day. The children enjoy helping by cutting up veggies, setting the table and washing their own dishes. We are fortunate to also have two Marlboro residents volunteering to enrich the program in other ways: Ede Thomas comes twice a month to teach music, and ten-year-old Sapphire Chambers come weekly to assist with class activities.

This year there are 15 children ages 3-5 enrolled at the Meeting House School. Nine are Marlboro residents, three live in Brattleboro and three in Halifax. All but one of these families received Collaborative Funds, tax money from the Vermont Department of Education that is distributed to early childhood programs through local school districts. The Collaborative program pays for 10 hours of preschool per week for families who apply for it in the spring for the following fall. The Meeting House School Board and parents hold fundraisers throughout the year in order to meet expenses and to provide partial scholarships for families who need tuition assistance. For enrollment information or to schedule a visit, please call Patti at home at 257-9929 or the school at 257-0801.

Meeting House School also sponsors a free playgroup for infants and toddlers accompanied by a parent or guardian. Playgroup is open from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday mornings in the school classroom. All are welcome! Contact Jesse Einermann for more information: jesse.einermann@gmail.com.

The Meeting House School Trustees are: Lauren MacArthur and Kirstin Edelglass (Co-Presidents), Jesse Einermann (Treasurer), Gretchen Webber, Robin MacArthur, Gussy Bartlett, Nelli Sargsyan, Julie Sweethill, Mae Star Salinsky, and Elle James.

The school is grateful to the Meeting House Church for sharing their beautiful space on the first floor and to all the townspeople who support Meeting House School fundraisers so generously. Finally, a huge thanks to the staff, Board and parents for their tireless, dedicated, and inspiring work to make our wonderful little preschool a success!

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The year of 2016 was a busy one, marked by federal, state and local elections. Town Meeting was rather dramatic, with a last hour write-in candidate winning the Select Board seat amid confusion and friction outside the polling place. The August Primary and General Elections were rather smooth by comparison, with a solid 79% of Marlboro voters casting their ballots for the November Presidential Election. A record-breaking 235 people voted by early/absentee ballot.

Also in Elections, new this year from the State was the "Online Voter Registration Tool" which allows all eligible Vermonters to submit their voter registration application online anytime and anywhere they can access the internet at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>. Also new is the "My Voter Page," <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/> the online resource that allows every registered voter to login and have access to a unique, voter-specific web page where they can request an absentee ballot, track its status, update their voter registration record, find their polling place, and view a sample ballot. The year 2017 will see an election law change with same day voter registration coming into effect on the first of January.

The Land Record books have gotten quite a bit of use this year, with almost 200 documents processed for recording in the Land Records, equaling over 900 pages. Fees received for the year exceeded \$14,000. We now have the Index to the Land Records back to 2013 available to search using a small laptop computer called a Chromebook. So the Index is digital, but for our small town, keeping the record books on paper is the best fit.

The number of dogs licensed remained at 193 canines registered. **Please license your dog if it is unregistered.** A current rabies certificate, signed by your dog's veterinarian, is required in order to be issued a license. A dog displaying a current Marlboro dog tag is easy to return to its owner should it be found running free by calling the Town Clerk or Animal Control Officer. All people approaching a licensed animal knows that it has been vaccinated against rabies, which is a great help to everyone when your animal is found roaming, as dogs can do from time to time.

There was a small boom in Marlboro this year, with 12 babies born throughout town. There were 5 marriages and 8 deaths.

My thanks to Julia von Ranson for her diligent work as Assistant Town Clerk these last few years, as she has now moved on to another job. Evan Wyse is the new Assistant Town Clerk, and is jumping right into recording the various documents that arrive in the office. I continue to enjoy helping the people of Marlboro and the general public with a wide range of issues related to town information and our records.

**VITAL RECORDS
2016**

BIRTHS

Date	Name	Parents
December 2, 2015	Raymond Michael-Remmington Smith	Monica V. Covey Michael R. Smith
February 28, 2016	Ophelia Gray Milliken-Williams	Katelyn E. Milliken Ryan C. Williams
April 12, 2016	Marcus Craig Honeycutt	Kristy S. Honeycutt Damon S. Honeycutt
April 15, 2016	Alberta Lewis Holmes-Burns	Bonnie E. Holmes Joshua P. Burns
May 24, 2016	Isaac Scott Etter	Julia M. Etter David B. Ward
June 6, 2016	Kylie Rose Turner	Naomi D. Pellerin Tyler R. Turner
June 20, 2016	Emerson Bradley Belanger	Leah M. Murdock Matthew K. Belanger
June 21, 2016	Keith Lester-Alan Young	Michelle M. Roberts Alan K. Young
July 6, 2016	Jack Wyatt Kermenski	Sara K. Kermenski Wayne R. Kermenski
July 6, 2016	Levi Aleksander Kermenski	Sara K. Kermenski Wayne R. Kermenski
August 3, 2016	Robin Alexander Matt	Amanda R. Prescott Eric H. Matt
October 15, 2016 Shane L. Kennett	Lyla Penelope Kennett	Victoria Elizabeth Kissell

DEATHS

Date	Name	Residence
December 31, 2015	Adele Moskovitz	New York
January 10, 2016	Virginia Ida Osman	Brattleboro
March 7, 2016	Elizabeth Ann Milligan	Marlboro
March 7, 2016	Laura Jean Milligan	Marlboro
April 15, 2016	John Armand Marinaro	Marlboro
May 25, 2016	Luis Cesar Batlle	Marlboro
June 24, 2016	Bernard Greenwood, Jr.	Marlboro
October 3, 2016	James Patrick Page Teta	New York
January 4, 2017	John Wood MacArthur	Marlboro

MARRIAGES

Date	Names	Residence
June 12, 2016	Michelle Mae Roberts Alan Keith Young	Marlboro Marlboro
July 9, 2016	Heather Anne Phinney Curtis Ray Machir	Connecticut Connecticut
August 20, 2016	Candace Jean Brooks Aaron Christopher Johnson	Connecticut Connecticut
October 1, 2016	Morgan Levi Bills Melinda-Joy Whitney Lundsted	Montana Montana
November 14, 2016	Nickolas MacIntyre Shakespeare Rebecca Brevard Bonardi	New York New York

MARLBORO TOWN WEBSITE

<http://marlborovt.us>.

The Select Board policy regarding the purpose of the Town Website states it is to provide information about Town government, services, and attractions.

The select board designates the Town Website the official website of the Town at the first select board meeting after Town Meeting. The Open Meeting Law was revised by the Legislature effective July 1, 2016.

The Open Meeting Law provides that “[a]ll meetings of a public body are declared to be open to the public at all times, except as provided in section 313 of this title [on executive sessions].”

1 V.S.A. § 312(a). The intent of the law is to create transparency in government by requiring advance public notice and an opportunity for public participation in governmental decisions. The law is found in 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314.

Agendas must be posted 48 hours in advance of a regular meeting and 24 hours in advance of a special meeting in the following ways: physically posted in or near the municipal office; (2) physically posted in at least two other public places in town that have been designated for posting; (3) posted electronically to a website, if one exists, that is maintained or has been designated as the official website. 1 V.S.A. § 312(d).

Five calendar days after the meeting minutes must be available for inspection and copying and must be posted to a website that is maintained or has been designated as the official website. 1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(2)

The Town Website is a comprehensive resource for the municipal directory, boards and commissions, minutes, calendars, agendas and documents.

Please contact the Content Manager, Marcia Hamilton for questions or to post documents or information. (Email m8rcia@gmail.com; Phone 802 490-0347). Please contact Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk, regarding forms and procedures relating to elections, zoning applications, marriage licenses and vital records.

Marcia Hamilton, Content Manager

**MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, Inc. (MVFC)
2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

Marlboro Volunteer Firefighters answered 117 calls this year, up slightly from last year. We welcomed one new firefighter: Will Lowell, whom moved to the area with experience and FFII credentials, welcome Will.

2016 calls went as follows:

Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	18
Alarm Sounding.....	22
Structure Fire.....	02
Chimney Fire.....	03
Cooking Fire Confined to Kitchen.....	01
Brush Fire.....	02
Pole and/or Wires Down.....	09
Service Call/Good Intent Call.....	06
Mutual Aid Given.....	06
Medical Calls.....	46
Hazardous condition.....	02

I would like to thank all the Firefighters and their families for all their time and everything they do to help their neighbors. The roster stands as follows:

David Elliott C1*	Jason MacArthur 04	Daniel GarciaGalili RC2 *
Raif Southworth C2	Tony Gordon	Thorin MacArthur*
Allan McLane 01*	Jesse Hamilton	Morgan Broadfoot*
Daniel Elliott 02	Will Lowell	Adam Katrick*
Lisa Hecht 03*	Allison Turner RC1*	*Trained medical responder

The MVFC's rescue squad responded to forty-six medical calls, up from last year. We have worked with ambulance crews from Rescue Inc. and Deerfield Valley Rescue this year.

We are always looking for volunteers for both EMS and fire. Even if you don't think you have the time, you might be surprised at how much you can help out with just a little bit of training. Feel free to give me a call 464-8626 or e-mail me, and I would be glad to answer questions about what being a volunteer entails. Fire Drills are second and fourth Wednesdays and Medical Drills are the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm everyone is welcome to come by and see what we are doing!

David W. Elliott
Fire Chief
marlborovtfirechief@gmail.com
802-464-8626

MARLBORO ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The following Permit applications were submitted in 2016:

New Single Family Dwelling: 3
Additions to Existing Dwelling: 5
Accessory Building: 13
Land Division: 1
Boundary Line Adjustment: 1
Change of Use: 4
Conditional Use: 0
Variance: 1
Site Plan Amendment: 1
Sign: 1
Other: 2

Whether you are planning to build a new structure or to make minor alterations to an existing building, you should contact the Town Office to see if a permit is required. The Zoning Administrator must act on every permit within 30 days of receipt of a *complete* application; once the permit is approved there is a 15-day posting period during which it may be appealed. Only after all this has been completed is the permit in effect, and the applicant allowed to begin construction. **IT IS ADVISABLE TO APPLY FOR PERMITS AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE YOU WANT TO START A PROJECT.** There is a penalty for failing to obtain a valid permit before work begins on any project.

It is important to remember that the Zoning Regulations are voted on by Residents to maintain the quality of life in our Town, not to annoy you, the homeowner. Every effort is made to apply these Regulations fairly and equitably to each application submitted, to ensure that we are all playing by the same rules. If you have any questions, please contact the Zoning Administrator, who is here to help and guide you through the permitting process. If you have suggestions for improving these Regulations, the Planning Commission welcomes input from the public at their regular meeting on the second Tuesday of each month.

Mary Sargent

**OFFICERS WHOSE SERVICES WERE NOT REQUESTED
OR WHO DID NOT SUBMIT A REPORT**

Animal Control Officer, Conservation Commission, E-911 Coordinator, Fire Wardens, Health Officer, Inspector of Wood, Marlboro Center Park, Marlboro Energy Committee, Town Communication Coordinator, Tree Warden, Town Agent, Grand Juror, Weigher of Coal.

DEERFIELD VALLEY RESCUE

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 20 volunteers, three full time paid staff and part time paid seasonal attendants. DVR has responded to 811 calls as of December 10th 2016 of which 19 were in the town of Marlboro.

We would like to see all employers encourage workers to become members of Deerfield Valley Rescue and then make every effort to make the employee available to respond to emergency calls when practical.

Although we frequently work closely with the Fire and Police departments, we are a completely independent organization. We would like to thank Marlboro Fire, Marlboro First Responders and Marlboro Highway crew for the all the help they provide us throughout the year.

It would not be possible for DVR to operate without the continued personal support from the community. The annual subscription drive continues to be a large source of our funding. In addition to raising funds for our daily operation, we are always striving to improve our services and upgrade equipment. If you have not sent your subscription please do so and please consider making an additional donation towards this goal.

DVR is always looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of others. Potential members can sign up for our ride along program @ dvrescue.org. Anyone interested in joining this vital community service can contact our office at 464-5557 or stop by for a visit at 34 Route 100 South in Wilmington.

Once again, we would like to thank all those who have supported us through the years. Our membership looks forward to another year of committed service to the residents of our community and the visitors to our area.

FRONT PORCH FORUM

Local Talk on Front Porch Forum

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. More than half of Vermont households participate with hundreds more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors, organize local projects, share crime reports, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont. Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>

As one of our FPF members posted to her neighbors yesterday:

"Town Meeting is coming. Attend selectboard meetings. Be informed. Participate."

We couldn't agree more, and we're here to help!

Thank you and best wishes in the New Year. -Michael

Michael Wood-Lewis, co-founder, FrontPorchForum.com, 802-540-0069

Helping neighbors connect and build community.

THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that has proudly served the elders and adults with disabilities residents of Windham County since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- nursing oversight
- access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- daily exercise program
- recreation and social activities
- nutritious meals and snacks
- personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)
- outreach services
- companionship
- special events
- access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments

For questions, additional information or to schedule a tour please contact TGP at 802-254-6559, email info@gatheringplacevt.org or visit us on the web at <https://gatheringplacevt.org>.

GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL

Grace Cottage Family Health and Hospital

"Grace Cottage provides expert care with a friendly feeling." Janet & Guy Nido, Wilmington, VT

Since 1949, Grace Cottage has existed for one purpose: to serve the health care needs of our rural community with competence and compassion. At Grace Cottage, our mission is to relieve suffering, restore health, and promote wellness.

Grace Cottage Family Health offers expanded hours for the convenience of those who choose to use Grace Cottage for their primary care, as over 7,000 residents of Windham County currently do. Primary care for your family, including physicals and wellness visits, chronic disease management, pediatrics, podiatry, urology, and mental health services are provided on a daily basis, and most of our 14 providers are accepting new patients.

Three years ago, through the Vermont Blueprint for Health Initiative, we created a **Community Health Team** at Grace Cottage Family Health. In 2015, we secured private funding to greatly expand this department, which offers valuable, **free** services to area residents, such as nutrition and lifestyle education, short-term mental health and substance abuse assessment, assistance with applying for health insurance and connecting to community resources, and more.

Grace Cottage's **Rehabilitation Department** continues to offer exceptional care to both hospital patients and outpatients with sixteen physical, occupational, and speech therapists. New services include lymphedema therapy and pediatric rehabilitation.

Grace Cottage Hospital is comprised of a 19-bed inpatient facility for acute and rehabilitative care, a 24-hour Emergency Department, a palliative care suite, and laboratory and diagnostic imaging departments. Thanks to donations made in 2016, a new room and an ultrasound with a cardiac probe were added to the Emergency Department.

Grace Cottage is committed to promoting wellness in the region and encourages residents to take advantage of our low-cost or free classes and events. Weekly classes such as yoga and Strong Bones are held in the beautiful and serene **Community Wellness Center**. Programs such as Driver Safety and various support groups are held throughout the year; more information is at www.gracecottage.org

Messenger Valley Pharmacy, owned by Grace Cottage, continues to provide convenient prescription fulfillment with expert advice. We fill orders from any provider, including veterinarians. Many over-the-counter items, gifts and cards are also available.

Private donations and town appropriations enable us to provide the best possible care for our region. On behalf of all of the patients that we serve, **thank you for your support.** You help to make Grace Cottage the special place that it is.

FY 2016, by the numbers:

25,242: Patient visits to Grace Cottage Family Health
3,868: Patient days in hospital
2,982: Emergency Dept. visits
6,429: Outpatient Rehab visits
1,816: Diagnostic Imaging visits
2,554: Community Health Team visits
57,220: Prescriptions filled
3,692: Visits to Wellness classes and events
2,003: Individual donations to Grace Cottage

Grace Cottage is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization.

185 Grafton Road, Townshend, VT 05353. -- 802-365-7357 -- www.gracecottage.org

HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY16, HCRS provided 2,180 hours of services to 15 residents of the Town of Marlboro. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Marlboro.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis, Chief Executive Officer, at (802) 886-4500.

MARLBORO MUSIC

2017 SEASON

The 2017 Marlboro Music concert season will take place from July 15-August 13, 2017 on the campus of Marlboro College. Public concerts will be presented on Saturday evenings at 8 pm and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm, and on Friday evenings, August 4 and August 11, at 8 pm. The August 4 concert will be the annual Town Benefit Concert in the Marlboro College Dining Hall, with all proceeds benefiting local non-profits.

In addition to the public concerts, town residents are encouraged to join us throughout the week for open rehearsals in Persons Auditorium. Admission is free, with rehearsal schedules announced at the beginning of each week.

SENIOR SOLUTIONS

Senior Solutions – Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont

This is a summary of services provided to Marlboro in the last year (7/1/2015-6/30/2016).

Information and Assistance: Our toll-free Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 answered **30** calls from your town. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also detailed at www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

Health Insurance: We helped **14** residents with Medicare Part D or Advantage Plan enrollment.

Senior Nutrition: In partnership with Brattleboro Senior Meals, **280** home-delivered meals were provided to **2** seniors in your town. Our Registered Dietician is available for consultation and education when appropriate.

Transportation: Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors who require medical transportation.

Social Services: We provided **3** elder residents with **25.5** hours of in-home case management or other home based services to enable them to remain living safely in the setting they prefer. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization.

Special Assistance: We provided assistance to residents through flexible funds that include respite assistance for care givers of those diagnosed with dementia and assistance with needs not covered by other funding.

Your contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our services. We do not charge for any of our services. Your town's support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director

SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable-self-sufficiency; reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services / Crisis Resolution (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts (asset building & financial literacy), Income Tax Preparation, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Marlboro we have provided the following services during FY2016:

Weatherization: 1 home (6 people) was weatherized at a cost of \$19,955

Tax Preparation: 1 household (2 people) received tax credits and services totaling \$1,079

Family Services: 1 household (3 people) received 11 services (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services), valued at \$51

Housing Assistance: 2 households (2 people) received 2 assists valued at \$2,721

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Marlboro for their support.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director
 Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
 91 Buck Drive
 Westminster, VT 05158
 (800) 464-9951 or (802) 722-4575 sevca@sevca.org www.sevca.org

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprising municipal officials from across the state, elected by the membership.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 138 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services on a daily basis – highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water. These local efforts are led largely by volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, to assist them in providing their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- **Legal, consulting, and education services.** VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) provides training, information and assistance to municipal officials to help them carry out their legal responsibilities. Responding to member inquiries about Vermont law and best practices in municipal governance is a key MAC service. Attorneys and staff answer 4,000 member questions each year. In 2016, nearly 1,500 people received training at 30 day-long and on-site workshops covering topics that included Open Meeting Law compliance, financial management, and conducting effective property tax appeal and land use hearings. Consulting services include legal drafting and review of policies and ordinances, governmental accounting, and town manager recruitment. Members who respond to MAC's annual compensation and benefits survey receive a complimentary copy of the research report. MAC also offers in-depth technical assistance through our Water Resources Protection and Human Resources assistance programs. Publications including model documents, technical papers, handbooks, and past newsletter articles are available on VLCT's website.
- **Advocacy representation at the state and federal levels to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority needed to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the renewable energy debate, enhancing voter authority in local governance decisions, municipal efforts to clean up Vermont's lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2017 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services at the local level. VLCT also provides a *Weekly Legislative Report* that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available free-of-charge on the VLCT website.

- **Opportunities to provide purchasing of needed services at the lowest cost.** Members may purchase municipal unemployment, property, casualty, and workers' compensation insurance coverage for local operations. The **VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB) Trust** continued to help towns navigate the complexities of health insurance procurement and to secure group life, disability, dental and vision insurance. When substantial municipal damages result from weather events, or towns suffer from other covered losses and lawsuits, the value of membership in the **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** is quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments provided. The Trusts are stewards of \$26 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services in 2016. More than \$1 million in ownership dividends was returned to PACIF and VERB members as contribution credits.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit www.vlct.org.

WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Marlboro is currently represented by Katherine Buttloph and Edith Mas. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard bylaw assistance; natural resources including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTTrans; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by us.

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was

updated in 2014 following a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 22 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. We convened stakeholders and coordinated planning in support of an application for funds for fixed route transit service on Route 30. We developed evacuation planning templates for towns, and a model bylaw that integrates both flood hazard and river corridor requirements. We were successful in our application for an additional \$750,000 for our Brownfields program to assess and cleanup sites throughout the region. We've helped towns understand how the state Clean Water Initiative affects them, including town applications for grants to conduct road erosion inventories. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$2,401. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2017, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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.

Jamaica By the end of June, the District will remove recycling roll-off boxes from:

Marlboro Newfane Putney Readsboro Stratton Townshend Vernon Wardsboro Westminster 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 Whitingham option of continuing those containers with a private hauler. The cost to towns Wilmington, Winhall 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 1/4 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: 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

WINDHAM & WINDSOR HOUSING TRUST

Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.

Homeownership Center

The Home Repair Program provides low cost loans to low and moderate income homeowners throughout Windham and Windsor counties to make critical home repairs. These include repairs necessary to bring a home up to code and make it a safe place to live. Our rehabilitation specialist inspects the home, determines which repairs are necessary, and works with the homeowner to plan and finance the project. We assisted 23 homeowners in 2016 with home repair projects.

One-to-one Counseling helps renters and homeowners understand and navigate their options and make smart financial decisions. The program is available to all residents in both counties. We provide homebuyer education, financial literacy training and credit counseling. In 2016, 56 of our clients were able to purchase a home.

The Shared Equity Program provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes. Grants are used toward the purchase price of the land underneath the home, lowering the cost to the homebuyer. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust retains ownership of the land and ensures long-term affordability through special ground lease provisions. 134 homes are in the shared equity program.

Rental Housing Development Program-In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. WWHT works with towns to plan for meeting local affordable housing and community development needs. In 2016, we renovated 37 apartments, 29 of which were substantial rehabs of historic properties, and 8 of which were part of an energy efficiency pilot program.

Rental Housing Management Program-WWHT owns 667 rental apartments with over 1000 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.w-wht.org

WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during

the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the Freedom Center worked with a total of 524 survivors and their 471 children and responded to 1,622 crisis telephone calls, figures that include 4 survivors and their 3 children from Marlboro. In addition, we provided access to legal representation, community education, school presentations and workshops, outreach, and emergency advocacy throughout Windham County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve. Regards,

Vickie Sterling, Executive Director Women's Freedom Center

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Services was established in 1972. We provide transformative programs in prevention, intervention and development for young people and families in Windham County Communities. We assist over 1,000 children, youth and families annually. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Our broad array of program services include:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters one-to-one mentoring
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law
- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Career development focused groups and one-on-one mentoring for high school students with behavioral and learning disabilities
- Substance abuse prevention and intervention for youth and adults
- Supervised visitation and Child Advocacy services.

This year, we respectfully request \$1,000 from the Town of Marlboro to help fund our agency's services. We served 12 residents from Marlboro during Fiscal Year 2016 and remain available to provide services in the future. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our new website at www.youthservicesinc.org, call 802-257-0361 or email info@youthservicesinc.org. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Russell Bradbury-Carlin Executive Director
Transforming Lives, Inspiring Futures

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 7, 2017**

The legal voters of the Town School District of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:10 A.M. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

(The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 7th, from 10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing by Australian Ballot the officers listed in Article 2.)

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one (1) year.

Article 2: To elect -

One (1) School Director for a three-year term ending 2020

Two (2) School Directors for one-year terms ending 2018.

Article 3: To compensate the Directors of the Marlboro School District \$500 each.

Article 4: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Article 5: "Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District approve the school board to expend \$2,582,426 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 \$16,901 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1% higher than spending for the current year.

Article 6: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

Article 7: To transact any other legal business that may come before the Meeting.

Dated at Marlboro, Vermont this 9th day of January 2017.

Douglas Korb, Chair, Celena Romo, Vice Chair

Carol Ann Johnson, Clerk, Dan MacArthur, Lauren Poster

WARNING
TOWN OF MARLBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Marlboro Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Marlboro Town Hall in said Town of Marlboro on March 7, 2017, between the hours of **10:00 AM**, at which time the polls will open, and **7:00 PM**, at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

Article I: Shall the Town of Marlboro School District, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in a proposed new unified school district, join with the school districts of Wardsboro and Dover, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed new unified school district, for the purpose of forming the River Valleys Unified School District as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

The Unified District shall be formed and the terms hereby voted shall become effective on the date this article is approved by a majority vote of the electorate of at least two "necessary" districts of the Forming Districts and said votes become final per 16 V.S.A. 706g, provided that votes approving this article shall not become effective unless and until the voters of other Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) town school districts (Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend, and Windham) vote to approve formation of a unified district and said vote becomes final thereby forming a Supervisory Union with two Unified Districts (a "Side by Side").

- (a) Grades. The River Valleys Unified School District will offer pre-kindergarten through grade six (6) education to all students in the unified school district and will pay tuition for students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) pursuant to Vermont statutes.

If the Marlboro Town School District votes to approve the Unified School District and the District is established, then the Marlboro Elementary School will cease operating school for grades seven (7) and eight (8) on June 30, 2019.

- (b) Board of School Directors. A town school district's representation on the unified district board will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears to the aggregate population of the Unified District. Initial Board composition will be based upon the year 2010 Federal Census and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. The Board is authorized to reapportion the Board, including increasing or decreasing the number of school directors. However, at no time will a town school district have less than one board member on the Board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.
- (c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of forming districts; assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the forming

districts; acquire, maintain, and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 7, 8 and 15 regarding special funds, indebtedness, real and personal property and continuity of school buildings are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.

- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file in the Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

Article II: To elect three (3) school directors from the nominees to serve on the school board of the proposed Unified School District board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

- One (1) school director for a two-year term.
- One (1) school director for a three-year term.
- One (1) school directors for a four-year term.

The legal voters of the Marlboro Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting and voting procedures relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Douglas Korb, Chairperson
 Celena Romo, Vice-Chairperson
 Carol Ann Johnson, Clerk
 Dan MacArthur, Member
 Lauren Poster, Member

Marlboro School District Budget

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	FY-2016 Adopted	FY-2016 Actual	FY-2017 Adopted	FY-2018 Proposed	FY17/FY18 % change	FN
INCOME						
LOCAL REVENUE						
Tuition Income	22,050	22,050	22,050	24,920	13.02%	
Interest Income	300	1,505	300	1,500	0.00%	
Food Service	16,000	18,095	16,000	18,000	12.50%	
Contributions	700	1,931	700	700	0.00%	
Building Use	600	876	600	600	0.00%	
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	39,650	44,457	39,650	45,720	15.31%	
STATE REVENUE						
Education Spending Revenue	2,119,435	2,121,955	2,126,635	2,253,415	5.96%	
Career Center Payment on Behalf of District	19,833	19,671	20,694	26,386	27.51%	
Small Schools Support Grant	110,370	109,775	110,371	109,468	-0.82%	
State Aid for Transportation	46,349	46,349	43,542	43,542	0.00%	
Sp Ed Mainstream Block Grant	47,509	47,509	47,011			1
Sp Ed Expenditures Reimb.-Intensive	218,325	191,748	241,082			1
Sp Ed Reimbursement-Extraordinary	0	22,728	0			1
Essential Early Education	7,905	7,905	8,012			1
Child Nutrition Grant	0	618	700			2
TOTAL STATE REVENUE	2,569,726	2,568,258	2,598,047	2,432,811	-6.36%	
FEDERAL REVENUE						
Title One Revenue	33,224	33,225	33,890	42,000		
Food Service Reimbursement	36,358	40,326	40,000	0		2
TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE	69,582	73,551	73,890	42,000	-43.16%	
OTHER REVENUE						
Sub-Grant Revenue Thru WCSU	0	1,995	0	41,000		2
Medicaid Reimbursement	18,940	26,956	23,334	22,893		
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	18,940	28,951	23,334	63,893	173.82%	
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	2,697,898	2,715,217	2,734,921	2,584,424	-5.50%	

	FY-2016 Adopted	FY-2016 Actual	FY-2017 Adopted	FY-2018 Proposed	FY17/FY18 % change	FN
<u>EXPENSE</u>						
INSTRUCTION ELEMENTARY & JUNIOR HIGH						
Teacher Salaries	396,618	381,346	381,782	397,182	4.03%	
Additional Instruction	125,083	135,883	128,808	140,532	9.10%	
Assistants	15,741	17,993	55,125	0		
Substitute Teachers	10,500	9,343	10,500	7,000	-33.33%	
Health Insurance	89,490	100,919	127,335	121,225	-4.80%	
FICA Expense	41,918	39,932	44,080	41,671	-5.47%	
Workers Compensation Insurance	4,035	7,661	4,262	4,128	-3.14%	
Continuing Education	6,000	6,384	5,700	5,000	-12.28%	
WCSU Purchased Services	10,049	10,049	10,305	10,184	-1.17%	
Artist in Residence	1,000	2,630	500	500	0.00%	
Regular Programs	3,700	2,947	3,950	5,550	40.51%	
Jr. High Programs	2,000	1,957	2,300	2,600	13.04%	
Early Education Initiative	30,000	35,333	34,012	34,958	2.78%	
Supplies	9,000	7,901	10,750	11,250	4.65%	
Books & Periodicals	1,900	2,369	1,700	1,700	0.00%	
Furniture & Computers	4,800	4,870	6,600	6,600	0.00%	
Musical Instruments	400	175	600	600	0.00%	
Memberships	300	97	300	300	0.00%	
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	752,534	767,789	828,609	790,980	-4.54%	
HIGH SCHOOL TUITION	717,060	682,013	729,309	845,903	15.99%	3
SPECIAL ED PROGRAMS						
Special Education Program Expenses	344,848	368,427	355,083	238,695	-32.78%	
Supervisory Union Assessment	164,498	164,498	181,292	0		
TOTAL SPECIAL ED PROGRAMS	509,346	532,925	536,375	238,695	-55.50%	1
ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION						
EEE SU Assessment	22,260	22,260	8,229	0	-100.00%	
TOTAL ESSENTIAL EARLY EDUCATION	22,260	22,260	8,229	0	-100.00%	1
GUIDANCE PROGRAM						
Salaries	28,291	28,291	28,984	29,184	0.69%	
Health Insurance	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
Guidance FICA Expense	2,164	2,164	2,217	2,233	0.72%	
Professional Development	300	410	300	300	0.00%	
Supplies	100	81	100	100	0.00%	
Books & Periodicals	100	0	100	100	0.00%	
TOTAL GUIDANCE PROGRAM	33,455	33,446	34,201	34,417	0.63%	
HEALTH PROGRAM						
Salary	5,915	6,321	6,033	6,155	2.02%	
FICA Expense	452	483	462	471	1.95%	
Supplies	500	362	500	500	0.00%	
TOTAL HEALTH PROGRAM	6,867	7,166	6,995	7,126	1.87%	

	FY-2016 Adopted	FY-2016 Actual	FY-2017 Adopted	FY-2018 Proposed	FY17/FY18 % change	FN
LIBRARY SERVICES						
Salaries	46,097	52,816	54,151	57,320	5.85%	
Health Insurance	13,163	17,259	13,591	17,748	30.59%	
FICA Expense	3,488	4,040	4,104	4,385	6.85%	
Continuing Education	0	967	0	0		
Supplies	300	60	300	300	0.00%	
Computer Subscriptions, Databases	1,300	424	1,100	1,100	0.00%	
Books	2,000	1,962	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
TOTAL LIBRARY SERVICES	66,348	77,528	75,746	83,353	10.04%	
BOARD OF ED. SERVICES						
Salaries	3,000	3,000	2,500	2,500	0.00%	
FICA Expense	230	230	230	230	0.00%	
Board Development & Memberships	1,400	1,650	1,700	1,700	0.00%	
TOTAL BOARD OF ED. SERVICES	4,630	4,880	4,430	4,430	0.00%	
SUPERINTENDENT OFFICES SERVICES						
Supervisory Union Management	65,259	67,659	69,707	75,457	8.25%	
TOTAL SUPERINTENDENT OFFICES	65,259	67,659	69,707	75,457	8.25%	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
Salaries	118,333	118,413	120,700	121,394	0.57%	
Health Insurance	32,370	30,856	28,742	34,791	21.05%	
FICA Expense	9,053	9,053	9,234	9,287	0.57%	
Benefits	500	522	500	2,958	491.60%	4
Professional Development	1,200	714	500	500	0.00%	
Action Plan	1,000	500	1,000	1,000	0.00%	
Postage	700	666	700	700	0.00%	
Advertising	200	426	200	200	0.00%	
Travel	300	247	300	300	0.00%	
Fingerprinting	250	17	250	250	0.00%	
Supplies	500	269	500	500	0.00%	
Membership	400	460	400	400	0.00%	
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	164,806	162,143	163,026	172,280	5.68%	

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	FY-2016 Adopted	FY-2016 Actual	FY-2017 Adopted	FY-2018 Proposed	FY17/FY18 % change	FN
FISCAL SERVICES						
Salaries	11,333	11,333	11,559	11,790	2.00%	
FICA Expense	867	867	884	902	2.04%	
Other Services	2,000	1,773	2,400	2,400	0.00%	
Audit	8,500	7,000	7,000	7,000	0.00%	
Interest on Line of Credit	600	248	600	600	0.00%	
Postage	400	513	400	500	25.00%	
Mileage	100	160	100	100	0.00%	
Supplies	350	344	350	350	0.00%	
Software	0	523	350	350	0.00%	
TOTAL FISCAL SERVICES	24,150	22,761	23,643	23,992	1.48%	
PLANT, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE						
Salaries	29,510	30,763	34,579	35,280	2.03%	
Health Insurance	8,370	8,425	8,643	9,029	4.47%	
FICA Expense	2,258	2,353	2,645	2,699	2.04%	
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	1,764		4
Consultants	525	1,504	525	290	-44.76%	
Plowing, Mowing	1,000	366	1,350	1,350	0.00%	
Repair & Maintenance Plant	15,000	23,529	20,000	20,000	0.00%	
Instrument Asset Maintenance	600	659	400	400	0.00%	
Water Testing	800	667	900	900	0.00%	
Fire Alarm Services	1,000	706	700	700	0.00%	
Computer Repairs	1,000	343	1,000	1,000	0.00%	
Property Insurance	6,200	4,722	6,000	6,000	0.00%	
Internet/Telephone Service	2,100	1,713	3,000	3,000	0.00%	
PO Box Rent	140	144	140	140	0.00%	
Supplies	8,000	11,489	8,000	11,000	37.50%	
Electricity	11,500	10,101	10,000	10,000	0.00%	
Heating Fuel	22,000	10,621	18,000	16,000	-11.11%	
Machinery Leases	2,000	2,876	2,700	2,900	7.41%	
Furniture & Fixtures	500	1,743	500	500	0.00%	
Equipment Purchases	4,000	3,579	4,200	4,200	0.00%	
TOTAL PLANT, OPERATION & MAINT.	116,503	116,303	123,282	127,152	3.14%	
TRANSPORTATION						
Salaries	28,215	32,936	25,304	31,607	24.91%	
Substitutes	0	765	0	0	0.00%	
Health Insurance	2,500	0	0	0		
FICA Expense	2,158	2,578	1,936	2,418	24.90%	
Bus Repair & Maintenance	3,000	10,456	9,213	7,500	-18.59%	
Drivers' Physicals & Clinics	600	344	1,000	1,000	0.00%	
Insurance on Buses	0	743	0	0		
Supplies	100	159	100	100	0.00%	
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel	8,000	4,451	5,500	5,500	0.00%	
Mileage Reimbursement	300	81	300	300	0.00%	
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	44,873	52,513	43,353	48,425	11.70%	
FOOD SERVICES						
Personnel	32,463	37,815	33,112	46,237		4
Supervisory Union Purchased Service	3,344	3,342	3,270	3,538		
Supplies & Equipment	42,000	41,775	42,000	42,000		
TOTAL FOOD SERVICES	77,807	82,932	78,382	91,775	17.09%	

	FY-2016 Adopted	FY-2016 Actual	FY-2017 Adopted	FY-2018 Proposed	FY17/FY18 % change	FN
COMMUNITY SERVICES						
After School Program	0	0	9,634	14,441		
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	0	0	9,634	14,441	49.90%	
LONG TERM DEBT						
Bus Loan -Principal & Interest	0	0	0	12,000		
Wood Boiler - Principal & interest	0	0	0	12,000		
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT	0	0	0	24,000		5
OTHER EXPENDITURES						
Fiscal Year 2014 - Deficit Reduction	92,000	0	0	0		
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES	92,000	0	0	0		
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSE	2,697,898	2,632,318	2,734,921	2,582,426	-5.58%	

FY2015-2016 Surplus

82,899

Beginning General Fund Balance 7/1/15	(3,421)
Actual Revenue Fiscal Year 2015-2016	2,715,217
Actual Expenditures Fiscal Year 2015-2016	(2,632,318)
Ending General Fund Balance 6/30/16	79,478

FOOTNOTES:

- Special Education/Essential Early Ed Revenues and Expenditures:
All Revenues and Expenditures will be handled by Windham Central Supervisory Union.
The budgeted expense of \$238,695.00 represents Total Anticipated COST less REVENUE.
- Food Service Revenue from State and Federal Sources:
These Revenues will be issued as a sub-grant from Windham Central SU
- High School Tuition:
Increase due in part to small graduating class and a large freshman class.
- School Administration/Plant Operation/Food Service Benefits:
Municipal Retirement offered to full-time non-professional staff
- Long Term Debt
These are the estimated current portion of anticipated loan amounts.

Marlboro School District
ACCOUNT ACTIVITY BY FUND JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 31, 2016

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/15	(\$3,421)
Total Revenue FY16	2,715,217
Less: Total Expenditures FY16	<u>(2,632,318)</u>
June 31, 2016 General Fund Balance	<u><u>\$79,478</u></u>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/15	<u>\$83,267</u>
June 31, 2016 Capital Improvement Fund Balance	<u><u>\$83,267</u></u>

TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/15	<u>\$6,572</u>
June 31, 2016 Transportation Reserve Fund Balance	<u><u>\$6,572</u></u>

FUTURE TUITION RESERVE FUND

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/15	<u>\$13,306</u>
June 31, 2016 Future Tuition Fund Balance	<u><u>\$13,306</u></u>

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/15	\$9,601
Revenue From Donation - Marlboro Alliance	1,250
Less: Expenditures	<u>(10,030)</u>
June 31, 2016 After School Fund Balance	<u><u>\$821</u></u>

SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

Vermont Municipal Bond 1994 Series Principal Retired, no outstanding debts

MARLBORO SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Marlboro School District enrollment as of January 3, 2017

Preschool Collaborative 11

Marlboro 3 and 4 year olds attending Meetinghouse School, Neighborhood Schoolhouse, the Garland School, and Hilltop Montessori

Kindergarten	11	1 st Grade	7	3 rd Grade	11	5 th Grade	9	7 th Grade	10
		2 nd Grade	4	4 th Grade	9	6 th Grade	9	8 th Grade	10
Total enrollment Kindergarten through 8 th Grade	80								

High School enrollment

9 th Grade	10	10 th Grade	7	11 th Grade	20	12 th Grade	11
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Students attend the following high schools:

Brattleboro UHS, Twin Valley HS, Compass, Oak Meadow, Putney, Burr and Burton, Vermont Academy, Kindle Farm

One way we evaluate our “health” is the number of families that choose to live in Marlboro because they are drawn by the reputation of the school and the community. This year half of the Kindergarten class comes from families new to Marlboro. We are delighted to welcome them to this community.

Marlboro School has an outstanding staff. This fall we welcomed Pam Maile, our new Primary teacher. She comes to us with lots of experience as a classroom and instructional support teacher in the Brattleboro schools. We also were glad to have Mae Star Salinsky and Dominick Ottomanelli join us as special education paraeducators.

We wish Kathy Pell, Food Service Manager, and Leigh Madalinski, After School Site Coordinator, all the best as they move on to new adventures. We thank them for all they brought to Marlboro School. Kathy grew our food service from one service a day to four with lots of compliments from students, parents, and staff about the delicious, nutritious food. Leigh capably oversaw the After School program (L'After). She found instructors who offer fascinating classes such as Improv, Robotics, Dance, and Slackline. Participation has increased as students are excited to enroll for the next session. We welcome Deborah Ayer as she fills the L'After position. Brian Newcomb was hired as the new Food Service Manager. He comes to us from Marlboro College's coffee shop and is getting rave reviews from students and staff.

A big addition to school this year, both physically and academically, is the Compost Center. Many thanks to the Marlboro School Association for funding this project, to Jerry Lundsted for building it, and to parent volunteer, Erik von Ranson, for constructing the five insulated bins. Students are at the heart of this work as they collect and dump the compost each day, keep track of the internal temperature of the pile and determine if the carbon-food matter ratio needs to be adjusted. Eventually, they will turn the compost out into windrows where it will await use in the school garden – and maybe yours, too! Please stop by to take a look.

Have you noticed the banner on the front of the school? This is the Year of the Book! Jess Weitz, parent volunteer extraordinaire, and Rochelle Garfinkel, librarian and educational technologist, secured a grant from the Children's Literacy Foundation that is providing our students with more than \$25,000 worth of programming and books. This grant includes book "give aways" to students so that they can build a home library of favorite books, as well as books for classrooms and the school library. In addition, authors, storytellers, and professional artists are visiting us throughout the year with programs such as Words Come Alive from the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, writers' workshop with Marty Kelley, a Holiday Parent Seminar which included books for parents to choose as gifts for their children, and in preparation for Hogback Day, a visit from author Jim Arnosky.

Following this report you will find the test scores from the Science NECAP (4th and 8th grades) and the second administration of the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC). We are pleased to see the improvement in the SBAC scores.

This is my last report to the town of Marlboro as the principal of the Marlboro School. Please indulge me as I now write from a more personal perspective than usual...

Forty-five years ago I worked at the one room school in Granville, VT as part of a college project. I was entranced by the strong sense of community created when 6th grader Steven helped 2nd grader Holly with reading, when Bobby's mother cooked our lunches in the kitchen attached to the schoolroom, and when former students came back to visit and tell Mrs. Bannister all that they'd been learning and doing in high school and beyond. I soon came to think of this as the essence of small town Vermont and, yes, times are changing, but there is so much of value to hold onto.

In the intervening forty-five years I spent much of my time as a teacher and administrator in a huge public school system on the edge of Denver, Colorado. There was a single school board for over one hundred schools. Through late night phone conversations I kept in touch with a friend in Vermont who served on the three member school board of the school her children attended. She told me about struggling with the budget, discussions with neighbors about programming at school, and serving on the hiring committee for the new 5th-6th grade teacher. This kind of engagement was unknown in Colorado. The budget came from the central office with no input from the principal, staff, or parents. Programs were also set at the central office level with no room for requesting Spanish instruction or more music or art. Teachers were assigned to schools based on elaborate agreements between the central office and the teachers union. We had little idea who our school board members were.

Vermont's current system of K-12 education is traditional and progressive at the same time. Traditional does not mean backwards. Progressive does not mean jumping on the latest national educational bandwagon. Traditional does mean using common sense, taking local needs into account, and chewing over needed changes before implementing them. Progressive means evaluating each new educational initiative through the lens of its contribution to educating the whole child. Marlboro School, as a manifestation of the town of Marlboro, represents the best of both.

Act 46 does not take this rich history into account. In the case of Marlboro it is asking the community to consider changes that make little sense educationally and whose financial impact is unclear at best. It is asking this community to give up the local control that goes with electing its own school board and, also, the budget discussion and vote from the floor that are at the heart of Town Meeting.

Marlboro School has strong educational programs with special emphasis on learning outside of the classroom (field research), foreign language (Spanish), and the arts (violin instruction and artist residencies), as well as solid grounding in reading, writing, and math. Our outstanding teachers are drawn to the school by its reputation and stay because they value the support they receive for developing exciting curriculum in a collaborative environment. They stay because they negotiate their contracts directly with the school board. They stay because they are treated as professionals and have a say in all decisions. They stay because the school's focus is on our students and knowing these students well.

If the merger with Dover and Wardsboro is approved, the Junior High will be gone. This would be a tremendous loss – to the school and to the students. The school would lose the role models and the service provided by 7th and 8th graders as Kindergarten interns, playground leaders, reading buddies, and more. The 7th and 8th grade students would lose the opportunity to demonstrate their acquisitions in the Realms of Learning and to present these in their Independent Study Projects (I Projects) and their Graduation Portfolios. They would lose the opportunity to engage in field research as a whole class in Washington, DC and Costa Rica. These students would lose the gentle and safe environment in which to enter adolescence – engaging in rigorous academics, questioning, challenging, take risks.

By the time you read this, we hope to have selected Marlboro School's next principal. I look forward to supporting the transition as the new principal comes on board. It will be a pleasure to introduce him/her to all that makes this school a wonderful place for students and staff to learn and grow. This is the perfect time for someone with lots of energy, creative thinking, openness, and vision to guide the school through whatever changes may come. Thank you for extending a hearty welcome to the new principal and for all of your support over the past 15 years – volunteering in the classroom, on committees, and on special projects, passing on interesting opportunities and great ideas, donating to the Marlboro School Association, supporting school fundraisers, and, of course, passing the school budget every year.

MARLBORO SCHOOL TEST SCORES

SMARTER BALANCE ASSESSMENT ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATH Percentage of students achieving or exceeding the standard

	ELA English Language Arts/Reading	Math
2015	28%	30%
2016	56%	40%

NECAP SCIENCE Percentage of 4th and 8th graders achieving or exceeding the standard

2015	31%
2016	26%

MARLBORO LEARNING AFTER SCHOOL (L'AFTER) PROGRAM

The Marlboro L'AFTER Program strives to provide enriching and dynamic activities in a safe and supportive space where kids can build positive relationships with their peers and caring adults. Programs take place right after school until 5pm on school grounds or field trips to local sites. We also provide a nutritious afterschool meal with the help of the school cook. In the 2015-2016 school year 65 individual students participated in L'AFTER and nearly half of these students came at least two days a week. There is a body of research from across the United States which documents that regular participation in high quality afterschool programs contributes to students staying on track with their peers academically and socially.

L'AFTER programs provide opportunities for students to have new experiences, strengthen their body, stretch their mind, deepen their knowledge and express their creative spirit. Highlights from the past year include engineering and tinkering projects, rock climbing, slack line, arts and crafts, world dance, strategy and role-playing games, and programs out in the MES woods to learn about wildlife and stewardship of the local ecosystem.

For program leaders, we recruit parents, community members, MES teachers and staff who contribute their knowledge and their enjoyment in working with young people. We are also fortunate to have developed strong connections with organizations such as Marlboro College, Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center, and the Vermont Wilderness School to expand the network of skilled program leaders.

Afterschool programs are cited in the research as an effective strategy to narrow the achievement gap which often exists between students from families of means and families of modest or low income. Therefore, it is a priority to keep programs affordable and accessible to all families. The operating budget for the MES L'AFTER program is about \$44,000 each year. The federal/state 21C investment program currently makes up 60% of L'AFTER funding. The balance of expenses we cover through dedicated funds in the school budget, family fees on a sliding scale, and additional community fundraising. Our motto is "We all do our part to care for

all our children.” We sincerely thank all the members of the school and wider community who have supported L’AFTER with funding, time, energy, donations of materials and suggestions of programs/program leaders. We could not have come this far without you!!

If you are interested in becoming involved with L’AFTER, please contact our brand new Site Coordinator, Deborah Ayer, by phoning the school or emailing L'after@marlboroschool.net

MARLBORO SCHOOL DIRECTORS’ REPORT

Marlboro School Director’s Report

This year the Marlboro School Board is presenting a budget for the 2017-2018 school year with a .08% decrease in education spending per equalized pupil. The board anticipates that this budget should decrease the tax rate this coming year. The tax rate is based on a statewide formula that takes into account the school’s spending and equalized pupils, the statewide property tax rate, and the town’s Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). Marlboro Town’s CLA is estimated to be at 100.44. The board compliments the administration on their assistance to help keep total spending per student below the state mandated “allowable growth threshold.” This budget maintains existing programming and keeps the equalized student spending amount \$485 below the state penalty marker. The board also worked to cushion future expenses by allocating a surplus of \$78,000 to the Capital Improvement and Future Tuition Funds for pending needs, which can be used to lessen the impact on future budgets.

Some increases that exist within select categories of the budget are due to regular maintenance and upkeep of school assets. Primarily, this year the board worked with the Windham Wood Heat Initiative (WWHI) to take advantage of a grant that will help install a new wood pellet boiler heating system. Marlboro Elementary School’s (MES) boiler system has 3 years of its estimated lifespan left and requires an upgrade. After much discussion and a comparison to other heating systems, the board agreed that the WWHI grant allows the district to maximize savings of installation and product costs compared to other systems. A secondary increase was the need to purchase a new bus. The board worked with MES’s bus coordinator, Andrea Howe, to secure a used 35 seat 2013 Blue Bird bus at a cost of \$35,000, paid for with a loan whose APR is less than 2%

Last year it was reported that the board had hoped to review and compare food production costs in 2016 by securing proposals from outside food service managers, but an amendment to the State’s processes on how a school requests proposals from vendors caused delay on reviewing these proposals. The board continues its efforts on this front and hopes to review proposals in the coming year.

Next year the school will see itself under the direction of a new principal, as Francie Marbury will be stepping down for retirement. Ms. Marbury has been principal of Marlboro Elementary School for 15 years and the school board is grateful for her contributions, long term commitment, and persistent dedication to the students of Marlboro Elementary School, which she plans to continue as a member of the school’s Alternative Structure Committee (outlined further below). It is difficult to state the impact Ms. Marbury has had on the district because it is vast and spans one student generation -- a student that had Francie as a Kindergarten Principal is now two years out of high school! We as board members are certainly not the only ones who congratulate her. There is a long line of students whose lives she has impacted who join us in wishing her the best in her retirement. At the time of this writing, a school committee is currently

interviewing a pool of talented applicants, and a decision should be made on the hiring of a new principal by Town Meeting Day, March 7, 2017.

The board continues to put an extraordinary amount of time and effort into the state law Act 46, which requires all school districts in VT to investigate the ability to increase educational opportunities for students via a merger with another district(s) through various models. Because of this law, Marlboro School District entered into a Study Committee with two neighboring districts (Dover and Wardsboro) in August 2016. The Study Committee was a legal entity unto itself (though the board chair of each involved district appointed members). The Marlboro School board chair, with the consent of the board, appointed Dan MacArthur (School Director), Celena Romo (School Director), and Lucy Gratwick (Community Member) to the Study Committee. These three Marlboro appointees, along with 3 appointees from Wardsboro, and 4 appointees from Dover, were charged with investigating and putting in front of the Marlboro School Board the outline of a merger of all three districts. The proposal includes Articles of Agreement, an estimated tax rate, and educational opportunity commentary/exploration. All three towns will vote “Yes” to a merger or “No” on the merger via Australian ballot on Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 7, 2017. *[Note: Actual ballot wording has not been drafted by the study committee at the time of this report and may differ]*. In early 2017, many information sessions and pamphlets regarding this vote occurred. The board encourages all voters to read the work of the study committee and the proposed articles of agreement to understand what occurs with each vote. **[See a report from The Act 46 Study Committee in the Town Report for more details on the vote]**

In tandem with the Study Committee outlined above, the Marlboro School Board created the “Alternative Structure Committee” (est. August 2016) to begin investigating and outlining what would occur should the town vote not to merge with the other two districts. The committee is comprised of Lauren Poster (School Director), Douglas Korb (School Director), and Francie Marbury (School Principal). Although the state prefers all school districts to vote on one of its “preferred models” by June 2017 (discussed above under Study Committee and within their report), it does allow alternative structure proposals to be put forth for unmerged districts. Unmerged districts after June 2017 can submit Alternative Structure Proposals to the state by November 2017. The state board of education has 1 year to review and respond on the proposal. An alternative structure proposal can be comprised of one or more districts. **[See an update from the Alternative Structure Committee in the Town Report]**

In general, there is not consensus among board members (or Study Committee members from all three towns for that matter), on which way to vote on the merger. Therefore, the board will not be recommending a vote in one direction or the other on this merger. Instead, the board encourages community members to feel free to contact board members with their questions at a regular school meeting (held the first Monday of every month) or via email if you cannot attend a meeting. Additionally, we recommend talking to your community members on this topic as it is the first vote in a long time that directly impacts the operating structure of the Marlboro School District.

Sincerely,

The Marlboro School Board

Douglas Korb, Chair, Celena Romo, Vice Chair, Carol Ann Johnson, Clerk
Dan MacArthur, Lauren Poster

**WINDHAM CENTRAL SUPERVISORY
Superintendent's Letter 2017**

The Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) is in the midst of great challenge and opportunity. All school district members and community representatives in the WCSU have participated in our two Act 46 Study Committees. One committee created Articles of Agreement and a report for the Leland and Gray towns (Brookline, Jamaica, Newfane, Townshend, and Windham). The other committee created Articles of Agreement and a report for the towns of Dover, Marlboro, and Wardsboro. All the members of the study committee worked diligently to ask tough questions, seek answers, and ultimately create a new governance structure on which citizens of each town will vote on March 7th.

With declining enrollment statewide, as well as in many of the towns in the WCSU, creating sustainable structures for the future of education in our communities is difficult. However, we are all up to the task. With these real challenges comes opportunity and the potential for evolution.

There is a sense of excitement and positivity about the direction our schools and our supervisory union are currently taking. Many changes have already occurred. We have a new Superintendent, a new Business Manager, a new Director of Curriculum, a new Information Technology Director, a retiring Special Education Director, a new Middle/High School principal, a new elementary principal, a new teaching principal and three retiring elementary principals. The collaboration between this influx of new people and our existing staff has created a synergy of talent, dedication and wisdom. We are showing our respect and appreciation for our foundation while moving forward to build our future. We are fortunate to have so much support from all of our communities.

The WCSU has been selected to participate in a grant opportunity offered by the Vermont Agency of Education. We will be receiving consulting services and an audit of our Special Education Services. We believe this study will provide us with data that will help us strategically deploy resources in a more effective manner.

I encourage everyone to participate in the information sessions for current budgets and the proposed new governance structures. No one can be sure where the WCSU will land on March 8th, but I am confident that the leadership of the individual school boards, the WCSU board, our principals, and the teachers and staff of the WCSU are ready to embrace the challenge.

Thank you for supporting our schools.

William Anton, WCSU Superintendent of Schools

Marlboro Elementary School July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016
Marlboro Town Treasurer Accounting

Balances as of 6/30/2016

Capitol Improvement Account:	\$83,346.10
Future Tuition Account:	\$13,321.05
General Fund Checking Account:	\$17,426.88
TOTAL	\$114,094.03

The three accounts listed above are kept in one checking account at BS&L

General Fund Balance Check:

6/30/15-Balance	(40,266.84)
Income	4,051,905.98
Expenses	3,994,212.26
6/30/16 Balance	17,426.88

Capitol Asset Account		\$	85.10
(Transferred From General Account)	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$	1,200,000.00
Interest Income:	\$ 1,534.35	\$	1,201,619.45
Transferred to General Account:	\$ 1,201,619.45	\$	-

Cash Reserve for Future School Bus Purchases:		\$	6,585.22
Interest	\$ 2.75	\$	6,591.82

Student Account (JR High)		\$	8.27
Income	\$ 20,565.71	\$	20,573.98
Expense	9253.89	\$	11,320.09
Interest	\$ 3.75	\$	11,324.05

MASP Marlboro After School :		\$	9,601.39
	\$ 1,250.00	\$	10,851.39
	\$ 10,030.00	\$	821.39

District: Marlboro County: Windham		T120 Windham Central		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil	
				10,076	1.00	
				11,875	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$2,706,542	\$2,697,899	\$2,734,921	\$2,584,424	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$2,706,542	\$2,697,899	\$2,734,921	\$2,584,424	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$2,706,542	\$2,697,899	\$2,734,921	\$2,584,424	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$631,145	\$558,581	\$587,592	\$304,623	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	+	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$631,145	\$558,581	\$587,592	\$304,623	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$2,075,397	\$2,139,318	\$2,147,329	\$2,279,801	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	127.99	133.19	128.77	134.89	15.
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$16,215.31	\$16,062.15	\$16,675.69	\$16,901.19	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-\$120.95	-	-	-\$177	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp)	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$16,168 \$16,166.00	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth \$16,234.02	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	-	\$119	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,215	\$16,062	\$16,795	\$16,901.19	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	174.640% based on \$6,285	169.808% based on \$6,285	173.122% based on yield \$6,701	167.737% based on yield \$10,076	28.
Prorating the local tax rate						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$16,901.19 + (\$10,076.00 / \$1.000)]	\$1.7115 based on \$0.98	\$1.6811 based on \$0.98	\$1.7312 based on \$1.00	\$1.6774 based on \$1.00	29.
30.	Percent of Marlboro equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.68)	\$1.7115	\$1.6811	\$1.7312	\$1.6774	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	94.16%	97.06%	100.87%	100.44%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.6774 / 100.44%)	\$1.8177 based on \$0.98	\$1.7320 based on \$0.98	\$1.7163 based on \$1.00	\$1.6701 based on \$1.00	33.
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) [(\$16,901.19 + \$11,875) x 2.00%]	3.14% based on 1.80%	3.06% based on 1.80%	3.09% based on 2.00%	2.85% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.85%)	3.14% based on 1.80%	3.06% based on 1.80%	3.09% based on 2.00%	2.85% based on 0.00%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.
37.		-	-	-	-	37.

- 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%.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 Report

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Marlboro Elementary School
S.U.: Windham Central S.U.

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

FY2016 School Level Data

Cohort Description: K - 8, enrollment < 200
(33 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
30 out of 33

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Readsboro Elementary School	PK - 8	58	6.10	1.00	9.51	58.00	6.10
	Newark School	K - 8	59	7.20	0.60	8.19	98.33	12.00
	Stamford Elementary School	K - 8	76	6.40	1.00	11.88	76.00	6.40
	Marlboro Elementary School	PK - 8	86	8.00	1.00	10.75	86.00	8.00
	Washington Village School	PK - 8	92	7.70	1.00	11.95	92.00	7.70
< Larger	Brighton Elementary School	PK - 8	93	13.27	1.00	7.01	93.00	13.27
	Walden School	PK - 8	93	10.40	1.00	8.94	93.00	10.40
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			119.00	11.34	0.99	10.49	120.46	11.48

School District: Marlboro
LEA ID: T120

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

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

FY2015 School District Data

Cohort Description: K - 8 school district, FY2013 FTE < 200
(34 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs	Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 30 out of 34
Smaller ->	Readsboro	PK-8	55.21	\$13,452	Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.
	Newark	K-8	58.86	\$14,920	
	Stamford	K-8	75.31	\$11,660	
	Marlboro	PK-8	83.71	\$16,357	
	Walden	PK-8	88.77	\$14,722	
	Washington	PK-8	89.42	\$14,852	
< Larger	Benson	PK-8	91.16	\$13,633	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data			117.56	\$13,967	

FY2017 School District Data

School District Data							Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
		Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			MUN	MUN	MUN	
			SchlDist	SchlDist	SchlDist				
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate	
LEA ID		School District			Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.			These tax rates are not comparable due to CLAs	
Smaller -> 									

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

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

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

Windham Central Supervisory Union

Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget

Account Description	FY18						
	FY 16 Budget	FY 16 Actual (unaudited)	FY17 Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-	
REVENUES							
Interest Income	\$ 200	\$ 512	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	0%	
Erate Income	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,269	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0%	
	\$ 6,200	\$ 7,781	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	\$ -	0%	
ASSESSMENTS							
DOVER	\$ 81,574	\$ 81,574	\$ 83,008	\$ 85,518	\$ 2,510	3.02%	
JAMAICA	\$ 55,108	\$ 55,108	\$ 62,806	\$ 61,304	\$ (1,502)	-2.39%	
MARLBORO	\$ 65,259	\$ 65,260	\$ 70,919	\$ 75,457	\$ 4,538	6.40%	
NEWBROOK	\$ 115,304	\$ 115,304	\$ 138,356	\$ 145,596	\$ 7,240	5.23%	
STRATTON	\$ 11,022	\$ 11,022	\$ 10,923	\$ 11,494	\$ 571	5.23%	
TOWNSHEND	\$ 66,978	\$ 66,978	\$ 75,550	\$ 78,545	\$ 2,995	3.96%	
WARDSBORO	\$ 49,174	\$ 49,173	\$ 52,794	\$ 50,767	\$ (2,027)	-3.84%	
WINDHAM	\$ 16,956	\$ 16,956	\$ 17,294	\$ 18,199	\$ 905	5.24%	
LELAND AND GRAY	\$ 297,586	\$ 297,586	\$ 289,455	\$ 345,645	\$ 56,189	19.41%	
	\$ 758,961	\$ 758,961	\$ 801,105	\$ 872,525	\$ 71,419	8.92%	

Account Description	FY18						
	FY 16 Budget	FY 16 Actual (unaudited)	FY17 Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	\$\$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-	
SU Superintendent	\$ 211,860	\$ 213,912	\$ 214,000	\$ 122,500	\$ (91,500)	-43%	
SU Director of Curriculum/Tech	\$ 77,431	\$ 67,173	\$ 77,431	\$ 44,430	\$ (33,001)	-43%	
SU Admin Assistant Salary	\$ 39,780	\$ 42,070	\$ 41,700	\$ 41,840	\$ 140	0.3%	
SU Health	\$ 46,019	\$ 51,063	\$ 64,273	\$ 47,657	\$ (16,617)	-26%	
SU Dental	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,936	\$ 3,982	\$ 2,612	\$ (1,370)	-34%	
SU FICA	\$ 25,174	\$ 24,017	\$ 25,485	\$ 15,971	\$ (9,514)	-37%	
SU Life/Disab Insurance	\$ 3,516	\$ 1,103	\$ 1,110	\$ 1,110	\$ -	0%	
SU Municipal Retirement	\$ 7,466	\$ 7,461	\$ 7,618	\$ 4,472	\$ (3,146)	-41%	
SU Workers Comp	\$ 3,291	\$ 1,550	\$ 3,331	\$ 2,088	\$ (1,243)	-37%	
SU Unemployment	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,766	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,728	\$ 678	65%	
SU Professional Services	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,596	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Information System Services	\$ 22,441	\$ 20,300	\$ 22,500	\$ 25,500	\$ 3,000	13%	
SU Curriculum Dev	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	
SU Professional Development	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,902	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Legal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	
SU Insurance Bond & Prof Liability	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Telephone/Internet	\$ 6,270	\$ 10,840	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Postage	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,944	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ (500)	-14%	
SU Advertising	\$ 3,000	\$ 679	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Travel	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,255	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Conference Expense	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,077	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	11%	
SU Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,902	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0%	
SU Equipment	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,253	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%	
SU Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,535	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,500	\$ 100	2%	
SU Miscellaneous	\$ 100	\$ 1,499	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ (100)	-100%	
SU Audit Services	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0	
Subtotal of - SU Admin	\$ 503,948	\$ 497,830	\$ 526,480	\$ 373,907	\$ (152,573)	-29.0%	
Business Salary	\$ 121,774	\$ 127,643	\$ 132,577	\$ 280,961	\$ 148,384	112%	
Business Human Resources Salary	\$ 29,500	\$ 28,900	\$ 29,500	\$ 49,725	\$ 20,225	69%	
Business Health	\$ 44,573	\$ 46,573	\$ 51,331	\$ 75,522	\$ 24,191	47%	
Business Dental	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,084	\$ 3,084	\$ 3,815	\$ 731	24%	
Business FICA	\$ 11,572	\$ 11,536	\$ 12,399	\$ 25,297	\$ 12,898	104%	
Business Office Life/Disa	\$ 1,515	\$ -	\$ 1,538	\$ 1,323	\$ (215)	-14%	
Business Municipal Retirement	\$ 7,753	\$ 8,288	\$ 8,914	\$ 18,188	\$ 9,274	104%	
Business Workers Comp	\$ 1,513	\$ 1,566	\$ 1,621	\$ 3,307	\$ 1,686	104%	
Business Unemployment	\$ 1,562	\$ 2,491	\$ 1,312	\$ 2,880	\$ 1,568	120%	
Business Equipment Repair	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ -	0%	
Business Professional Dev	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ -	0%	
Business Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0%	
Business Conference Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	0%	
Business Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 4,427	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0%	

Windham Central Supervisory Union
Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget

Account Description	FY 16 Budget	FY 16 Actual (unaudited)	FY17 Adopted Budget	FY18 Proposed Budget	Variance	
					\$\$	%
					+/-	+/-
Business Equipment	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,668	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0%
Bank Fees	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,683	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ -	0%
					\$ -	
Subtotal - Business	\$ 231,862	\$ 243,859	\$ 254,676	\$ 477,418	\$ 222,742	87.5%
Property Services - Custodial	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,250	\$ 4,000	\$ 750	23%
Property Serv Maint & Repair	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,907	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0%
Building Rent	\$ 14,800	\$ 15,167	\$ 14,800	\$ 14,800	\$ -	0%
Building Electric	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,206	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ -	0%
Building Fuel Oil	\$ 5,400	\$ 1,987	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200	\$ -	0%
Building Equipment	\$ 2,000	\$ 417	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%
					\$ -	0%
Subtotal of - Operation & Maintenance	\$ 29,350	\$ 26,284	\$ 26,150	\$ 27,400	\$ 1,250	4.8%
Total Superintendent/Business Office	\$ 765,160	\$ 767,973	\$ 807,306	\$ 878,725	\$ 71,419	8.85%
Surplus/Deficit	\$ 1	\$ (1,231)	\$ (1)	\$ -	\$ -	

FY 18 Proposed Windham Central Supervisory Union Budget

WCSU Budget Components:	FY 16	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	Variance		Board Reviewed/ Approved
	Budget	Actual (unaudited)	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	\$ +/-	% +/-	
Superintendent/Business Office Budget-4 Pages	\$ 765,160	\$ 767,973	\$ 807,306	\$ 878,725	71,419	8.8%	11/16/2016
Special Education K-12/EEE Budget - 6 Pages	\$ 2,512,475	\$ 2,788,532	\$ 4,002,399	\$ 4,223,370	220,971	5.5%	11/16/2016
Agency Fund Budget-4 Pages	\$ 1,071,364	\$ 1,091,950	\$ 1,111,670	\$ 1,306,515	194,845	17.5%	Reviewed 11/16/2016
Grant Budget- 1 Page Summary	\$ 1,967,873	\$ 1,679,702	\$ 1,998,608	\$ -	(1,998,608)		Grant Expenditures Approved
Total WCSU Proposed Budget	\$ 6,316,872	\$ 6,328,158	\$ 7,919,982	\$ 6,408,609	\$ (1,511,373)	-19%	

**FY 18 Combined
Special Education Budget Teacher/Related Service and Direct Bill**

Act 148 "An act relating to special education" Governor signed on 5/31/2016
Payment of Special Education Funding to Supervisory Unions

Revenues	FY16 Actual (unaudited)	FY17 Adopted Budget	FY18 Proposed Budget	\$ \$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-
State Block Grant	\$ 382,215	\$ 378,451	\$ 378,451	\$ -	0
Extraordinary Rev-Combined	\$ 99,675	\$ 91,808	\$ -	\$ (91,808)	-100%
Extraordinary Rev-Dover			\$ 2,165	\$ (89,644)	0
Extraordinary Rev-Jamaica			\$ 2,503	\$ 2,503	0
Extraordinary Rev-Marlboro			\$ 43,380	\$ 43,380	0
Extraordinary Rev-Wardsboro			\$ 93,210	\$ 93,210	0
Extraordinary Rev-GUHS			\$ 32,089	\$ 32,089	0
State Placed Rev	\$ 65,016	\$ 148,087	\$ -	\$ (148,087)	-1
Intensive Reimbursement From	\$ 1,489,216	\$ 1,574,877	\$ 1,900,091	\$ 325,214	21%
Total Revenue	\$ 2,036,122	\$ 2,193,223	\$ 2,451,888	\$ 166,857	7.61%

Total Net Cost					
DOVER	\$ 138,472	\$ 170,591	\$ 190,335	\$ 19,744	11.57%
JAMAICA	\$ 84,156	\$ 72,731	\$ 114,488	\$ 41,756	57.41%
MARLBORO	\$ 202,906	\$ 235,255	\$ 238,695	\$ 3,441	1.46%
NEWMERBROOK	\$ 151,881	\$ 153,459	\$ 211,141	\$ 57,682	37.59%
STRATTON	\$ 31,604	\$ 26,574	\$ 43,935	\$ 17,361	65.33%
TOWNSHEND	\$ 138,098	\$ 161,944	\$ 191,981	\$ 30,036	18.55%
WARDSBORO	\$ 154,876	\$ 150,576	\$ 122,094	\$ (28,482)	-18.92%
WINDHAM	\$ 8,701	\$ 10,861	\$ 12,096	\$ 1,235	11.37%
LELAND AND GRAY	\$ 489,418	\$ 744,466	\$ 646,717	\$ (97,749)	-13.13%
Total Assessments	\$ 1,400,112	\$ 1,726,457	\$ 1,771,481	\$ 45,024	2.61%
Total Revenue	\$ 3,436,234	\$ 3,919,680	\$ 4,223,370	\$ 211,861	5.41%

Expenses	FY16 Actual (unaudited)	FY17 Adopted Budget	FY18 Proposed Budget	\$ \$ Variance +/-	% Variance +/-	% of Total Special Ed	Extraordinary by %	Actual EXTRA Ordinary per District	Adjustment
DOVER	\$ 377,239	\$ 388,943	\$ 418,031	\$ 29,088	7.48%	9.90%	\$ 17,158	\$ 2,165	\$ 14,993
JAMAICA	\$ 142,118	\$ 165,826	\$ 254,056	\$ 88,230	53.21%	6.02%	\$ 10,428	\$ 2,503	\$ 7,925
MARLBORO	\$ 520,491	\$ 536,375	\$ 612,552	\$ 76,177	14.20%	14.50%	\$ 25,142	\$ 43,380	\$ (18,238)
NEWMERBROOK	\$ 322,540	\$ 349,884	\$ 458,512	\$ 108,628	31.05%	10.86%	\$ 18,819		\$ 18,819
STRATTON	\$ 70,931	\$ 60,588	\$ 95,408	\$ 34,820	57.47%	2.26%	\$ 3,916		\$ 3,916
TOWNSHEND	\$ 261,182	\$ 369,229	\$ 416,903	\$ 47,674	12.91%	9.87%	\$ 17,112		\$ 17,112
WARDSBORO	\$ 306,300	\$ 343,310	\$ 467,553	\$ 124,243	36.19%	11.07%	\$ 19,190	\$ 93,210	\$ (74,020)
WINDHAM	\$ 23,717	\$ 24,763	\$ 26,267	\$ 1,504	6.07%	0.62%	\$ 1,078		\$ 1,078
LELAND AND GRAY	\$ 1,411,716	\$ 1,697,365	\$ 1,474,087	\$ (223,278)	-13.15%	34.80%	\$ 60,503	\$ 32,089	\$ 28,415
Total Expenses	\$ 3,436,234	\$ 3,936,283	\$ 4,223,369	\$ 287,086	7.29%	100.00%	\$ 173,346	\$ 173,346	\$ (0)

Revenues minus expenses \$ 0 \$ (16,603) \$ 0 \$ (75,205) 453%

FY 18 Extraordinary Rev/Exp Breakout				
Town	Expense	Less 50,000	Exp over 50K	90% Revenue
Dover	\$ 52,405	\$ (50,000)	\$ 2,405	\$ 2,165
Jamaica	\$ 52,781	\$ (50,000)	\$ 2,781	\$ 2,503
Marlboro	\$ 198,200	\$ (150,000)	\$ 48,200	\$ 43,380
Wardsboro	\$ 253,567	\$ (150,000)	\$ 103,567	\$ 93,210
GUHS	\$ 85,654	\$ (50,000)	\$ 35,654	\$ 32,089
Total	\$ 642,607	\$ (450,000)	\$ 192,607	\$ 173,346

NOTE: Districts that employ a part-time para will have additional costs on their local budget.

Special Education

**FY 18 Prek -12
Assessment Chart**

UPDATED based on Student Census 11-8-2016

Fall Census

FY 18 Excluding DOV & MES	FY 17 All Districts includes Prek	FY18 Budget		FY 18 District	FY 17 Superintendent s Assessment	FY 18 Superintendents Assessment		Direct Bill for services	Combined	\$\$ (+/-)	% +/-
		All Districts includes Prek	Excluding DOV & MES								
0.00%	103	102	0	Dover	83,008	85,518	85,518		85,518	2,510	3.02%
9.24%	69	64	64	Jamaica	62,806	61,304	61,304		61,304	(1,502)	-2.39%
0.00%	88	90	0	Marlboro (PK-6)	70919	75,457	75,457		75,457	4,538	6.40%
21.93%	152	152	152	NewBrook	138,356	145,596	145,596		145,596	7,240	5.23%
1.73%	12	12	12	Stratton	10923	11,494	11,494		11,494	571	5.23%
11.83%	83	82	82	Townshend	75,550	78,545	78,545		78,545	2,995	3.96%
7.65%	58	53	53	Wardsboro	52,794	50,767	50,767		50,767	(2,027)	-3.84%
2.74%	19	19	19	Windham	17,284	18,199	18,199		18,199	905	5.24%
44.88%	318	311	311	LGUHS (7-12)*	289,455	287,897	47,747	345,644	56,189	19,419	2.92%
100.00%	902	885	693		801,105	824,776	47,747	872,524	71,419		8.92% see Note

Proposed 872,524

SR Payroll & AP Sal-ben and AP Officer	LGUHS Payroll/AP Methodology
82,786	LGUHS 49% 40,565 of all payroll
28,726	LGUHS AP 7,181 25%
111,512	47,747

NOTE: LGUHS will see a 15% decrease in the local budget from FY 17. An overall 28% decrease from FY 16

	801,104	824,777	872525
business office adjustments for Dover, Marlboro	801,104	824,777	872525
	801,104	824,777	
801,104	824,777		
74,183	82,786	Payroll/AP En \$	82,786
726,921	741,991	\$	789,739
83,008	85,518	Dover Assess \$	91,021
70,919	75,457	Marlboro Asse \$	80,312
647,177	663,803	SU basis for a \$	701,192
801,104	824,777		
Proof	801,104	824,777	

District: **Marlboro**
County: **Windham**

LEA: **T120**
S.U.: **Windham Central**

1.	Local budgeted expenditures including any separate articles		2,584,424	1.
2.	Act 144 expenditures (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-		2.
3.	Obligation to a regional technical center school district if any	-		3.
4.	Obligation to repay a deficit per 24 V.S.A. § 1523(b)	-		4.
5.	Obligation to repay difference between allowable and announced tuition	-		5.
6.	Total Expenditures net of Act 144 dollars	(lines 1 + 3 + 4 + 5) - line 2	2,584,424	6.
7.	Offsetting revenues (do NOT include revcode 3114, the on-behalf payment)		304,623	7.
8.	Act 144 dedicated revenues	-		8.
9.	Act 144 expenditures to raise locally	line 2 - line 8	-	9.
10.	Offsetting revenues less Act 144 revenues	line 7 - (lines 8 + 9)	304,623	10.
11.	Initial Education Spending	line 6 - line 10	2,279,801	11.
12.	Capital debt hold-harmless aid	line 16, "CDaid" page	-	12.
13.	Education Spending	line 11 - line 12	2,279,801	13.
14.	Equalized pupils		134.89	14.
15.	Education spending per equalized pupil	line 13 / line 14	16,901.19	15.
Excess Spending Calculation				
15.	Aggregated exclusions		177.00	15.
16.	Aggregated exclusions per equalized pupil		1.31	16.
17.	Per pupil figure to use for Excess Spending	line 15 / line 16	16,899.88	17.
18.	Per equalized pupil spending threshold for FY2018		17,386.00	18.
19.	Per pupil spending above the threshold	line 17 - line 18	NA	19.
20.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District equalized tax rate	line 15 + line 19	16,901.19	20.
21.	Property Tax Yield per \$1.00 of tax rate		10,076.00	21.
22.	Equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated	16,901.19 / 10,076 (lines 20 & 21)	1.6774	22.
23.	Percent of Marlboro equalized pupils not in a union school district		100.00%	23.
24.	Portion of equalized homestead tax rate to be assessed by town	lines 22 x line 23	1.6774	24.
25.	Common level of appraisal		100.44%	25.
26.	Estimated actual homestead tax rate of district to be assessed	lines 24 / line 25	1.6701	26.
27.				27.
28.				28.
29.				29.
30.				30.
31.				31.
32.				32.
33.				33.
34.				34.
2.	Total equalized homestead rate for Marlboro	lines 24 + 29 + 33	1.6774	2.
3.	Total estimated actual homestead rate for Marlboro	lines 26 + 30 + 34	1.6701	3.
4.	Equalized non-residential tax rate		1.550	4.
5.	Estimated actual non-residential tax rate	lines 4 / line 25	1.5432	5.
6.	Education spending	line 13	2,279,801	6.
7.	Tech FTE's		3.01	7.
8.	Base education amount for tech FTE's, paid on behalf of district (This is not a local revenue. It reduces the education spending a district is owed.)	line 7 x 9,588 x 87%	25,109	8.
9.	Adjusted education spending due the district from Ed Fund	lines 6 - 8	2,254,692	9.
10.	Amount to raise locally for Act 144 (Manchester & West Windsor only)	line 9	-	10.
11.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Household Income Percentage	line 20	16,901.19	11.
12.	Income Yield per 2.0% of household income		11,875	12.
13.	Marlboro household income percentage to be prorated	16,901.19 / 11,875 x 2.00% (lines 11 & 12)	2.85%	13.
14.	Prorated income cap percentage for Marlboro education property tax if eligible	100.00% x 2.85% (lines 23 & 13)	2.85%	14.
15.		"FY18EstUnion", line 18 (%)		15.
16.		(lines 26 & 15)	-	16.
17.		"FY18EstUnion", line 18 (%)		17.
18.			-	18.
19.	Estimated income cap percentage for Marlboro education property tax		2.85%	19.

**TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - MARCH 1, 2016**

Moderator Steven John called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. and read out the warning :

The legal voters of the Town of Marlboro, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

He noted that the polls will be open on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing by Australian ballot the officers listed in Article 3. A wind storm in the early morning knocked out power in numerous areas of town, and numerous trees were down on power lines. The turnout in the meeting is less than usual.

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for a one year term.

Steven John nominated by Jonathan Morse and seconded by Lucy Gratwick.

Moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by T. Hunter Wilson that the nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast a single ballot.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Steven John elected as Moderator for a one year term.

Article 2. To act upon the Auditors' Report.

So moved Celena Romo and seconded by Gail MacArthur.

Discussion followed: no corrections brought up.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Auditors' Report accepted.

Article 3. To elect all town officers required by law to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting: Select Board, one three-year term; Lister, one three-year term; Auditor, one three-year term; Treasurer, one three-year term; Trustee of Public Funds, one three-year term; Collector of Delinquent Taxes, one three-year term, Constable, one one-year term; Grand Juror, one one-year term; Town Agent, one one-year term.

At the invitation of the Moderator the candidates present stood: Patti Smith write-in for Select Board, Andy Reichsman for Auditor, Forrest Holzapfel for Lister, Linda Peters for Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, and Trustee of Public Funds.

~ Motion made to move to School District meeting ~

Moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by T. Hunter Wilson to recess the meeting in order to convene the School District Meeting.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

~ Moderator Steven John recessed the meeting at 9:12 A.M. to proceed to the School District Meeting.

~ Moderator Steven John reconvened the Town Meeting at 10:49 A.M. ~

Suspend the rules to allow the Select Board to review aspects of the prior year:

- Internet connectivity in Marlboro, a committee is needed to further enhance our standing in getting all residents connected, the Select Board would like to get more residents to join a committee that meets regularly to address future needs as technology changes with time, ideally with quarterly reports to the Select Board.
- The Board introduced by name the new Animal Control Officer, Michael Young.
- The Board introduced by name Michael Andreotta, who is the current Emergency Management Director.

~ Moderator Steven John asked to further suspend the rules for Representative Emily Long and Senator Becca Balint to speak to the meeting at 11:03 am ~

- Emily spoke first, and commended the Marlboro Elementary School Board in stepping up to the additional work of Act 46, and discussing the changes coming along with it. The legislation is in process.
- Becca then spoke about how she was once a teacher in the Junior High at MES, and further about the various committees she serves on including those discussing housing, broadband internet access, declining enrollment and economic development.
- Questions from the floor on: housing and the energy code as it applies to housing throughout the State and how people can't afford to meet the code; Route 9 issues regarding speed near Marlboro Elementary School and the turn to South Road off Route 9 and general discussion of the poor quality of the road surface and noise from the rumble strip down the center; Medicaid reimbursements and the lack of primary care doctors & dental care; the legalization of marijuana as a funding source, its pros and cons, and how it impacts the State of Vermont; where does the lottery money go, as it should be helping fund education; Act 46 and projected budgets; the out-of-control deer population and the proliferation of Lyme Disease and further the question of encouraging the apex predators such as wolves to help balance the deer herd.

~ Moderator Steven John recessed the meeting at noon for lunch, to return at 1 P.M. ~

~ Moderator Steven John reconvened the Town Meeting at 1:01 P.M. ~

Article 4. To see if the town will set Friday, October 7, 2016 as the due date for property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by Paul Butler.

Discussion followed: Tom Toleno asked why the date seems to be creeping back, when it used to after the Columbus Day holiday. Linda Peters addressed the fact that more taxes come in when the holiday does not impede the flow of taxes.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Friday, October 7, 2016 set as due date for property taxes, payable to the Treasurer.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and expend \$225,000.00 for the General Fund.

So moved by Clarence Boston and seconded by Edith Mas.

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TOWN OF MARLBORO, VERMONT
~ MINUTES ~
SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 1, 2016

Moderator Steven John called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM and read out the warning :

The legal voters of the Town School District of Marlboro, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town House of said Marlboro on the first Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 9:10 AM to consider and act upon the following Articles:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for a one year term.

Steven John nominated by Clarence Boston and seconded by T. Hunter Wilson.

So moved by T. Hunter Wilson and seconded by David Holzapfel that the nominations be closed, and that the Clerk cast a single ballot.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Steven John elected Moderator for a one-year term.

Steven John explains that Roberts' Rules of Order is the guiding procedure for the meeting, limit to 2 minutes speaking time and the person making the motion gets to speak first. Amendments to articles procedure: moderator decides if amendment is germane to article. If seconded, debate on amendment, then vote.

**Article 2: To elect : One (1) School Director for a three-year term ending 2019
One (1) School Director for a three-year term (one year remaining) ending 2017.
Two (2) School Directors for one-year terms ending 2017.**

Steven John explained the reasoning behind the January 4th Special School District Meeting to expand the board to five members, and why there are 4 School Directors on the ballot. He noted the polls will be open on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm in the Marlboro Town Office for the purpose of electing the above School Director positions by Australian Ballot. The candidates introduced themselves by standing and by name.

Discussion: none.

The School Directors Jen Carr, Chair, Douglas Korb, & Celena Romo take the dais.

Article 3: To compensate the Directors of the Marlboro School District \$500 each.

So moved by T. Hunter Wilson and seconded by Pieter van Loon.

No discussion followed.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

Compensation for School Board members set at \$500/year each.

Article 4: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

So moved by T. Hunter Wilson and seconded by Clarence Boston.

Discussion followed: Steven John explained the nature of what this article means.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

School Directors are authorized to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

Article 5: Shall the voters of the Marlboro School District approve the school board to expend \$2,734,921 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 \$16,676 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.7% higher than spending for the current year.

So moved by Dan MacArthur and seconded by Jonathan Morse.

Discussion followed:

- Chair Jen Carr explained the bottom line did not change from the prior year but the Legislature reduced the penalty for going over the threshold for education spending per equalized pupil. She went over details of the budget. The projected tax rate will be the same or a little less than last year. Health insurance costs beyond our control went up 7.9%. The Board managed to propose a budget that not reduce programming for the children. The Outback bond has been paid in full, and all other prior years' negative fund balances, i.e., budget deficits, have all repaid.
- Edie Thomas asked what an equalized pupil is -- each student is not considered one, but a % of of a full time elementary school student. A preK student counts as .46 compared to 1.0 for a student in grades K-6. Grades 7-8 and 9-12, and special education students count for more than 1.0 per student enrolled. The sum total of these numbers results in "an equalized pupil count".
- Evan Wyse asked about calculations.
- Edie Mas asked about funding for the After School Program. Jen pointed out that the Board increased the district's contribution to supplement and secure the future funds granted by the federal 21st Century Grant to the WCSU.
- Tyler Gibbons thanked the School Directors for doing such a good job on prioritizing the programming for the students.
- Keely Eastley asked about test scores, which was explained in detail by Principal Francie Marbury. 5th-6th teacher Pam Burke thought the tests were poorly designed and cheaply done, and the State said these scores don't matter. She hopes the tests are better in the future.
- Eric von Ranson wondered if there is a financial ramification for test scores. None at this time.
- Steven John, stepped down as Moderator to answer questions as WCSU Superintendent regarding test scores. The importance of the results to inform the parent and teacher of the child progress over time was emphasized as the value of standards based testing such as the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC). He returned to Moderate.
- General discussion of Act 46, and the possible consolidation of neighboring schools. Jen Carr explained that we have no natural K-8 partner in nearby towns, and the first deadline for our Act 46 proposal is July 1, 2017.
- Andrea Howe, MES bus coordinator, thanked the Road Crew for their work on the busses and keeping the roads good for transportation to school (applause).
- Aidan Salasin-Deane spoke explaining how much the L'After Program helped him now that he is attending BUHS.

Discussion ended.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

The voters of the Marlboro School District approved the school board to expend \$2,734,921 for the ensuing fiscal year.

Article 6: To see if the voters of the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

So moved by T. Hunter Wilson and seconded by Tyler Gibbons.

Discussion followed:

- Chair Jen Carr said the school building needs some improvement. MES has joined the Windham Wood Heat Initiative and a statewide solar collaborative of school districts. The latter is anticipated to reduce the school's electricity costs by 18% via a net metering agreement with Green Mountain Power. If grants become available MES will be on the lookout. Another lighting initiative may help improve the energy efficiency of the building.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

School Directors are authorized to spend any grants or other funds received by the District for school purposes.

Article 7: To transact any other legal business that may come before the Meeting.

- Lucy Gratwick thanked Jen Carr for her 6 years as School Director and 5 years as Chair to a standing ovation by the assembled. Further discussion of test scores and our town's high priority for education.
- Steven John, stepped down as Moderator to answer questions as WCSU Superintendent to discuss demographics of the student body here in Marlboro and statewide as well as the factors included in raising the money for education. Returned to Moderate.
- More general discussion of Act 46 and it became clear that any changes proposed must be approved by the voters by Australian Ballot.
- Lauren Poster thanked Steven John who is retiring this year as WCSU Superintendent, to a standing ovation.

Motion made by Clarence Boston & seconded by Brian Whitehouse to adjourn the School District Annual Meeting.

So voted by unanimous voice vote.

School Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk
Jen Carr, Chair School Board
Linda Peters, Justice of the Peace & Treasurer

LIST OF SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE TO MARLBORO RESIDENTS

Senior Solutions – Senior Help-Line 1-800-642-5119

- The Senior Help-Line is a toll-free information and assistance resource for people aged 60 and older.
- Professional staff members can answer your questions and put you in touch with the resources you need to stay at home safely and comfortably.
- Meals on Wheels is available for persons unable to prepare a meal due to health or other reasons.
- Case Managers provide in-depth consultation with seniors, their families, and their caregivers to help identify and take advantage of programs to support their well-being and independence.
- Support Services are available to assist with questions about paying for prescription drugs, food, heating costs, home care services, legal services, health insurance, or respite care.
- Transportation issues can be assessed and solutions can be found.

Marlboro Cares Assistance Line – 258-3030

- A local non-emergency phone service for Marlboro Residents in need of assistance.
- Messages can be left by someone needing a ride to an appointment, a prescription picked up, a simple handyman task performed, and errand run, or a referral to other agencies.
- Staff monitor the phone once a day and find volunteers to provide assistance.

Vermont 2-1-1

- An information and referral program of the United Ways of Vermont – just dial 2-1-1.
- Helps to solve problems and links callers throughout Vermont with governmental programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local resources.
- More than 3,500 services are listed in the 2-1-1 database.

The Current – 888-869-6287

- Funded by Federal and State monies.
- Will provide free transportation for Medicaid recipients or anyone over 60. Up to one ride per week.
- Medical rides only. Need 48 hours advanced notice.
- Serves Marlboro.

The MOOver – 464-8487

- Funded by Federal and State monies; Serves Marlboro along Route 9.
- The trademark buses sport a Holstein motif. The MOOver is free.
- They provide year-round deviated fixed route and demand-response services. Deviations are available up to 1/4 of a mile upon request at least 24 hours advance. To request a deviation call us at (802) 464-8487.

Front Porch Forum -- FrontPorchForum.com.

- Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state.