

# *Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont*



## *2017 Annual Report*





Pine Valley Farm

The 2017 Shrewsbury Town Report is dedicated to Julianne Smith Sharrow in recognition of her significant contributions to our town and the unique place in Shrewsbury's history of Pine Valley Farm, the place where she was born, raised and lives.

Julanne is not only a life-long Shrewsbury resident who has given back much to the town, she is the seventh generation of her family to live at Pine Valley Farm on Lincoln Hill Road roughly halfway between Route 103 and Shrewsbury Center.

She has ably served the town in a multitude of ways. She was directly involved with town government as an auditor for 10 years, a lister for 20 years and a justice of the peace for 12 years. She also has been treasurer of the Shrewsbury Library, the Shrewsbury Outing Club and the Shrewsbury Meeting House. She is presently a Meeting House trustee. When Julianne's children were in elementary school she provided leadership with the PTO, the school ski program, Girl Scouts and the 4H club.

In addition to all of the above, Julianne has been actively involved in the operation of her family's Pine Valley Farm. A November 6, 1986 *Rutland Herald* article entitled "Women on the Farm" highlighted Julianne, noting how she had to "pick up where her father (Chandler Smith) left off" in 1984 when he died suddenly of a heart attack after doing the evening milking.

The article quoted Julianne's response to her father's death; "I just did one thing after another. You still got a load of work whether you got a head cold or a stomachache. I don't think there's another job in the world where I could get the same challenges from Mother Nature, Father Time, and Jack Frost going against you every minute. You've got good times and bad times, good years and bad years, but you just have to hang in there."

Imagine moving to Shrewsbury in 2017 and 237 years later, in the year 2254, the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> generations of your family were still living on the same property. Now go back in time the same number of years to 1780 when a 39-year old veteran of both the Revolutionary War and French and Indian War moved to Shrewsbury from Rhode Island and started farming on Lot 4 directly across the road from Julianne's house. The veteran was Nehemiah Smith, Julianne's great-great-great-great grandfather. This makes Julianne, along with her sons Neal and Chad, and Neal's son Chandler the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> generations to live and work on the same property as their ancestor.

When Nehemiah Smith arrived in Shrewsbury, family tradition holds that he first lived in a three sided lean-to built against a giant boulder still visible just up the other side of the road from the Smith-Sharrow house. He must have immediately gained the respect of the town's earliest settlers because he was voted one of Shrewsbury's first three selectmen when the town government was organized in 1781.

The immediate job of the earliest settlers was to clear the land. A healthy young man experienced with an axe could only hope to clear about 3 acres per year. Farming for the earliest settlers would initially have been a subsistence operation. Cut trees created a cash crop for settlers because they could be turned into potash which was used for making lye, gunpowder, soap, glass and in the finishing process of cloth. Gradually, with more land cleared, wheat, oats, rye, corn and hay could be grown in quantity closely followed by more pigs, cattle and sheep. But the earliest Vermont farms were often lonely places, an isolated clearing amid a forest of trees.

Today Pine Valley Farm covers approximately 500 acres, an area much larger than what Nehemiah could have dreamed of farming. It has multiple barns, silos and farm buildings including a modern milking parlor as well as a variety of motorized farm machinery and equipment. The farm is the only conventional dairy farm left in Shrewsbury. Its milk is sold to the Agri-Mark/Cabot Cooperative, for whom Julianne is a section secretary, and is processed at their Middlebury plant. Vermont's dairy industry has changed over the years, with fluid milk now representing only 30% of dairy production use compared to 80% previously. Cheese and other dairy products are now the main products of Pine Valley milk and other Vermont farms.



From L to R: Chad, Julianne, Neal, and Chandler Sharrow  
The 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> generations respectively working the family farm

A modern dairy farm is a substantial business enterprise. To be profitable in an era of declining milk prices it must also be efficient. Julianne continues to function as the farm's bookkeeper for both the dairy and maple sugaring operations. She does all the record keeping on the farm animals which includes maintaining their health records. She also raises the farm's calves until they are weaned. At one time or another she has done every job on the farm except the field work.

Julanne is justifiably proud of her family's history. She is a 13th generation descendant of a John (the Miller) Smith who was among the earliest settlers of Rhode Island around 1640. She is a member and registrar of the Daughters of the American Revolution, New England Women and the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. She continues to be an active member of the Shrewsbury Community Church.

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**2017 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS** *as of December 31, 2017*

<b>Elected Office</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Elected officer(s)</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2018
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Mark Goodwin	2018
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2018
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Steven Nicholson Bert Potter Aaron Korzun	2019 2020 2018
AUDITORS	3 Years	Sanford Bragg Richard Biziak Lee Wilson <sup>(1)</sup>	2018 2020 2018
LISTERS	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond Vacant Sharon Winnicki	2019 2018 2020
MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS	2 Years 3 Years	Andy Richards-Peele Adrienne Raymond	2018 2019
TOWN GRAND JUROR	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2018
TOWN AGENT	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2018
1 <sup>ST</sup> CONSTABLE	1 Year	Matthew Danaher	2018
2 <sup>ND</sup> CONSTABLE	1 Year	Betsy Jesser	2018
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Randy A. Page	2018
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	David Rice Larry Carrara Vacant	2019 2020 2018

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION**

Justices of the Peace are elected for two-year terms every other year. Current Justices were elected November 1, 2016 to serve from February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2019. The next General Election for JPs will occur November 6, 2018.		Barry Griffith	2019
		John Berryhill	2019
		Betsy Jesser	2019
		Larry Carrara	2019
		Trish Norton	2019
		Lee Wilson	2019
		Hull Maynard	2019

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**2017 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD**<sup>(2)</sup>

ACT 64 ADVISORY BOARD		Aaron Korzun	2018
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Vacant	
CLERK OF THE SELECTBOARD	1 Year	Mark Goodwin	2018
COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES <sup>(3)</sup>	3 Years	Annette Parish <sup>(4)</sup> Mark Youngstrom Jan O'Hara	2019 2020 2018



Town of Shrewsbury 2017 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD <sup>(2)</sup> (continued)			
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Grace Brigham Cynthia Thornton Louise Duda Pam Darrow Peter Grace Connie Youngstrom Christina Clarke	2020 2021 2018 2018 2019 2019 2021
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years <sup>(5)</sup>	Alan Shelvey Scott Darling Bruce Bullock Mark Youngstrom Laura Black Timothy Vile <sup>(8)</sup> Francis Wyatt	2019 2020 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR <sup>(6)</sup>		Vacant	
EMERGENCY MGMT. COORDINATOR		Vacant	
ENERGY COORDINATOR		Davis Terrell	2018
FEMA ADMINISTRATOR		Stephen Nicholson	2019
FENCE VIEWERS		Randy Page Bert Potter Mike Stewart	2018 2018 2018
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Connie Youngstrom	5/6/18
HEALTH OFFICER <sup>(6)</sup>		Kathy Felder	2020
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		John Wood	2018
LIBRARY BOARD		Debbie Blechich	2018
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years <sup>(5)</sup>	Marilyn Dalick Melissa Reichert Laura Black Mark Goodwin Timothy Vile <sup>(8)</sup> Francis Wyatt Vacant	2018 2018 2019 2019 2020 2020 2020
POUND KEEPER		Gillian Gaines	2018
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Gerry Martin	2019
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Jamie Carrara	2018
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Hull Maynard	6/30/18
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		Mark Goodwin Timothy Vile (Alternate) <sup>(8)</sup>	6/30/18 6/30/18
SERVICES OFFICER		Mark Goodwin	2018
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES		Bert Potter	4/15/18
		Aaron Korzun - Alternate	4/15/18
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Kevin Brown Al Ridlon, Jr.	6/30/18 6/30/18

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**2017 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD<sup>(2)</sup> (continued)**

TREE WARDEN		Gary Salmon	2018
WEIGHER OF COAL		John Wood	2018
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2018

**OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

TOWN ROAD CREW (Appointed by Road Commissioner)		Dan Cavoto, Theodore Burnham	
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS		Bob Perry, Bert Potter, Gary Duprey, Gil Pitts	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (Appointed by the Town Clerk for the term of the Town Clerk's service))		Betsy Jesser	2018
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER <sup>(7)</sup>		Christina Clarke	2018

(1) Appointed to serve one year of a two-year term.

(2) All appointments expire on date of Town Meeting in March of year shown unless otherwise indicated.

(3) Three of seven positions appointed by Selectboard.

(4) Appointed by Selectboard to serve last two years of a three-year term.

(5) Term of office determined by Selectboard.

(6) Selectboard Chair serves if Vacant.

(7) Appointments effective for Treasurer's term of Office unless changed by the Treasurer.

(8) Resigned effective 1/1/18.



Town of Shrewsbury Highway Department (a.k.a "The Road Crew")  
From L to R: Ted Burnham, Road Commissioner Jamie Carrara, and Dan Cavoto



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**WARNING for 237<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 6, 2018**

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The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1-year term
One Town Clerk	3 year Term
One Town Treasurer	3 year Term
One Selectboard Member	3-year term
One Auditor	1 year of 3 year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Lister	3-year term
One Grand Juror	1-year term
One Town Agent	1-year term
One 1st Constable	1-year term
One Collector of Delinquent Taxes	3 year term
One 2nd Constable	1 year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	3 year term

One Mill River Unified School District Director 3 year term
2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of \$999,360, of which \$676,469 shall be raised by taxes and \$322,891 by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds?
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$50,000 for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$12,000 for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$7,500 for the Shrewsbury Library?
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,500 for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$4,224 for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,526 to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?

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Town of Shrewsbury  
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**MARCH 6, 2018**

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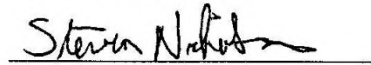
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support New Story (formally the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
27. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., **Friday, October 5, 2018**

Dated: **January 26, 2018**

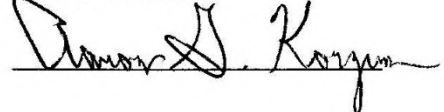
Bert Potter, Chair



Steven Nicholson

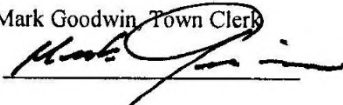


Aaron Korzun



Shrewsbury Selectboard

Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk



The informational meeting for the annual Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road. 6:00 P.M., Monday, March 5, 2018.**

Early / Absentee Ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk at the Shrewsbury Town Office - 492-3511 or [shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net](mailto:shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net) or [My Voter Page - Vermont](#)

Beginning January 1, 2017 eligible voters can register any day, during regular business hours up to and including Election Day. 17 V.S.A. §2144(a)



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS 236<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 7, 2017**

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The informational meeting for the Town was called to order at 6.00 pm. March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by Moderator Eldred French, present were Selectboard members Bert Potter, Steven Nicholson and Aaron Korzun. Also present were approximately 50 voters at the commencement of the meeting.

Eldred explained the fact that there is only one meeting this year because of the MRUUSD ACT 46 consolidation. As a courtesy, the Selectboard ceded the floor to representatives of MRUUSD. The representatives summarized the budget and examined in summary fashion the MRUUSD Annual Report. There was clarification of Article 6 & 7 in respect to the Reserve Funds and the precedent of previously existing Reserve Funds. John Heitzke inquired as to the “per pupil” spending rates, and the consolidation of those rates over the five member towns.

After about a half an hour of updating those present at the February 23 Meeting, the Informational Meeting returned to reviewing the Shrewsbury Town Warning for the Annual Meeting Election. All warned articles were reviewed and discussed beginning with article two (2).

The Selectboard indicated that the Town is done with the extraordinary expenses of Tropical Storm Irene, the last project being the Upper Cold River Road slide. The “Closeout” process is now underway for all associated major projects so that final distribution of FEMA Grant monies can be collected from VT DOT.

In response to a question regarding Account Receivables, it was explained by the Selectboard that the majority of that account is outstanding FEMA reimbursements. The reimbursements have no date certain expectation as to when they will be paid by FEMA.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Voting by Australian ballot is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, beginning at 10 am.

Minutes approved by:

/s/ Bert Potter, Selectboard

/s/ Eldred French

/s/ Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Date: 3/9/2017

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1-year term <b>Eldred French (Write-In)</b>
One Selectboard Member	3-year term <b>Bert Potter</b>
One Auditor	1 year of 3-year term <b>Christina Clarke (Write-In)*</b>
One Auditor	3-year term <b>Richard Biziak</b>
One Lister	1 year of 3-year term <b>No Write-In with Requisite Number of Votes</b>
One Lister	3-year term <b>Sharon Winnicki</b>
One Grand Juror	1-year term <b>Barry Griffith</b>
One Town Agent	1-year term <b>Barry Griffith</b>
One 1st Constable	1-year term <b>Matthew Danaher</b>
One 2nd Constable	1-year term <b>Betsy Jesser</b>
One Cemetery Commissioner	3-year term <b>Larry Carrara (Write-In)</b>

\*Declined to Serve

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**RESULTS 236<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 7, 2017**

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2. Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of <b>\$1,127,482</b> , of which <b>\$699,102</b> shall be raised by taxes and <b>\$391,686</b> by non-tax revenues and surplus funds?	<b>YES</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>41</b>
3. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,500</b> for the Town Office Reserve Fund?	<b>YES</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>46</b>
4. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,500</b> for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?	<b>YES</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>40</b>
5. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,000</b> for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?	<b>YES</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>44</b>
6. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$50,000</b> for the Town Road Equipment Fund?	<b>YES</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>31</b>
7. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,000</b> for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?	<b>YES</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>46</b>
8. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$35,000</b> for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?	<b>YES</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>44</b>
9. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$12,000</b> for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?	<b>YES</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>41</b>
10. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$35,000</b> for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?	<b>YES</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>32</b>
11. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$7,500</b> for the Shrewsbury Library?	<b>YES</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>49</b>
12. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$2,500</b> for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?	<b>YES</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>61</b>
13. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$4,224</b> for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?	<b>YES</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>27</b>
14. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$250</b> to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?	<b>YES</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>68</b>
15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of <b>\$2,526</b> to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?	<b>YES</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>27</b>
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$150</b> to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?	<b>YES</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>43</b>
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$130</b> to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?	<b>YES</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>40</b>
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$700</b> to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?	<b>YES</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>48</b>
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,192</b> to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?	<b>YES</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>52</b>
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$150</b> to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?	<b>YES</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>41</b>

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**RESULTS 236<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 7, 2017**

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21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
- YES    168    NO    67**
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?
- YES    177    NO    58**
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
- YES    175    NO    63**
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
- YES    177    NO    60**
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Human Society?
- YES    199    NO    39**
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
- YES    164    NO    70**
27. Shall the voters vote to exempt from property taxes for a period of five years the properties (fire stations) owned by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, which are located at 23 Shunpike Road and 9800 Cold River Road, and which are used by said Fire Department exclusively for the purposes of said organization?
- YES    211    NO    28**
28. Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., **Friday, October 6, 2017**
- YES    224    NO    13**



Members of the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission (SCC)  
From L to R: Front row - Pam Darrow, Louise Duda  
Back row – Peter Grace, Grace Brigham, Cynthia Thornton, Connie Youngstrom, Christina Clarke

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT**

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The Board of Auditors is pleased to present this Annual Report as required by Vermont statutes. We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Shrewsbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the town officers and organizations submitting the reports. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Based on the records available to us, in our opinion the financial statements included in this report present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Shrewsbury and the organizations it supports financially as of December 31, 2017, as well as the results of their operations for the year then ended.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A 1681-1684, which, among other things, requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the Town Treasurer. Our objectives were to 1) validate the correctness of the town accounts, 2) detect errors or fraud in these accounts and 3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017. Town auditors are also expected to review the internal controls practiced by the Town.

To accomplish these objectives, we require an understanding of the operation of the Town's government, including internal controls over financial transactions. We examined the Town's financial records on a quarterly basis to verify that expenditures were supported by invoices that were approved on selectboard and road commissioner orders and documented on bank statements. For each quarter including year end, we tracked tax payments, reconciled monthly bank statements for the Town's general fund and performed proof of cash to tie bank statements back to the Town's general ledger. We also reviewed the Town's year-end financial statements, including the budget prepared by the Selectboard, as well as the financial statements of town organizations which appear in this report, and the Grand List.

We did not receive reports this year from either the Town Animal Control Officer, Emergency Management Director (positions vacant), or the Transfer Station and FEMA Administrators. We also did not receive a report from the Vermont Adult Learning Center.

We appreciate the cooperation of everyone who submitted reports this year, and also for providing well organized financial records for review. We also thank Mark Goodwin for his valuable assistance throughout the year, the audit process, and preparation of this Annual Report. The cooperation and assistance of the Selectboard, and the Board of Listers throughout the year was also very helpful. We especially wish to thank Treasurer Linda McGuire for her assistance during the quarterly audits and review of the year-end financial statements and also Selectboard Member Steven Nicholson who worked closely with us on the Selectboard Budget

Richard Biziak

Sanford Bragg

Lee Wilson



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**

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The Town Treasurer is elected for a three-year term. Taxes are due once a year in Shrewsbury, the voters set the date by Australian ballot. Payment must be received by the date due; U. S. Postal Service postmark is accepted. If the payment is not received timely, a warrant is issued to the collector of delinquent taxes and an eight percent penalty is charged on the unpaid balance. Current tax payments are accepted at any time before the due date and may be mailed to Town of Shrewsbury, Treasurer's Office, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

As required by the Government Accounting Standards Board our Town is using the modified accrual system for accounting procedures. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

The Homestead Declaration is to be filed annually with the State of Vermont in order to receive the Homestead tax rate. Please review the Vermont State Income Tax package for the Homestead Declaration (HS-131) or on-line filing is available at [www.state.vt.us/tax](http://www.state.vt.us/tax) . Property Tax Adjustment Claim (HS-145) forms must be filed each year in order to receive a tax adjustment. For questions please call the State of Vermont 1-866-828-2865 or home page [www.state.vt.us/tax](http://www.state.vt.us/tax) .

As always, it is my pleasure to be your treasurer and I look forward to serving you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda McGuire*

Town of Shrewsbury  
**Balance Sheet**  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2017

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds <sup>(9)</sup>	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash <sup>(2)</sup>	157,195	397,712	554,907
Prepaid Expenses	13,846		13,846
Receivables <sup>(3)</sup>			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	51,793		51,793
Other Receivables	466,559		466,559
Capital Assets <sup>(6)</sup>			
Land and Buildings	791,207		791,207
Machinery and Equipment	404,709		404,709
Infrastructure	3,296,499		3,296,499
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,181,808</b>	<b>397,712</b>	<b>5,579,520</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Mascoma Saving Bank <sup>(13)</sup>	250,000		250,000
VMBB Garage Bond <sup>(12)</sup>	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable <sup>(4)</sup>	21,866		21,866
Other Current Liabilities	10,685		10,685
<b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>			
VMBB Garage Bond	180,000		180,000
<b>Equity</b>			
Restricted Funds		397,712	397,712
Unrestricted Equity	4,589,102		4,589,102
Excess Revenue	110,155		110,155
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>5,181,808</b>	<b>397,712</b>	<b>5,579,520</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2017**

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**RECEIPTS:**

**Property Tax Receipts**

Taxes: Education Current	\$ 1,790,149.01	
Taxes: Town Current	750,229.96	
School Reconciliation Taxes	23,705.58	
Delinquent Tax	<u>112,080.72</u>	
<b>Total Property Tax Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 2,676,165.27</b>

**Other Tax Receipts**

Land Use	49,063.00	
Leased Land	30.00	
State in Lieu of Tax	28,995.10	
Federal in Lieu of Tax	5,917.00	
Railroad Tax	<u>513.05</u>	
<b>Total Other Tax Receipts</b>		<b>84,518.15</b>

**Road Commission Receipts**

Grant - Paving	166,493.44	
State Aid	131,869.63	
Services Rendered	2,959.80	
Weight Permits	<u>250.00</u>	
<b>Total Road Commission Receipts</b>		<b>301,572.87</b>

**Other Receipts**

Act 60 Funds	6,793.00	
DRB Hearing Fee	375.00	
Dog Licenses	470.00	
FEMA	41,064.97	
Fines	158.00	
Insurance Reimbursement	3,521.00	
Interest	1,474.53	
Liquor License	300.00	
Marriage License	50.00	
Miscellaneous	64.65	
Recycling	639.95	
Restoration Fees	806.00	
Transfer Station Card Income	21,627.39	
Zoning Permits	<u>1,219.40</u>	
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>		<b><u>78,563.89</u></b>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$ 3,140,820.18**

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2017**

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**DISBURSEMENTS:**

<b>School Account</b>	\$ 1,816,848.13
<b>Selectboard's Orders (Net)</b>	189,835.21
<b>Road Commissioners Orders (Net)</b>	679,466.02
<b>Depreciation <sup>(7)</sup></b>	289,821.21
<b>Capitalized Improvements <sup>(6)</sup> &amp; Liability <sup>(12)</sup></b>	(103,947.25)

**Warned Items**

Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council	\$ 600.00
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00
Garage Reserve Fund	1,500.00
Green Up	150.00
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	130.00
Road Equipment Sinking Fund	50,000.00
Rutland County Humane Society	150.00
Rutland Mental Health	1,192.00
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice	2,526.00
Rutland County Women's Network	150.00
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation	250.00
Rutland Parent/Child Center	500.00
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4,224.00
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House	12,000.00
Shrewsbury Historical Society	2,500.00
Shrewsbury Town Library	7,500.00
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	35,000.00
SVFD-Equipment Reserve Sinking Fund	35,000.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	700.00
Town Office Sinking Fund	1,500.00
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	500.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	170.00
<b>Total Warned Items</b>	<u>158,642.00</u>
	<u>158,642.00</u>

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ <u>3,030,665.32</u></b>
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<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u><u>110,154.86</u></u></b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda McGuire*, Treasurer



**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY - Treasurer's Report**  
**STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2017**

**GRAND LIST**

Real Estate	\$ 165,586,800
Less Exemptions	<u>12,546,900</u>

**TOTAL GRAND LIST**

**\$ 153,039,900**

**TAXES BILLED**

Municipal Grand List	1,530,399	
Tax Rate	<u>0.5605</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		<b>857,788.54</b>
Education Grand List-Non-Resident	646,664	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.382</u>	
Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed		<b>893,689.64</b>
Education Grand List-Homestead	890,648	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.3514</u>	
Education Resident Taxes Billed		<b>1,203,621.78</b>
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,530,399	
Local Agreement Tax Share	<u>0.0003</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		<b>459.20</b>
Late Homestead Penalty		<b>1,330.88</b>

**TOTAL TAXES BILLED**

**2,956,890.04**

**TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR**

Taxes Collected	2,858,858.07
Delinquent Taxes	112,080.72
Adjustments/Changes	(2,722.72)
Refunds/Overpayments	<u>(11,326.03)</u>

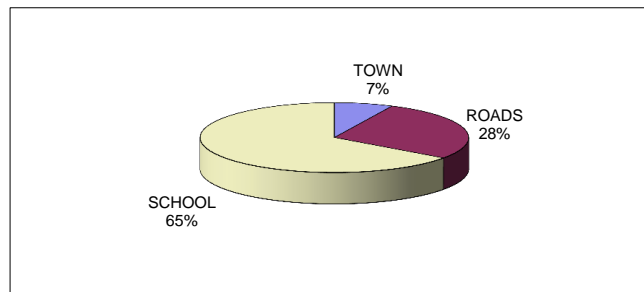
**TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED**

**2,956,890.04**

**TAX RATE PERCENTAGES**

The 2017 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.5605	857,788.54
Local Agreement Rate	0.0003	459.20
Schools Residential	1.3514	1,203,621.78
Schools Non-Residential	1.382	<u>893,689.64</u>
		<b>2,955,559.15</b>
Homestead Late Penalty		<u>1,330.88</u>
		<b><u><u>2,956,890.04</u></u></b>
Resident	<b>1.9122</b>	
Non-Resident	<b>1.9428</b>	



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Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report  
2017 TAX COMPARISON

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2017	1,655,868	Residential	1.9122	2,956,890.04
		Non-Residential	1.9428	
2016	1,625,801	Residential	1.7791	2,739,762.47
		Non-Residential	1.8793	
2015	1,618,198	Residential	1.7589	2,725,958.43
		Non-Residential	1.9266	
2014	1,621,270	Residential	1.8063	2,766,744.03
		Non-Residential	1.9372	
2013	1,612,213	Residential	1.7351	2,588,722.90
		Non-Residential	1.773	
2012	1,597,952	Residential	1.6178	2,401,380.98
		Non-Residential	1.6636	
2011	1,461,693	Residential	1.84	2,607,387.99
		Non-Residential	1.74	
2010	1,464,580	Residential	1.78	2,706,405.15
		Non-Residential	1.94	
2009	1,059,699	Residential	2.48	2,742,426.80
		Non-Residential	2.73	
2008	1,041,578	Residential	2.28	2,484,895.12
		Non-Residential	2.53	

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

Town of Shrewsbury					
2017 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS <sup>(9)</sup>					
Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Transferred from General	Disbursed	Interest	Ending Balance
Brown Bridge Grant	\$3,017	\$0	\$0	\$8	\$3,026
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	\$45,464	\$6,793	\$0	\$145	\$52,401
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$1,298	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$1,302
Energy Grant	\$1,106	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$1,109
Garage Reserve Fund	\$13,604	\$1,500	\$0	\$42	\$15,146
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	\$51,994	\$50,000	\$0	\$282	\$102,276
Records Restoration Fund	\$9,960	\$1,806	\$0	\$33	\$11,799
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	\$151,022	\$35,000	\$0	\$515	\$186,536
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	\$4,338	\$0	\$0	\$12	\$4,350
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	\$4,077	\$1,000	\$694	\$12	\$4,394
Town Office Reserve Fund	\$13,830	\$1,500	\$0	\$42	\$15,372
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$299,710</b>	<b>\$97,599</b>	<b>\$694</b>	<b>\$1,097</b>	<b>\$397,712</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury

**2017 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES**

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Bert Potter	Selectperson/Transfer Station	\$	8,511.64
Aaron Korzun	Selectperson		1,000.00
Mark Goodwin	Town Clerk Salary	23,107.69	
	Selectboard Clerk Salary	1,200.00	
	Town Clerk Fees**	9,205.40	
	Total		33,513.09
Linda McGuire	Town Treasurer		28,382.78
Christina Clarke	Assistant Treasurer		96.00
Randy Page	Delinquent Tax Collector**		6,809.81
Adrienne Raymond	Lister		2,264.41
Robert Perry	Transfer Station Attendent		8,838.39
Gary Duprey	Transfer Station Attendent		2,933.88
Gilbert Pitts	Transfer Station Attendent		416.50
Sharon Winnicki	Lister		10,120.95
			<hr/> 102,887.45
Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds			<hr/> 7,870.89
<b>Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year</b>		\$	<hr/> <b>110,758.34</b> <hr/>

\*\* Based only on fees collected



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Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report  
2017 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**1. Basis of Accounting.** In 1999 the Government Accounting Standards Board issued Statement 34, introducing revised financial reporting. The new reporting required for a clean audit could impact bonds and federal grants and will provide improved accountability and comparability across municipalities.

Our town is incorporating expenditures for capital assets in excess of the \$2,500 value limit and infrastructure, and has begun reporting using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. In addition land, buildings, machinery and equipment have been valued for the balance sheet, as well as depreciation.

**2. Cash.** At year end the Town’s bank balance was \$554,907, which is covered by federal depository insurance, or was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution’s agent in the Town’s name. No values were unsecured and uncollateralized.

**3. Accounts Receivable.** Amounts receivable at year end, as reported in the Statement of Net Assets, and Balance Sheet are as follows:

Accounts Receivable	
Delinquent tax receivable	\$ 51,793
Other Receivables	<u>466,559</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 518,352

**4. Accounts Payable.** Amounts payable at year end as reported in the Balance Sheet:

Accrued Payroll	\$ 8,746.10
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>13,119.78</u>
Total Payables	\$ 21,865.88

**5. Fixed Assets.** Capital acquisitions are reflected in the related assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical costs where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

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**Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report**  
**2017 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**6. Capital Assets.** Capital asset activity for year ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital Assets not being depreciated:			
Land	271,223	0.00	271,223
Capital Assets not being depreciated:	271,223	0.00	271,223
Capital Assets being depreciated:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	1,072,954	0	1,072,954
Vehicles and Equipment	1,174,928	8,487	1,183,415
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	4,395,612	75,459	4,471,071
Totals	6,643,494	83,947	6,727,441
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	523,229	29,741	552,970
Vehicles and Equipment	699,594	79,113	778,707
Roads, Bridges and Culverts	993,605	180,968	1,174,573
Totals	2,216,428	289,822	2,506,250
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	4,427,066	-205,875	4,221,191
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	<u>4,698,289</u>	<u>-205,875</u>	<u>4,492,414</u>

**7. Depreciation.** Depreciation was applied as follows to the corresponding Capital Assets:

Buildings	\$ 29,741
Vehicles and Equipment	79,113
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	<u>180,968</u>
Total Depreciation	\$289,822

**8. Risk Management.** The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, destruction of assets, errors and omission, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. The Selectboard believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses.

The Shrewsbury Meeting House maintains insurance coverage independently. The Meeting House Committee annually provides a copy to the town of the insurance policy covering the meeting house.

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Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report  
2017 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**9. Restricted/Designated Funds.**

<b>Brown Bridge Grant</b>	Funds received from the Preservation Trust to be used for the Brown Bridge.
<b>Cemetery Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for town cemetery maintenance.
<b>Energy Grant</b>	Funds from NeighborWorks of Western Vermont designated by agreement of March 21, 2013 for specific use.
<b>Garage Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for Town Garage
<b>Records Restoration Fund</b>	Fees collected (\$1 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents and warned item
<b>Road Equipment Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of road equipment.
<b>SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designed for Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire trucks.
<b>Smith Brook Culvert Fund</b>	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4.
<b>Town Office Equipment Fund</b>	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of town office equipment.
<b>Town Office Reserve Fund</b>	Funds designated for improvements/repairs to the town office
<b>Town-wide Reappraisal Fund</b>	Includes funds to be used for reappraisal costs and funds designated for the purpose of maintaining and updating our equalized grand list.

**10. Transfer Station Costs.** As an additional cost of operating the transfer station, it is estimated that 50 hours of road crew wages were spent working at the transfer station, or approximately \$914 of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report  
2017 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**11. Meeting House and Conservation Commission.** The conservation commission funds are integral funds belonging to the town, but are reported in separate financial reports. The funds are considered as town assets. The meeting house building is a town asset; the meeting house committee is a separate corporate entity.

**12. Vermont Municipal Bond Bank.** The town applied for a bond of \$410,000 for the new garage and borrowed \$550,000 in a bond anticipation note. The following is the remaining payment schedule for the 20-year bond, at net interest cost of 4.51 percent.

	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>
2018	20,000	9,222	29,222
2019	20,000	8,325	28,325
2020	20,000	7,410	27,410
2021	20,000	6,479	26,479
2022	20,000	5,536	25,536
2023	20,000	4,625	24,625
2024	20,000	3,708	23,708
2025	20,000	2,787	22,787
2026	20,000	1,862	21,862
2027	20,000	933	20,933
	\$200,000	\$50,887	\$250,887

**13. Line of Credit.** On March 30, 2016 the Town obtained a promissory note from Mascoma Savings Bank, a local financial institution, in the amount of \$250,000 at an interest rate of \$1.75% to provide cash flow for expenses necessary and resulting from capital improvement costs for road, bridge and culvert repairs to be repaid by future FEMA reimbursements. This note has been amended to extend to 12/31/2018 for repayment.

**14. Pension Funds.** Town employees eligible for the Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System are required to pay 2.5% of wages and the Town contributes 4% which are counted as expenses in the financial statements. The town currently has four members. Vesting occurs upon reaching 5 years of creditable service. Additional information is available upon request.



**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**2017 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**for the year ending December 31, 2017**

**Delinquent Taxes**

<b>Balance outstanding December 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$30,148.62</b>
Warrant to Collect, October 20, 2017	+\$113,472.14
Amended Warrant, November 1, 2017	-\$1,418.74
Amended Warrant, November 11, 2017	-\$15.00
Amended Warrant, December 1, 2017	+\$82.98
Amended Warrant, December 9, 2017	-\$40.66
<b>Total taxes delinquent</b>	<b>\$142,229.34</b>
Less delinquent taxes collected and deposited in 2017	\$90,435.94
<b>Balance outstanding December 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$51,793.40</b>

Notes: 8% fees paid in 2017 for collections - \$6,809.81.  
\$53.00 was collected for the Town for fees on NSF checks.

<b>Delinquent taxes collected January 1 - 31, 2018.</b>	<b>\$27,482.25</b>
<b>Delinquent taxes still outstanding (16 accounts):</b>	
2009, 2010 - Cheney, Michele	278.48
2016, 2017 - Geary, Arthur J (deceased).	2,769.57
2016, 2017 - Paul, Hillary	7,056.21
2015, 2016, 2017 - Peer, Christopher	2,282.23
2017 - Frydel, Irene	3,063.79
2017 - Guyette, Peter L	791.81
2017 - Korzun, Steven	3,300.82
2017 - Porte, Ariel	524.57
2017 - Wallace, Charlotte E	1,673.34
2017 - Webster, Robert & McGinnis, Angela	747.98
2017 - Young, Donna, Paul & Trey	1,822.35
<b>Balance 2/1/2018</b>	<b>\$24,311.15</b>

**Delinquent taxes outstanding as of December 31, 2017**

**\$51,793.40**

**Randy A. Page**  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 SELECTBOARD REPORT**

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The Unified Zoning and Sub-Division Regulations were adopted on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Aaron Korzun was appointed as the Town representative to the new Act 64 advisory committee.

Implementation of the mandatory Act 148 collecting of food scraps for composting was postponed until July 1, 2018.

Alan Shelvey and Mark Youngstrom continued to work on the Cold River Road Mitigation Grant from FEMA. They have been corresponding with the State Mitigation Officer and FEMA answering questions relating to FEMA's required Environmental Assessment Study. An archeological assessment of the site was conducted by UVM in October. It is our hope the grant will be awarded in 2018.

In October the law firm of Webber, Chapman and Kupferer was authorized by the Selectboard to represent the Town in Superior Court in regards to an appeal of the findings of the Board of Civil Authority.

A Records Retention Policy was adopted in November which is aligned with the Vermont Public Records law.

In December a meeting was held with the State Railroad Crossing Engineer to air our concerns over the unsafe condition of the crossing on Town Hill Rd.

Unfortunately, the Town Office was broken into on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Selectboard Meetings are open to the Public and we encourage your attendance and participation. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. More information can be found on the Town website ([www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)).

The Selectboard would like to thank the auditors for their care and diligence in preparing the Town Report. In addition, we would like to thank all town employees, elected and appointed officials and everyone who volunteers their time in service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bert Potter  
Aaron Korzun  
Steven Nicholson

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES-GENERAL AND ROADS**  
**BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year ended December 31, 2017**

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>				
<b>TAXES:</b>				
Current Property Taxes	554,560		750,229	
Delinquent Tax	70,957		112,081	
Property Tax Receipts-Other	178			
Less: Warned Items	(159,142)		(158,642)	
<b>Current Property Taxes for General &amp; Roads</b>	<b>466,554</b>	<b>699,102</b>	<b>703,668</b>	<b>676,469</b>
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	5,789	5,789	5,917	5,917
State In Lieu of Taxes	26,174	26,174	28,995	28,995
Land Use Taxes	54,157	54,000	49,063	49,000
Railroad Tax	513	513	513	513
<b>Total Other Tax Receipts</b>	<b>86,633</b>	<b>86,476</b>	<b>84,488</b>	<b>84,425</b>
<b>ROADS:</b>				
Paving Grant	109,072	-	166,493	-
FEMA Reimbursement	733,760	150,000	41,065	-
Grant- Spring Lake Road Culvert Replacement	145,290	-		-
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment		-		-
State Aid to Roads	131,936	132,000	131,870	131,870
Services Rendered - Roads	3,000		2,960	
Weight Permits	220		250	
<b>Total Road Receipts</b>	<b>1,123,279</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>342,638</b>	<b>131,870</b>
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS:</b>				
Act 60 Funds	6,802		6,793	
Dog Licenses	516	520	470	470
Insurance Reimbursement - Workmen's Comp	700		3,521	
Interest Income	1,417	30	1,475	1,400
Leased Land	30	30	30	30
Liquor Licenses	415	415	300	300
Misc. income, Misc. fees, marriage licenses	1,529	1,529	273	300
Recycling	186	186	640	640
Restoration Fees	1,081		806	
School Tax Reconciliation-previous year	8,309		23,706	
Transfer Station Punch Cards	20,720	20,000	21,627	21,000
Zoning Permits/DRB Hearing Fees/Subdivision Permits	927	500	1,594	500
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>	<b>42,632</b>	<b>23,210.00</b>	<b>61,235</b>	<b>24,640</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,719,097</b>	<b>1,090,788</b>	<b>1,192,029</b>	<b>917,404</b>
<b>Cash Beginning Balance</b>	<b>125,781</b>	<b>41,462</b>	<b>41,462</b>	<b>157,195</b>
<b>Cash Available for Expenses</b>	<b>1,844,878</b>	<b>1,132,250</b>	<b>1,233,491</b>	<b>1,074,599</b>
<b>Cash Equivalent</b>	<b>Used for budgeting purposes. Derived by</b>			<b>81,956</b>
<b>Adjusted Cash Available for Expenses</b>	<b>adjusting cash for payables &amp; receivables.</b>			<b>999,360</b>

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year ended December 31, 2017**

	<b>ACTUAL 2016</b>	<b>BUDGET 2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>BUDGET 2018</b>
<b><u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u></b>				
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>				
Tipping Fees	10,857	11,000	9,581	11,000
Hauling	7,175	7,175	7,125	7,175
Salary-Transfer Station Attendants	18,000	19,150	19,105	20,000
Salary- Transfer Station Administrator	877	877	877	890
Payroll Expenses	1,491	1,532	1,516	1,600
Maintenance	531	1,000	-	1,000
Solid Waste Dues	4,251	4,000	4,488	4,500
Equipment/Facilities	-	1,300	-	1,300
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	593	1,000	752	-
Supplies	364	1,000	305	1,000
Workers Compensation	908	1,000	1,956	1,961
Solid Waste Implementation Plan	-	636	-	636
Electric	671	700	788	800
Other	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>45,718</b>	<b>50,370</b>	<b>46,493</b>	<b>51,862</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE</b>				
Planning Commission Expense	42	500	326	500
Emergency Mgmt/FEMA Expense	100	500	100	500
Building/Property Insurance	3,885	3,900	4,881	4,205
Public Officials Liability Insurance	2,248	2,300	1,843	1,819
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	1,290	1,300	1,635	1,502
Workers Compensation	546	550	217	862
Office Heat/Electric	2,855	3,500	2,048	3,000
Training/Education	480	900	565	750
Postage	1,249	1,300	921	1,300
Supplies & Equipment	3,682	4,500	3,403	4,000
Software	1,234	1,000	1,006	2,000
Selectboard Salary	2,000	3,000	2,000	3,000
Other Town Officers Salary	56,220	64,000	47,421	64,000
Payroll Expenses	5,481	6,400	4,891	4,896
Retirement	1,541	1,600	1,330	1,600
Office Communications	2,831	3,000	2,812	3,000
Mileage Reimbursement	84	300	-	300
Building Maintenance/Repair	3,070	6,000	1,927	6,000
Warnings	577	600	275	600
Town Report	2,404	2,500	2,381	2,389
<b>Total Town Officers Expense</b>	<b>91,819</b>	<b>107,650</b>	<b>79,982</b>	<b>106,223</b>

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**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL (Continued)**  
**Year ended December 31, 2017**

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018</u>
<b>LISTERS</b>				
Lister Salaries	12,393	13,500	12,225	13,500
Payroll Expenses	943	1,000	935	1,035
Supplies	459	500	671	700
Upgrade Parcel Mapping	1,200	1,200	1,275	1,275
Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees	-	1,500	1,119	5,000
Training & Training Mileage	491	1,500	510	1,500
<b>Total Listers Expense</b>	<b>15,485</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>16,735</b>	<b>23,010</b>
<b>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Animal Damage and Control	627	500	119	500
Conservation Commission	-	-	-	550
County Court Tax	11,357	10,800	10,906	11,000
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	30,455	30,097	29,629	29,222
Interest Expense	3,033	3,000	4,375	4,375
Law Enforcement	-	1,000	-	1,000
Legal Fees	-	2,000	-	2,000
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues	925	925	925	925
Town Events	150	500	100	500
Vermont League of Cities & Towns Dues	2,112	2,100	2,184	2,200
Miscellaneous	66	-	60	-
<b>Total Other Disbursements</b>	<b>48,725</b>	<b>50,922</b>	<b>48,298</b>	<b>52,272</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>201,747</b>	<b>228,142</b>	<b>191,508</b>	<b>233,367</b>

**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018</u>
<b>ROAD EXPENSES</b>				
<b>ROADS</b>				
Chloride	4,042	4,500	3,960	4,500
Flood Expenses	746,718	250,000	-	-
Cold River Rd. Flooding Mitigation	4,784	25,000	10,901	55,000
Gravel	43,919	45,000	34,306	45,000
Salt	21,200	30,000	24,619	30,000
Winter Sand	36,611	55,000	55,816	60,000
Erosion control	300	1,000	-	1,000
General permit, (Act 64)	-	-	-	2,000

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**Town of Shrewsbury**  
**ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2017**  
**Continued from previous page**

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>ROAD EXPENSES</b>				
<b>ROADS (continued)</b>				
Tree Removal	2,100	2,000	600	2,000
Bridge #37,(Lincoln Hill Culvert)	3,149	-	26	-
Culverts & Bridges	6,451	7,500	6,504	7,500
Spring Lake Rd. Culvert	161,433	-	-	-
Paving*	258,560	160,000	237,940	246,735
Equipment Rental	1,330	4,000	700	4,000
Salaries	126,407	140,000	133,457	147,000
Payroll Expenses	9,274	10,710	10,185	11,245
VT State Retirement	4,780	5,600	5,138	6,000
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	11,379	10,573	10,861	9,477
Health Insurance/Dental Insurance	44,638	39,640	37,245	35,558
VLCT Unemployment	358	402	114	152
Other			203	-
<b>Total Roads</b>	<b>1,487,434</b>	<b>790,925</b>	<b>572,575</b>	<b>667,167</b>
<b>TOWN EQUIPMENT</b>				
Parts & Repairs	22,016	22,000	27,988	22,000
Tires & Repairs	4,615	5,000	4,949	5,000
Fuels & Lubricants	26,790	43,000	33,349	40,000
New Equipment	8,570	10,000	14,586	6,000
Misc. Supplies	322	500	1,033	500
Signs	-	800	1,041	800
Safety Equipment		1,000	30	500
<b>Total Town Equipment</b>	<b>62,314</b>	<b>82,300</b>	<b>82,976</b>	<b>74,800</b>
<b>TOWN GARAGES</b>				
Equipment	-	1,550	-	1,550
Heating Fuel	1,848	3,000	2,416	3,000
Maintenance & Supplies	1,731	500	152	500
Electricity	1,955	2,000	1,969	2,000
Communications	1,592	1,500	1,451	1,500
Buildings & Repair	733	1,500	229	1,500
Property & Casualty Insurance	15,526	16,065	16,065	13,975
<b>Total Town Garages</b>	<b>23,385</b>	<b>26,115</b>	<b>22,282</b>	<b>24,025</b>
<b>TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,573,133</b>	<b>899,340</b>	<b>677,833</b>	<b>765,992</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL &amp; ROADS EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,774,880</b>	<b>1,127,482</b>	<b>869,341</b>	<b>999,360</b>

\*The 2018 paving budget line includes \$86,526 that was not spent last year from the \$166,493 paving grant.

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

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The Shrewsbury Town Highway Department consists of three full time employees that maintain 56.27 miles of roads along with maintaining: bridges, culverts, parking lots; along with maintaining the town equipment and town garages.

In 2017 along with our normal maintenance duties, we had a rainstorm on July 1 that produced four inches of rainfall in a short period of time. This caused minor damage around most of the town except for a river bank on the Cold River Road that washed out the shoulder of the road. The town is currently working with FEMA and the VT Agency of Natural Resources for funding and permitting. The highway crew started armoring the river bank in November and will finish in the spring.

The town received a paving grant in 2017 for \$166,493. This allowed us to rebuild a section of road that had an inadequate base. As part of the same project in 2018, we will be doing some drainage work along with associated road work in Shrewsbury Center.

Normal road maintenance continued the rest of the year and included:

- a. Reclaiming and repaving 1.3 miles of road.
- b. 4,558 tons off gravel were used on various roads.
- c. 4,964 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use.
- d. Seven culverts were installed

James Carrara  
Road Commissioner

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**2017 Inventory of Town Equipment**  
**Estimated Value**

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2017 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 149,000
2015 Caterpillar 12 M 3 Grader	\$ 307,000
2015 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 116,000
2014 Ford F-550 with plow and sander	\$ 40,000
2010 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$ 40,000
2009 John Deere 5065E tractor mower broom	\$ 23,000
2005 Caterpillar 307C Excavator with trailer	\$ 35,000
2002 International 2574 with plow and sander	\$ 16,000
2000 Caterpillar 928G Loader	\$ 38,000
1996 Caterpillar 416B Backhoe	\$ 15,000
1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper	\$ 5,000
Chloride tank with spray bar	\$ 5,000
Miscellaneous Tools	\$ 5,000
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Total	\$ 794,000

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

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The Town Clerk is elected for a three-year term and is required by statute to be the receiver and recorder of the Town's land records. Other statutory responsibilities include: voter registration and maintaining the voter checklist in conjunction with the Board of Civil Authority, as well as being the presiding officer for elections. The Town Clerk is the clerk of the Board of Civil Authority in matters related to appeals of lister grievances. The Town Clerk records town proceedings and maintains the agenda and minutes of various Town boards and commissions pursuant to the Vermont Open Meeting Law as matters of public record. The Town Clerk maintains Vermont Department of Health vital records for the Town: births, deaths and civil marriages, and issues civil marriage licenses and certified copies of other vital records. The Clerk issues and maintains a record of animal licenses for the Department of Public Safety. Town clerks are asked to disseminate information from various state agencies to local constituencies. In Shrewsbury, the Clerk issues and maintains transfer station permits and punch cards. The Town website [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org) is currently maintained by the Town Clerk. Based on the information received from the Town's boards and commissions, Shrewsbury is in compliance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law mandating the posting of agendas and minutes for all municipal meetings on the Town Website if the Town maintains one. The Selectboard and Road Commissioner have also been utilizing the Town Clerk for administrative functions.

In 2017 Shrewsbury had just one election: Annual Town Meeting Election. The Board of Civil Authority met on April 26, 2017 to organize and examine the voter checklist for eligibility of voters. Nineteen (19) voters were challenged by the BCA, one death was confirmed, one duplicate was eliminated. The Vermont Elections Management System individual registration record data was updated by the Clerk and challenge letters were generated and mailed to the last known address indicating individual challenge with rationale including a request and postage paid method of return to indicate the challenged voter's current status.

The Board of Civil Authority met in July 2017 for two Lister Grievance Appeals which were heard and acted upon with required site visits and written findings. One Lister Appeal was appealed to Superior Court, which will require an outside attorney to act on behalf of Shrewsbury's interests during court proceedings.

The Record Restoration Fund will be utilized in the coming year to purchase an additional expansion cabinet for survey plats.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 VITAL STATISTICS**

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	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>BIRTHS</b>	4	7	8	6	13	5	6	6	7
<b>DEATHS</b>	9	9	8	7	14	20	9	2	7
<b>MARRIAGES</b>									8
<b>CIVIL MARRIAGES</b>	6	6	10	5	8	9	8	8	5
<b>CIVIL UNIONS</b>									0

Upon recommendation of the Vermont Department of Health, no names are published in this report. The Vital Records are available at the Town Office and are public records. **Note: Starting July 1, 2018** Certified Copies of Birth & Death Vital Records will require the submission of an application from family member, legal guardian and certain other court related parties and legal representatives.

Town of Shrewsbury  
**ANIMAL LICENSES 2017**

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE	TOTAL COLLECTED
94	SPAYED FEMALE	\$9.00 EACH	\$846
83	NEUTERED MALE	\$9.00 EACH	\$747
6	FEMALE	\$13.00 EACH	\$78
6	MALE	\$13.00 EACH	\$78
0	SPECIAL PERMIT	\$0.00 EACH	\$0
0	PET DEALER LICENSE	\$25.00 EACH	\$0
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS</b>	
22	LATE FEES	\$4.00 EACH	\$88
	<b>TOTAL FEES COLLECTED</b>		<b>\$1,837</b>

Fees submitted to Town of Shrewsbury	\$514
Fees retained by Clerk	\$378
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Rabies Control Fund	\$567
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Spay/neuter program	<u>\$378</u>
	<b>\$1,837</b>

Pursuant to V.S.A. 20 § 3581 and Shrewsbury ordinance, anyone who owns or keeps a dog more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> obtain a license and shall pay **\$9.00** for each neutered or spayed dog, **\$13.00** for each un-neutered or un-spayed dog. If the license fee is not paid by April 1, a **\$4.00** penalty is added. The basic license fees are \$4.00 for neutered or spayed and \$8.00 for unneutered or unsprayed, plus \$2.00 on each license for rabies control programs and \$3.00 for dog, cat, wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering programs.

Before a person shall be entitled to obtain a neutered or spayed license for a dog, he shall exhibit to the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian, showing that the dog has been sterilized.

Before obtaining a license for a dog six months of age or older, a person shall deliver to the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian, stating that the dog has received a current pre-exposure to rabies vaccine, approved by the Agency of Agriculture. The Town Clerk shall keep the certificate or copies thereof on file.

**For 2018, to avoid late charges please license your dog by APRIL 1.** To remove the name of a previously licensed animal please call 492-3511. If ordering by mail, please include your new rabies certificate (if needed). Make your check payable to the Town of Shrewsbury for **\$9.00** (Spayed/Neutered) or **\$13.00** (Male/Female) for each animal.

Thank you,  
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REPORT**

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The Shrewsbury Justices of the Peace have been active this year in fulfilling their responsibilities as elected officials. Here is an overview of what we do:

1. Elections - Justices of the Peace are members of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). Members of the BCA serve as election officials at Town elections by Australian ballot and statewide elections. Justices also are responsible for delivering absentee ballots to voters at election time.
2. Tax Abatement and Appeals - Justices of the Peace sit as members of the Town Board for Abatement of Taxes to determine whether a taxpayer's obligation should be forgiven under certain circumstances. Justices of the peace also serve an important role in the Town's tax appeal process. As members of the Board of Civil Authority, justices sit to hear and decide appeals when citizens do not agree with the final decision of the listers.
3. Marriages - Justices of the Peace may also solemnize marriages in Vermont.
4. Oaths and Notary - Justices of the Peace may also administer oaths in all cases where an oath is required, unless a specific law makes a different provision. A justice of the peace is a notary public ex officio and has all the acknowledgement powers of a notary public.
5. Magistrate - Justices of the Peace may also serve as a magistrate when so commissioned by the Supreme Court.

Effective February 1, 2017, your Justices are Barry Griffith, Larry Carrara, Lee Wilson, Trish Norton, Hull Maynard, Betsy Jesser and John Berryhill. We sat on two tax appeals in 2017, we purged the check list and we oversaw the elections. All in all it was a rather quiet year for us.

John Berryhill  
Chairman, Board of Civil Authority

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 TOWN CONSTABLES REPORT**

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As Constables for the Town of Shrewsbury, we serve as the 1st and 2nd enforcement officers for town ordinances and state laws. Activities included: two verifications of vehicle identification, three suspicious vehicles, two home invasions into unoccupied dwellings, two domestic abuse cases, one call for wild dogs on property, one call for wild pigs loose in road, and one call for missing sheep.

Again, many thanks to the Neighborhood Watch Program and all the citizens of Shrewsbury who call in with valuable information regarding any suspicious activity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew E. Danaher, 1st Constable

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT**

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Tree events were almost the norm in 2017 and a huge “shout out” should go to the Town Road Crew for work “above and beyond” in keeping town roads open from fallen trees and tree parts. Arbor Day started the problems with a major wind event in Rutland which also hit Shrewsbury followed by a November gale that kept us powerless for a couple of days and got the road crew started at 1:00 am (on a Monday morning) in their road clearing efforts. Trees don’t really care if they are designated “hazardous” trees when they come down, so it is safe to say that many more trees were removed from our roads than those posing as an actual threat. However, we did manage to remove double digit hazardous trees in 2017 as a part of our hazardous tree removal program.

Public education also continued to blossom in 2017. Landowner tree questions were almost double the previous year and a Conservation Commission sponsored “Tree ID Walk and Talk” in early summer drew an interesting crowd as well. Trees continue to be a popular topic and I gave talks on Old Growth Forests to Rutland County Audubon, Tree ID to Friends of Castleton Library, and was part of the Science at the Hatchery (tree ID) school event in Chittenden (Mountain School fifth graders participated). The Shrewsbury Big Tree Program continued for another year and nearly a dozen trees were added to our list which is on display at the Library.

Tree concerns still lie ahead. The emerald ash borer (EAB) has still not been detected in Vermont but we remain surrounded by infestations in adjacent states and the Province of Quebec (a direct quote from Tree Warden report of 2016 which still applies). However, a warning about tent caterpillar expansion into Shrewsbury came to fruition as both eastern and forest tent caterpillars were observed in Shrewsbury in 2017. Forest tent populations may be a concern to sugar makers in 2018.

Awareness is probably one of the best educational tools one can have especially when joined to the question “what happened here?” The tree events of 2017, when examined on a broken tree by broken tree basis, show clearly that most trees that fall or have branches break off had some sort of pre-existing condition that contributed to the failure. So, while I made my usual stops at the New England Society of American Forests annual meeting, the Annual Forest Health Workshop, and the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Arbor Day meeting it is applying these lessons learned that helps keep Vermont Green if you will. Since Star Wars continues to draw fans to the silver screen I wish to those Shrewsbury tree citizens that “the forest be with you in 2018” and that as Dr. Seuss says for all of us in the Lorax “I speak for the trees for the trees have no tongues.”

Gary Salmon  
Tree Warden

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 FOREST FIRE WARDENS REPORT**

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This year we had two brush fires. Luckily, they were not too large. One fire was caused by an illegal burn and the other was caused by a powerline. Thanks to the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response and for extinguishing these fires. Again, we would like to remind you to please burn only natural wood and call for a PERMIT from Al Ridlon Jr. or Kevin Brown.

Thank you and be fire safe!

Kevin Brown  
775-6194 (H)  
775-5518 (W)  
345-8668 (C)

Al Ridlon, Jr.  
492-3722 (H)  
282-3642 (C)

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT**

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In 2017, the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission (SCC) was sad to see Jesse Shapiro retire from service but welcomed appointees Pam Darrow and Chris Clarke. Our first Walk and Talk of the Season, a Play Day in the Snow was cancelled due to bad weather and no snow, but the SCC hosted numerous events through this year to both inform residents as well as encourage them to explore various parts of our town's rich natural resources. Topics covered were Deeryards in Winter, Springtime Wild Flowers, Vernal Pools, Tree Identification, Star Gazing with the Green Mountain Astronomers, Beavers, and Hiking our Town Forest. Many of these hikes were led by local experts willing to share their time with us and we appreciate their generosity. This program will continue in 2018, beginning we hope, for another attempted Play Day in the Snow!

We continued to explore ways to control some invasive plant species in town. We hosted a training in iNaturalist for residents and SCC members to learn how this program is useful to help identify plants, insects, animals, and birds that one comes across when outside. We used it also to help map out certain invasive species and spent the summer identifying areas to target for removal in 2018, as well as exploring the most effective ways to do so. Look for ways you can help on this next year.

The SCC continued to make use of outside training by the Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC) and Vermont Coverts, as well as host workshops for SCC and Planning Commission members on using maps for identifying areas of natural resources that may need protection. We hosted a joint meeting with Wallingford Conservation Commission to learn about the ways other towns around the state have set up a conservation fund in their towns to help support costs related to conservation studies and projects.

And lastly, in spite of a vicious windstorm that split open a huge maple next to the Town Meeting House the night before Green Up Day, all roads in town were covered by volunteers picking up litter. The tree downed wires, blocked passage of cars to Green Up headquarters, and separated the town into two sections. We thought there would be no Green Up. But people came anyway! Coffee was hauled in from elsewhere and dedicated families found a way to gather mounds of garbage and turn it in at the dump. We thank you for your efforts! The SCC continues to sell anti littering moose signed designed by Grace Brigham. We love seeing them around town!

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Duda, Chairperson

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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Beginning Balance, January 1, 2017	\$ 180.22
Receipts	658.02
Disbursements	<u>( 751.11)</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 87.13</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Clarke, Treasurer



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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

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The duties of the Planning Commission (PC) are varied and include the following:

- Prepare a Town plan and amendments to the Town plan for consideration by the Selectboard;
- Prepare and present land use regulations;
- Undertake capacity studies and make recommendations on matters of land development, historic and scenic preservation, etc.;
- Hold public meetings that relate to the work of the Planning Commission with other departments of the municipality;
- Participate in a regional planning program.

The Shrewsbury Planning Commission was pleased that after two public hearings, Selectboard review and several minor revisions, the Selectboard adopted the Unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations on June 7, 2017.

We are currently updating the Town Plan in order to meet the December 2018 deadline. Recent statutes passed by the State of Vermont legislature, including Act 174, the Energy Development Improvement Act, and Act 64, the Clean Water Initiative, have implications to planning and activities in our Town which we will address. Subjects and issues being researched and discussed include population demographics, affordable housing, energy and renewable energy siting, transportation, the local economy, as well as land use and environmental protection.

We were very sad to learn that our newest member, Tim Vile, would be moving away from Shrewsbury and thus would resign from the Shrewsbury Planning Commission. We thank Tim for his participation, contributions, and commitment to the Town as a planning commissioner. Currently, five of seven commissioner's seats are filled.

The PC meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Offices on the first and third Mondays of every month. We welcome input and dialogue from everyone in our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Black, Chair

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT**

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This year the Shrewsbury Board of Listers had two grievance requests. Both were mitigated by the Listers. Both decisions were not accepted by the property owners resulting in two grievances to the Board of Civil Authority. The Board of Civil Authority upheld our value on one property and lowered the value, at our request, on the other. One owner has chosen to pursue their grievance appeal to the Superior Court and that case has not yet been settled.

Every year Property Valuation and Review are required to certify the equalized education property value and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD). The COD is a measurement of uniformity of appraised values. Our value this year is 12.64% which leaves us in the category of a reasonable uniformity of assessment.

Also included in the Equalization Study is the result for the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA). The CLA is essentially a measure of how close a Town's local appraisal is to fair market value. A Town will be required to reappraise when the CLA falls below 80%. The 2017 CLA is 109.51% and is still a reasonable value.

As usual we are reminding you to please file your Homestead Declaration (called the HS-122) when either you, or a professional preparer do your income taxes. **The HS-122 is due by Tuesday, April 17.**

Please feel free to contact us at 492-2009 or to email us at [shrewsburylist@vermontel.net](mailto:shrewsburylist@vermontel.net).

Sincerely,  
Sharon Winnicki and Adrienne Raymond

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT**

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The Shrewsbury Development Review Board (DRB) reviews applications for subdivision of land, variances from the Town's zoning regulations, conditional uses, development in overlay zones and appeals from decisions of the Zoning Administrator.

The Board meets as required, based on the applications received. All hearings are publicly warned and open to the public. In addition, we notify all adjacent landowners of applications in accordance with State statute. All records of applications, hearings, and decisions by the DRB are public records retained at the Town Office.

Applications to the DRB may be obtained from the Zoning Administrator, who will inform the applicant about the information needed by the Board to conduct a hearing. The DRB's decisions are made in accordance with the Town's duly adopted zoning and subdivision ordinances.

During 2017, the DRB held four hearings resulting in the approval of one subdivision, one setback waiver, and two conditional uses.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark P. Youngstrom, Chair

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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Two new homes, numerous barns, storage sheds, decks and woodsheds were permitted this year, along with a number of agricultural buildings. To qualify as an "Ag." building the purpose of the building is reviewed using the Agency of Agriculture's specific definitions. These buildings do not need a permit, but you must complete a Notification Form that asks for the information needed to make the Ag classification. This and other zoning forms and documents are available on [shrewsburyvt.org](http://shrewsburyvt.org), at the Town Office, or I can mail what you need.

I am now using our new Unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. They are not different in spirit, but the conflicts that existed between the previous, separate regulations have been cleaned up and the definition section has been updated. There is a learning curve, but generally the new regulations are a real improvement. One important item is that the definition of a structure requiring a permit now specifically includes shipping containers and above and below ground pools. Please keep this in mind when thinking of installing any of these structures as they will need to both abide by the setback requirements of your zoning district and to receive a permit.

I again raise a concern brought to your attention last year: "temporary" storage buildings continue to pop up all over town. When I call about these buildings, the owners' frequently state that the structure is "temporary" so they don't need a permit. **Unless you really plan for that structure to be up 6mos. or less, it is not temporary for zoning purposes. These structures must abide by setback requirements and need, unless 64 sq ft or less, a permit.** So, if you put up anything that you might/maybe leave up for 6mos. or more, please apply for a permit.

The State of Vermont continues to have complete authority over wastewater and potable water systems. You need to apply to them for most repair work on installed systems. I can answer some questions on when you do or don't need a permit, or I can send you in the right direction for answers.

In closing, if you are unsure whether your planned project needs a permit, please call me to check. My listed number is my home and I am available most days and evenings for questions. I thank you all for your politeness and consideration with the permit process which, I realize, does not always please.

Submitted by  
Adrienne Raymond

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

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The Shrewsbury Board of Health is comprised of the Selectboard and the Town Health Officer. My three-year term began April 2017. Vermont statute 18 V.S.A ~ 602a designates the duties of the Town Health Officer. These responsibilities are to investigate any condition reported that may be a public health hazard. The goal is to prevent, remove, destroy any public health hazard, and or mitigate any public health risk. The Vermont Department of Health makes available many resources to assist the Town Board of Health in protecting the health and safety of Shrewsbury residents.

I attended two trainings by the Vermont Department of Health:

- In August, there was an excellent presentation on "Public Health Emergency Preparedness" and "Tick Borne Illnesses in Vermont".
- In October, I attended a day long workshop, "Duties of a Town Health Officer". Being new to this role, I found this very informative and interesting. It was particularly helpful to hear the experiences of other Town Health Officers from around the state. The final presentation of the day, "Planning Healthy Communities" shared information on towns partnering with the Vermont Department of Health in forming coalitions and connecting with programs that help improve health.

There were two dog bite incidents reported to me in 2017. Fortunately, the dogs were up to date on Rabies vaccinations. Written reports are on file at the Town Office.

Kathy Felder, ARNP  
Town Health Officer  
492-3633/cell 558=9067  
[gkfelder@comcast.net](mailto:gkfelder@comcast.net)

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT**

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The responsibility of the Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is to oversee and maintain the small family cemeteries which were created during the settlement of the town in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Normally two or three families living near each other would select a piece of property which they would share for the burial of family members. Therefore, these cemeteries are important historically, for they reflect the early settlement patterns and families in the town. Now in 2017 these cemeteries are almost all located on private property.

The Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is very grateful to the property owners who care for these cemeteries. We thank particularly Bill Tabor at the Colburn Cemetery in East Shrewsbury, Leonard Page, and his son Leonard at the Plumley Page Cemetery on the Upper Cold River Road, Red and Judy Landon at the first Cuttingsville Cemetery, and Bill and Donna Smith at the cemetery at Shrewsbury Center.

Respectfully Submitted  
Larry Carrara  
David Rice

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES REPORT**

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The Trustees of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, Inc, created in 1972, is responsible for the management and maintenance of our treasured and historic Town Hall, constructed in 1852. The Meeting House is used by the community and church, as originally intended, for town meetings, voting, dances, hearings, church services, committee meetings, receptions and parties, concerts, weddings, funerals, food divides, quilting classes, exercise classes and other community functions. It is truly one of the most important buildings in town and the centerpiece of Shrewsbury Center.

The Meeting House Trustees, Inc. is comprised of seven trustees, with three trustees appointed by the Selectboard, three appointed by the Shrewsbury Community Church and one member appointed by the Trustees. The building is available for any town or church function, general community or civic group gathering, and it can be reserved for private functions by town residents. For private functions or events that are not free and open to the entire community, a reasonable usage fee is required, and rental can be arranged through Julianne Sharrow. Appropriate use of the sanctuary should be arranged through the Shrewsbury Community Church (Karen Lorentz) and the Trustees (Julanne Sharrow), since generally only one gathering in the building is desired at the same time. Our policy is to allow use of the building by Shrewsbury residents only, since the Meeting House is such a historic, fragile, and important building to our community.

We did not make planned improvements during 2017 but intend, during 2018, to use some of the Russell Smith endowment to renovate the downstairs bathrooms, making one handicapped accessible; provide some sound deadening improvements to the downstairs hall, update the lighting downstairs and equip the building with wi-fi and cell service. Without the thoughtful bequest from Russell Smith these improvements would not be possible without raising taxes. Similar gifts will assure this historic building will be available for many community uses for generations to come.

We offer a sincere thank you to those who regularly care for the building and to all who leave the building in good condition after use. Please contact the Meeting House Trustees with any suggestions for improvements or if you are interested in helping us preserve this wonderful building.

Sincerely,  
The 2017 Meeting House Trustees

Appointed by Town

Mark Youngstrom

Annette Parrish

Liesbeth van de Heijden

Appointed by Church

Donna Smith

Julanne Sharrow

John Lorentz

Appointed by Committee

Jan O'Hara



Turkey Parade in Shrewsbury

Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2017** **\$38,831**

**RECEIPTS**

Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000	
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250	
Hall Rental	\$1,150	
Interest	\$25	
Donations	\$250	
Other	\$0	
Total Receipts		<b>\$17,675</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Electricity	\$1,070	
Propane	\$4,170	
Telephone	\$406	
Custodial	\$2,500	
Maintenance	\$1,961	
Insurance	\$5,514	
Supplies	\$56	
Furnishings	\$0	
Capital Improvements	\$0	
Total Disbursements		<b>\$15,676</b>

**ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2017** **\$40,831**

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$11,138	\$0	\$0	\$11,138

Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS**

	<u>2016 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2017 BUDGET</u>	<u>2017 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2018 BUDGET</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,250
Hall Rental	\$675	\$800	\$1,150	\$1,000
Interest	\$24	\$30	\$25	\$25
Donations	\$0	\$100	\$250	\$200
From Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$0	\$5,134	\$0	\$8,875
Other	\$30	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Receipts	<b>\$16,979</b>	<b>\$22,314</b>	<b>\$17,675</b>	<b>\$26,350</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Electricity	\$1,034	\$1,000	\$1,070	\$1,100
Propane	\$2,625	\$3,000	\$4,170	\$3,500
Telephone	\$696	\$600	\$406	\$1,000
Custodial	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Maintenance	\$3,893	\$3,500	\$1,961	\$2,500
Insurance	\$5,428	\$5,514	\$5,514	\$5,600
Supplies	\$162	\$200	\$56	\$150
Furnishings	\$227	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$10,000
Total Disbursements	<b>\$16,565</b>	<b>\$22,314</b>	<b>\$15,676</b>	<b>\$26,350</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT**

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In 2017, the Library continued to expand and enrich its programs for children, with well-attended holiday celebrations (especially the Halloween Party), story hours, and Legos Club meetings, thanks to the Children's Committee of library trustees and community volunteers: Library Director Donna Swartz, Jessica Giffin, Carol Goodwin, Pam Grace, Linda Olney, Doris Perry, and Amy DeCamp-Thomas.

The Library is again requesting level funding at \$7,500 to help cover basic operating expenses: electricity, heat, telephone/internet service, maintenance, and insurance. Last year our total operating costs were \$14,524 and we have budgeted an increase for 2018. To meet the operating expenses not covered by our funding request; add new books, DVDs, and music to our collections; provide on-line access to audio-books and e-books; and present informative programs to the community, we will raise funds through the Silent Auction, the Haystack Dinner & Street Dance, the Book & Bake Sale, and the annual appeal letter.

In 2017, the Library circulated 4,073 books (from our collection and on Inter-Library Loan), DVDs, e-books and audio-books (including those available on ListenUpVT), and music CDs to adults and children. We recorded 3,193 visits by patrons to borrow materials, attend programs and fund-raising events, use our public computers, copier, and fax, and access our wireless internet.

Library programs included: "Shrewsbury's Big Trees" with Tree Warden Gary Salmon; Author Malcolm Bell on his book, The Attica Turkey Shoot; Gardeners Round Table with Shrewsbury farmers Marc Cimonetti and Scott Courcelle; Penelope Weiss on her "Spirit Dolls" art; Rotary exchange student from Hungary, Eszti Toth; Chris Rimmer of the VT Center for EcoStudies on monarch butterfly migration; Mark Nealy of VNA on Advanced Directives; Experiential Anthropologist Charlie Paquin; Aging-In-Place (with Shrewsbury Community Church); Scott Garren and Heather Shay on Cuba; and Gerry Martin on the art of wood-turning. Continuing programs included: the Famous Books Book Club, Science Book Club, and the Quilters' Group.

In building-related improvements recommended by the Five-Year Plan, we had the parking lot graded and re-surfaced, and had new windows and insulation installed on the south wall of the building.

We appreciate the Town's support for the past 42 years and look forward to serving in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Aleshire, President

Donna Swartz, Vermont Certified Librarian



Shrewsbury Maples along Shunpike Road

Town of Shrewsbury  
2017 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2017		\$ 85,306
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	24,629	
Capital Fund	-	
Restricted	230	
Total Receipts		24,859
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	14,454	
Capital Fund	24,357	
Restricted	1,068	
Total Expenditures		(39,879)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2017		<u>\$ 70,286</u>
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2017		\$ 27,924
Receipts		-
Board designation of funds		20,000
Expenditures		(24,357)
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2017		<u>\$ 23,567</u>

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 1,135	\$ -	\$ 540	\$ 595
E. Jeffords Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Claire Hooper	745	-	-	745
Lorna MacDougal-Cohen Fund	261	-	-	261
Joyce Wilson Memorial Fund	500	205	166	539
Allan YA Book Fund	77	-	19	58
Gerty Current Fiction Fund	291	-	291	-
Large Print Book Fund	100	-	-	100
Viola Parker Fund	338	-	-	338
Mitch Spencer Fund	41	25	52	14
	<u>\$ 7,028</u>	<u>\$ 230</u>	<u>\$ 1,068</u>	<u>\$ 6,190</u>

Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT**  
**COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT**

	2016	2017		2018
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating Revenue:				
Town	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	8,881	6,500	9,304	6,500
Fundraising	7,054	5,660	6,942	5,894
Interest Earned	136	100	87	90
Other income	696	600	796	600
Total Operating Revenue	<u>24,267</u>	<u>20,360</u>	<u>24,629</u>	<u>20,584</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Advertising	250	250	250	225
Materials: Adults	3,935	3,760	3,436	3,550
Materials: Children & YA	25	1,500	8	1,000
Children's Program Expense	319	1,000	310	750
Equipment & Repairs	320	325	265	325
Electricity	1,464	1,500	1,051	1,500
Five year plan costs	435	900	-	-
Fuel	1,452	1,320	1,103	1,600
Fundraising & events expense	1,186	1,200	670	1,200
Insurance	1,589	1,670	1,639	1,720
Librarian Expense	-	150	-	150
Maintenance	2,117	2,110	1,621	2,490
Miscellaneous	24	150	41	100
Septic	1,250	1,250	600	1,250
Postage	58	100	62	100
Postage-Interlibrary loan	165	275	147	275
Program Expense	1,855	2,400	1,787	2,400
Supplies	360	600	57	500
Telephone	1,381	1,400	1,407	1,449
Total Operating Expense	<u>18,185</u>	<u>21,860</u>	<u>14,454</u>	<u>20,584</u>
Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses	<u>\$ 6,082</u>	<u>\$ (1,500)</u>	<u>\$ 10,175</u>	<u>\$ -</u>



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## 2017 SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

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The Shrewsbury Historical Society is a non-profit all volunteer organization. Our annual request for \$2,500 from the town will greatly help us continue to fund maintenance costs and operating expenses. We appreciate your support and invite you to visit the wonderful eclectic collections in our museum located in the former Cuttingsville church.

We recently acquired a new album of Leonard Korzun's photos, compiled by Grace and Joel Korzun, of our Town's Vermont Bicentennial celebration in 1991. Among portraits of Shrewsbury dignitaries are photos of the extraordinary parade created by students of the Mountain School, and kept in step by the Mill River School band. Come and see it when the museum opens on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. Thanks to the Korzun family for this new treasure.

The Society is grateful for our volunteer members who clean the museum and prepare new exhibits, and who staff the museum on Sunday afternoons from the first Sunday in July to the last Sunday in October. We appreciate John Elwert's thoroughness and frugality in caring for our finances and the building. Thanks to Al and Ann Ridlon for their attention to landscaping, Ann and Kim Ridlon and Brian Winkler for creating our Shrewsbury Memories calendar 2018, and all members for assisting with care and helping with a successful bake sale in August, and co-hosting a Cuttingsville one-room schoolhouse reunion of former students, invited by John C. Stewart, Betsy Patten Gardner and Conrad Waite.

Special thanks to Ruth Winkler for graciously assisting people from near and far in their quests for Shrewsbury ancestors and information. Ruth and Brian continue to collect and preserve our Town's current history, and Brian is at the ready to document historic events as they occur. Together they co-edit the Society's annual Past Times newsletter, which is sent to every member, and this year in brilliant color.

The Society bids farewell to Life Members Irene F. Cook, Stirling Klein, Bill Clancy and Bud Clark who passed away in 2017. Our thanks to them and to their families for their contributions to the community and our Museum.

The Society received a lovely card from one of our founding members, Nancy Spencer, wishing all a Happy New Year. Dawn Hance, who created *Shrewsbury, Vermont – Our Town As It Was* with Nancy, back in 1980, said recently, "Nancy's many friendships, numerous acts of kindness, and in-depth historical research remain as her legacy in Shrewsbury."

Are you curious about our Town's history? We invite your questions and ideas. Help us involve more Shrewsberries, especially our students. Our first meeting of this year will be held at 7pm on May 15, 2018 in the Museum.

The following officers were elected at our annual meeting in October, 2017: President, Grace Brigham; Vice President, Marguerite Ponton; Treasurer, John Elwert; Secretary, Grace Korzun; Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Winkler. Trustees for a three-year term: Ann Ridlon and Brian Winkler.

Visit our website at: [www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Brigham, President

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2017**

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**BEGINNING CASH BALANCE**

Checking Account Balance	\$3,369
Less Outstanding Checks	1,057
Plus Outstanding Deposits	
Money Market Acct	5,226
Certificates of Deposit	24,403

<b>CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2017</b>	<b>31,941</b>
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Receipts	3,364
Town of Shrewsbury	2,500
Interest Received	220
<b>Total Income for 2017</b>	<b>6,084</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses for 2017</b>	<b>(3,455)</b>

**ENDING CASH BALANCE**

Checking Account Balance	3,356
Less Outstanding Checks	78
Plus Outstanding Deposits	
Money Market Acct	6,704
Certificates of Deposit	24,634

<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$34,616</b>
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**COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS**

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	Actual 2016	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Membership dues	970	400	305	400
Fund Raising	2662	2200	2444	2200
Contributions	2069	1000	615	1000
Interest on CD's and MM	182	50	220	100
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$8,383</b>	<b>\$6,150</b>	<b>\$6,084</b>	<b>\$6,200</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$13,274	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
Insurance	1024	1025	1049	1100
Electricity	278	300	317	325
Heating Fuel	159	300	50	100
Archival Supplies	69	200	139	150
Supplies and misc	1926	1500	1578	1300
Postage	281	300	322	350
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,011</b>	<b>\$5,625</b>	<b>\$3,455</b>	<b>\$3,325</b>
<b>Excess Receipts over Expenditures</b>	<b>-\$8,629</b>	<b>\$525</b>	<b>\$2,629</b>	<b>\$2,875</b>

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**2017 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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Your Fire Department responded to 33 calls in 2017. For the second year in a row, we are happy to report there were no house fires in Shrewsbury. Thank you for being careful. Mutual aid requests had us assisting in the suppression of five structure fires in neighboring towns. Those fire departments will also be there for us when we need them. Again, in 2017 more than a third of our calls were for motor vehicle accidents. Please drive safely!

As always, we spent many hours in 2017 training to be ready for any emergency. In January, SVFD sponsored a well-attended course on photovoltaic safety. More and more homes are taking advantage of solar energy. This is good -- but the electrical charges stored by solar cells on roofs or elsewhere pose a danger and can injure an unaware or careless responder (or homeowner). What we learned will help keep us (and you) safe. We continued to train with our new and safer air packs (SCBAs), acquired in 2015 through a FEMA grant. Old cars donated by generous neighbors (thank you) have allowed us to practice safe and effective extraction techniques for motor vehicle accidents with entrapment. We do more than just fight fires.

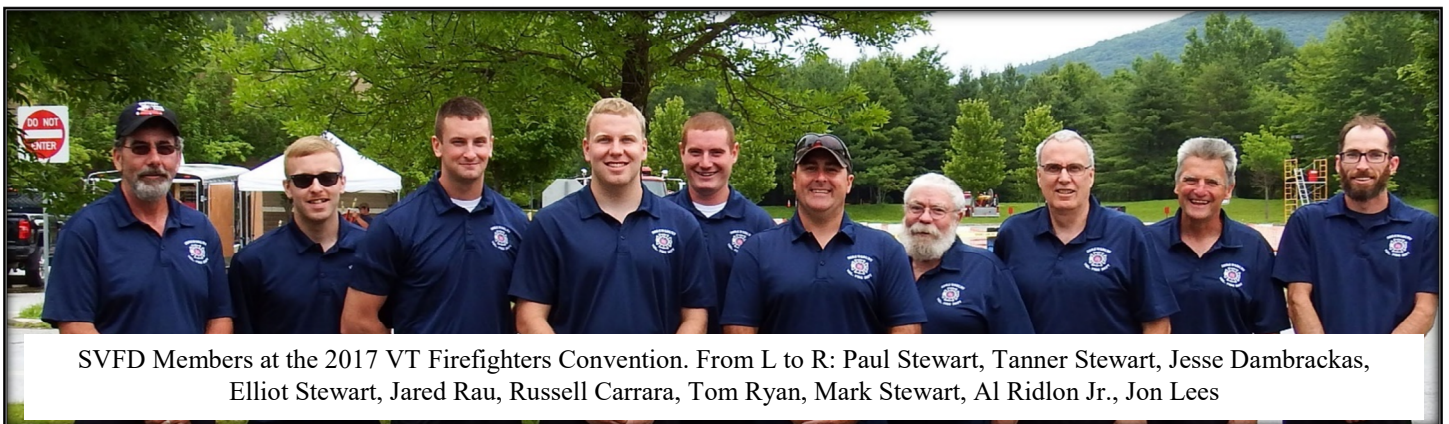
Other highlights from 2017: SVFD was well represented at the Vermont State Firefighters Association convention in July, the Department muster team making an excellent showing as usual. A busy October featured another successful ham supper (thank you to our wonderful Auxiliary), our annual meeting (continuity prevailed) and a fire safety presentation at the Mountain School (organized by Bob Snarski).

We want to recognize and thank Greg and Donna Ganzer for sponsoring a new and successful break open ticket fundraiser for the SVFD at the Rustic Rooster. Thanks again to Gina and Mark Stewart for their work on the SVFD Race Pool -- now in its nineteenth year! These and other fundraisers allow your Fire Department to maintain and improve our equipment and stations without seeking additional funds from the Town.

Cuttingsville Fire Station was built in 1954, and slowly but surely the needs of this old building are being addressed. Jon Lees stepped forward and installed a new attic ladder to replace the worn and dangerous old one. Plans are underway to install a generator at the facility, to be paid for by donations received in response to our November mailer. The Department's building committee has been resurrected to address deferred maintenance and other needs in the months ahead. These efforts are time and work intensive for our volunteer members.

Last year we happily reported four new members, all in their twenties. Unfortunately, they have all since moved out of Town or left the Department for other reasons. We still have some excellent younger members -- Elliott Stewart, Tanner Stewart, Matt Brown -- sons of longtime SVFD members who, growing up, learned the commitment required to be a firefighter. We could use a few more good men -- and women. Being a volunteer firefighter is time consuming, but rewarding, work. If you can't join us, thanks for supporting us. **Stay fire safe!**

Jack Perry	Barry Griffith	Russ Carrara
President	Secretary/Treasurer	Fire Chief



SVFD Members at the 2017 VT Firefighters Convention. From L to R: Paul Stewart, Tanner Stewart, Jesse Dambrackas, Elliot Stewart, Jared Rau, Russell Carrara, Tom Ryan, Mark Stewart, Al Ridlon Jr., Jon Lees

Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
 Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2017

	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2017</b>	<b>Actual 2017</b>	<b>Budget 2018</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Raised by SVFD	\$13,337	\$15,000	\$16,487	\$15,000
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$48,337</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$51,487</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>				
New Equipment	\$13,401	\$13,000	\$8,824	\$13,000
Operating	\$2,938	\$3,500	\$5,041	\$3,500
Maintenance	\$7,450	\$7,500	\$6,440	\$7,500
Stations	\$8,369	\$4,000	\$1,714	\$4,000
Insurance	\$8,556	\$9,000	\$8,111	\$9,000
Communications	\$1,857	\$3,500	\$2,982	\$3,500
Heating	\$2,099	\$3,500	\$2,341	\$3,500
Electric	\$2,028	\$2,400	\$2,161	\$2,400
Dues/Training	\$1,457	\$2,000	\$1,268	\$2,000
Fundraising	\$1,324	\$1,400	\$1,410	\$1,400
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100		\$100
Bank Charges	\$81	\$100	\$78	\$100
To Replacement Fund			\$10,000	
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$49,662</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,370</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**GENERAL FUND Beginning Balance January 1, 2017** **\$33,058**

**Receipts**

Town of Shrewsbury	\$35,000	
Race Pool Income	\$10,000	
Ticket Sales	\$5,698	
Donations/Refunds	\$729	
Interest Income	\$60	
<b>Total General Fund Receipts</b>		<b>\$51,487</b>

**Expenditures** **-\$50,370**

**GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2017** **\$34,175**

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Town of Shrewsbury  
**SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Special Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2017

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**Replacement Fund\***

Opening Balance 1/1/17	\$49,705	
Mailer Donations -- early 2017	\$3,860	
Mailer Donations -- late 2017	\$3,885	
Mailer Radios Acquired	-\$7,392	
Transfer from Operating	\$10,000	
Break Open Ticket Proceeds	\$2,949	
Firefighter Fund Donation	\$100	
Interest Income	\$119	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/17</b>		<b>\$63,227</b>

\* Includes Tim Stewart Memorial Fund & Firefighters Fund

**Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund**

Opening Balance 1/1/17	\$249,348	
Change in Investment Value	\$25,898	
Paid Investment Advisor Fees	-\$2,583	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/17</b>		<b>\$272,663</b>

**Race Pool Account**

Opening Balance 1/1/17	\$8,862	
Donations and Interest Income	\$30,907	
Prizes and Expenses Paid	-\$25,609	
Transfer to General Fund	-\$10,000	
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/17</b>		<b>\$4,160</b>

**SPECIAL ACCOUNTS Ending Balance December 31, 2017** **\$340,050**



SVFD Members L to R: Paul Stewart, Elliott Stewart and Jon Lees practice with the "Jaws of Life"

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## 2017 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC) REPORT

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Steve Sgorbati, Chair – Sudbury  
Chris Hoyt, Vice Chair – West Haven  
Bonnie Rosati, Secretary/Treasurer

Pamela Clapp, Administrator  
Telephone: (802) 342-5701

Email: [solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com](mailto:solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com)

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns cooperatively work to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner.

In 2017, SWAC successfully complied with all Year 3 of 5 Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. SWAC received approval of a new SWIP in 2015. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP, and the requirements are extensive. The SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website.

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues such as legislation, rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

SWAC worked with the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Council on Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) issues.

Visit [healthvermont.gov/alcohol-drugs/services/prescription-drug-disposal](http://healthvermont.gov/alcohol-drugs/services/prescription-drug-disposal) for information about drug take-back legislation passed in 2016, for additional information, and to find a location for prescription drug disposal.

Efforts are currently underway to create legislation that will increase the number of household hazardous waste products manufacturers are required to pay for end of life disposal. Because of Vermont's EPR legislation, manufacturers now pay for the collection of, televisions, laptops, computers, monitors and peripherals, compact fluorescent bulbs, mercury lamps, architectural paint, and batteries.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE:** Sponsored eight household hazardous waste (HHW) events. The SWAC towns collected 338 gallons of oil based paint, 1,233 gallons of latex paint, 125 gallons of paint related materials, 480 aerosols, 144 gallons of antifreeze, 53 gallons of pesticides, 174 pounds of solid pesticides, 58 gallons of miscellaneous chemicals, 611 pounds of batteries, 6.5 gallons of acids, 407.63 gallons of motor oil, 102 ballasts, 46 compact fluorescent lights (cfls) with ballasts, 408 cfls, 3,017 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs, 12 halo bulbs, and 18 propane tanks through its HHW events. SWAC also collected 50 gallons of antifreeze, 40 gallons of used oil, 107 linear feet of fluorescent bulbs, 54 cfls, two propane tanks, six smoke detectors, and three used oil filters from small quantity generators.

SWAC will contract with ENPRO Services of Vermont for 2018 household hazardous waste events. Visit the SWAC website for dates, times, and locations. The events are free to all SWAC residents.

Between events: Residents of the SWAC communities may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop off of household hazardous waste at no charge, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

Thank you for participating in our ongoing efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. Remember the **4 Rs – Reduce Reuse, Recycle, and Repurpose.**

The Shrewsbury SWAC Representative is Bert Potter.

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## 2017 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

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Business: 802-773-1746  
Emergency: 911  
FAX: 802-773-1717

*R*EGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road  
Rutland, VT 05701

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We are pleased to present our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Report to the citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service (RAS), Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-two years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 203,070 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2017, the service responded to a total of 9,155 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 233 “Medic One” paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We congratulate Brian Porch, AEMT for being honored as our “Star of Life” at the American Ambulance Association’s Stars of Life celebration in our nation’s capital.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have been able to level fund or lower our assessment rate for the past 33 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is \$4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials, and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

This past year two new ambulances were put into service to replace older ambulances each having more than 100,000 miles of service.

Our motto “Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism” is demonstrated by our employees’ commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, ALS, BLS, Prehospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborne Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

This year RAS Critical Care Paramedics have had advanced training to deploy the use of ventilator and additional skills. These new equipment and skills will be in use early next year.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,840 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are held Wednesdays at the Regional Ambulance building and 201 child car seat inspections were completed through this program.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact Jim Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Paul Kulig, President  
R.A.S. Board of Directors

Gerry Martin  
Town of Shrewsbury Representative  
R.A.S. Board of Directors

[www.RegionalAmbulance.com](http://www.RegionalAmbulance.com)

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## 2017 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT (RNRCD) REPORT

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A sample of the programs/projects the District was involved in during 2016/2017:

### Education

- 1.) Vermont Envirothon - The District promotes this program through visits to area high school science departments to encourage student participation. Teams of high school students are challenged to answer questions about conservation issues, and scores are calculated to determine the winning team. The District sponsored three teams from two high schools in the 2017 statewide competition.
- 2.) Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery - The District organized this event at the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery in Chittenden. More than 100 students from six elementary schools in Rutland County participated. Some of the topics that students learned about were: stream ecology, forests and tree identification, fish shocking and identification, soils and the different fish species raised at the hatchery and their life cycles. The US Forest Service and the Rutland County Solid Waste District provided funding for the event.

### Organization

- 1.) RNRCD Annual Meeting -The District held its Annual Meeting February 13, 2017. Chris Smid with New England Slate provided a presentation titled “The Vermont Slate Industry Today” and Chris Brooks from VT Wood Pellet provided a presentation titled “Responsible Use and Economics of Forest Products”. Jon Satz, owner of Woods Market Garden in Brandon, received an award for the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District, Conservation Farm of the Year. The Conservation District recognizes farmers doing an outstanding job of protecting and conserving soil, water and related natural resources on their farmland.
- 2.) Local Work Group - Rutland District Supervisors participate in Local Work Group meetings. The focus of these meetings is to assist in setting local priorities for USDA Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

### Programs

- 1.) Land Treatment Planning (LTP) - The District works with a Land Treatment Planner who provides technical assistance to farmers in preparing technical information for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CMNP’S).
- 2.) Portable Skidder Bridges - The District has two portable skidder bridges available for rent to loggers and consulting foresters. Portable skidder bridges when properly installed and used as a temporary stream crossing structure, will reduce streambank and streambed disturbance minimizing the potential for sedimentation.

### Outreach

Website - [www.vacd.org/rcd](http://www.vacd.org/rcd) contains information describing the District’s many projects/programs.

### Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries

The District secured funding through grant sources to:

- Install green storm water practices (bioretention basin) at Giorgetti Park in the City of Rutland;
- Install a storm water swirl separator at the outfall of a 36” drainage pipe, in the City of Rutland;
- Install green storm water practices at Rutland Town School in the Town of Rutland;
- Design green storm water practices at Rutland High School and Stafford Technical Center and for a property acquired by the City of Rutland on Easterly Avenue in the City.
- Develop Storm Water Master Plans in Wallingford and for the Moon Brook in the City of Rutland.
- Implement the removal of a berm and easement acquisition in the Cold River Watershed in the Town of Clarendon, which will serve to restore floodplain function.
- Work with the farming community to support nutrient reduction, by providing education and outreach regarding Required Agricultural Practices (RAP’s) and sponsoring workshops to expand awareness in programs designed to improve water quality.

For further information on these programs/projects or to be added to our mailing list or list of volunteers, please contact Nanci McGuire at 802-775-8034 ext. 117 or [nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net](mailto:nanci.mcguire@vt.nacdnet.net). You can also visit us at the USDA Service Center at 170 South Main Street in Rutland.



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## 2017 RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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Rutland Regional Planning Commission is a resource for Towns; is a platform for ideas; and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices, and regional growth for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

**We enjoyed working with the town of Shrewsbury in 2017, especially with Mark Goodwin, who represents your Town on our Board of Commissioners. RRPC assisted the Town Clerk with questions and mapping regarding the Clarendon Shelter and the Appalachian Trail Corridor, updated a set of zoning maps to go with newly updated zoning document, and worked with the Town Conservation Commission to map a property they are interested in conserving.**

**Our Emergency Management division: assisted the Town with communicating and coordinating Town information to state officials after three weather events impacted the Town; hosted five Emergency Management Director and Coordinator roundtables to which Town Officials were invited; and mapped all known reported Tier II sites in Town complete with buffer distances for use in case of emergency.**

**RRPC also assisted the Town in the new Grants in Aid funding for Best Management Practices; provided energy mapping assistance; provided Better Roads application assistance; and created a GIS database of all State Register Historic Districts in Town.**

RRPC assisted regional towns in 2017 by providing resources for land use planning and community engagement, assistance with grant applications and mapping, town plan assistance on new water quality requirements and energy planning elements, traffic counts, culvert studies, and shaping a regional vision for economic growth and walkable communities through the development of the Regional Plan.

RRPC also provided opportunities for collaboration via monthly road commissioner meetings, local emergency management round tables, and water quality convenings.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your community and, in 2017, celebrating with us our 50<sup>th</sup> year in the Rutland region.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning; want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community; or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call; we'd love to hear from you!

The Opera House | 67 Merchants Row | Rutland, VT 05701 | (802) 775-0871 | [RutlandRPC.org](http://RutlandRPC.org)

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## 2017 VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE of the SOUTHWEST REGION REPORT

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In 2017, the Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice (VNA & Hospice) of the Southwest Region (formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice, or RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed irrespective of residence location or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNS & Hospice has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

In 2016, VNA's dedicated staff made more than 142,884 visits to 3,459 patients.

**In the Town of Shrewsbury, we provided 580 visits to 31 individuals.**

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

*Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director*

*Carrie Allen, President of the Board of Directors*

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## 2017 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT

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The Rutland County Parent Child Center (RCPCC) is a private, community based, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC's mission is "To nurture children and families through supportive, positive, educational experiences that enhance their success in our community". RCPCC provides all services at no cost, with the exception of childcare, which is minimal for lower income families.

We provide early childhood education services at childcare centers in Brandon and Rutland City. Additionally, the RCPCC provides family centered services to families and children birth to five years, such as:

- Literacy based playgroups
- Early Intervention programs for children birth to three years old with developmental delays
- A teen parent program that enables young parents to complete their high school education
- Support for young families on public assistance to become independent
- Parent education classes and referral services
- Transitional housing for pregnant and parenting teens (POISE)
- A short-term proactive and preventative program that provides support for families at risk of DCF involvement (VCFCR-Vermont Children and Families Community Response)

Some of these programs serve families of all socio-economic levels but, as a priority, RCPCC seeks out those in need to bring these services into their homes and communities. The Rutland County Parent Child Center is requesting \$500 from Shrewsbury in order to continue the RCPCC's efforts to support families and young children in your community. Please contact us if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for considering our request.

Mary Zigman, Director

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## 2017 NEWSTORY CENTER REPORT

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What a year it has been! The Board and Staff are proud to announce that the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter is now known as NewStory Center. Our new name signifies a renewed commitment to supporting survivors and ending domestic and sexual violence in our community. NewStory Center continues to provide the same comprehensive services, but we now have a bigger and brighter future ahead of us.

For 38 years NewStory Center has helped families in Rutland County with services that range from emergency shelter to legal advocacy. We partner with many in our community to help our neighbors and friends break the cycle of abuse.

Over the last year, NewStory Center served a record number of individuals. During FY17, 924 women, men, and children were supported through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Shrewsbury for their support of our agency. Thanks to you, we are able to continue to provide comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault from your Town.

NewStory Center (formerly the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter) is requesting the sum of \$150, to be voted on at Town Meeting in March 2018, to support victims in Rutland County. We are very thankful for the help that the people of Shrewsbury have given us in the past, and would be very grateful for your continued support of our mission. **We provided services for at least two Shrewsbury residents this past year. As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.**

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## RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

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Rutland Mental Health Services is requesting support from the Town of Shrewsbury for the coming fiscal year. We appreciate the Town of Shrewsbury's generosity in the past and hope for a favorable decision this year on our total request of \$1,192.00.

In the year 2017, 28 Towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through Town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of Towns such as Shrewsbury assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Town giving dollars support services which include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

**During fiscal year 2017 Rutland Mental Health Services provided 206 hours of services to 26 Shrewsbury residents.** We value our partnership with the Town of Shrewsbury in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Dick Courcelle, Chief Executive Officer

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## 2017 RETIRED and SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) REPORT

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RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an “Invitation to Serve” program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests, and knowledge in volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 15 years RSVP has implemented several “Signature Programs” aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include *RSVP TeleCare*, a telephone reassurance and safety check-in program offered free to Rutland County seniors, a children's literacy and mentoring program called *RSVP Rutland County Reads*, an after school program called *RSVP After School Buddies*, an osteoporosis prevention program, *RSVP Bone Builders*, which provides free strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP/VC volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and *RSVP Operation Dolls & More* in which RSVP/VC volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls, toys, books and games. Last year over 10,000 items were distributed to 2,300 children and over 55 organizations to share with clients.

Locally, RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 803 volunteers. From April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 148,669 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$3,630,497.

**Currently in Shrewsbury, volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations: Rutland Regional Medical Center, Headstart, Community Cupboard, Rutland County schools, area nursing homes, Godnick Adult Center, Northeast and Northwest Elementary School, Clarendon Elementary School, One-2-One, The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, the *RSVP Rutland County Reads* program, *RSVP Bone Builders*, and *RSVP Operation Dolls & More*. The volunteer services they provide include: Osher Lifelong Learning volunteer, knitting and sewing items for children and elders, teaching Sudoku to seniors, entertaining elders and youngsters through song, information desk clerk and couriering at the hospital, delivering and preparing meals, designing and implementing the Lifeline program at RRMC, transporting seniors, tutoring and mentoring children, working with children through the *RSVP Rutland County Reads* program, volunteering services to *RSVP Operation Dolls & More*, and exercise trainers for *RSVP Bone Builders*.**

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center, I would like to thank the residents of Shrewsbury for their support in the continuation of the RSVP/VC program. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers continues to increase. With your help, RSVP/VC will continue to respond to this need.

Sincerely,  
Nan M. Hart, Director  
November 30, 2017

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## 2017 BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT REPORT

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On behalf of BROCCOMMUNITY Action, and the thousands of people with low income or living in poverty that we serve in Rutland and Bennington counties, I want to personally thank you for supporting us through the balloting process over the years. BROCCOMMUNITY Action continues to experience many people seeking our programs and services each day.

**Over the past year, BROCCOMMUNITY Action has demonstrated strong community impact in the Town of Shrewsbury.**

- **Twenty-one individuals were assisted and had their needs met including food at our Community Food Shelf, Senior USDA Commodities, housing counseling, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SQT, budget counseling, case management, resource and referral and income tax preparation through our Community Services department,**
- **Two homes/units were weatherized or had energy efficiency measures performed reducing energy costs through our Weatherization assistance program, and**
- **Three individuals worked on starting a small business with our business counselor through our Micro Business Development Program**

Despite the significant outcomes BROCCOMMUNITY Action has achieved for the residents of the Town of Shrewsbury over the past year, there is still more work to do. People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless, or facing major health conditions every day. Your appropriation helps ease the struggle for more than 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward. Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$600.00.

We value our partnership with Shrewsbury to assist those most in need.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Donahue, CEO

[tdonahue@brocc.org](mailto:tdonahue@brocc.org)    45 Union Street, Rutland, VT 05701    Phone: 802-775-0878  
brocc.org    #BROCTALK

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## 2017 GREEN UP VERMONT REPORT

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Green Up Day marked its 47th 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. Our East Montpelier coordinator reports "Green Up Day is an excellent teachable moment for our children." 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](http://www.greenupvermont.org).

Support from Cities and Towns continues to be an essential part of our operating budget. It enables us to cover sixteen percent of the operating 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.

**Mark your calendar: May 5, 2018 Green Up Day, 48 years of tradition, always the first Saturday in May.**

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## 2017 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT

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The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) of Rutland County is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment to assist victims and their families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We are grateful to the residents of Shrewsbury for your continued support.

In calendar year 2017, The Child First Advocacy Center served 210 children and families in Rutland County. **We were able provide wrap around services and support to at least three Shrewsbury families as they began their recovery from the effects of abuse. With your support we were also able to bring Richard Guerry with The Institute for Responsible Online and Cell-Phone Communication to the Mill River District and provide internet safety education to Parents, Educators and Students, grades 5-12.** In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase every school districts ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12.

CFAC, a fully accredited member of the *National Children's Alliance*, serves victims and their non-offending family members with the structure of a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse cases can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

The Child First Advocacy Center is requesting funds in the amount of \$400 to continue our efforts in supporting families in your community. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Loomis, Executive Director  
802-747-0200 [wendy@childfirstadvocacycenter.org](mailto:wendy@childfirstadvocacycenter.org)

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## 2017 RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY REPORT

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The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to advocating for and working towards a responsible and humane community. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

RGHS acts as the coordinator for animal cruelty cases in Rutland County and works to provide relief for victims of animal neglect and abuse. We provide information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RGHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,400 animals in 2016 and our numbers are expected to be about the same for 2017.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations, and special events. We thank those who support our operations, including the Town of Shrewsbury.

**During the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, the Rutland County Humane Society took in twenty-seven (27) animals from Shrewsbury.**

Please call us at 483-9171 if you would like further information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

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## 2017 SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL on AGING REPORT

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This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to older adults who reside in Shrewsbury. The service period reported is from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017

### Senior Meals

**SVCOA provided 1,194 home delivered meals in your community, through the Meals on Wheels program. In addition, one Shrewsbury older adult came together with others at a luncheon site located in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others. Through this site, 19 meals were served to older adults in your community.**

### Case Management Assistance

**SVCOA case management staff helped five older adults in your community.** A case manager works with an older adult, privately in the individual's home or at another agreed upon location. The case managers assess each person's specific situation in order to tailor a plan unique to that individual. Case managers will work with the older adult to identify their needs and discuss possible services available to address these areas. If the individual desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help older adults connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail older adults facing the possibility of long-term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

### Other Services and Support

SVCOA also provided a host of other services to support older adults in your community. These services included:

1. "Senior HelpLine" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to older adults and others, who need information about available programs and community resources;
2. Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program (SHIP);
3. Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project;
4. Information about elder issues via the "60Plus" column appearing in the Rutland Herald;
5. Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician;
6. Senior Companion support for frail, homebound older adults;
7. Outreach services to older adults dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. SVCOA cooperates with Rutland County Mental Health to provide this service;
8. Transportation assistance; and,
9. Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to older adults in need of assistance.

Office Phone  
802-786-5990

Senior Help Line  
1-800-642-5119

Email  
infoandassistance@svcoa.net

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## 2017 THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING REPORT

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Request Amount: \$170.00

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Final numbers for our FY'17 (10/2016-9/2017) show VCIL responded to over 3,000 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 358 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and 13 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 165 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 84 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 98 individuals with information on assistive technology; 45 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 534 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also now home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served 49 people and provided 22 peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone.

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

**During FY '17, four residents of Shrewsbury received services from the following programs:**

- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)
- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)

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

Respectfully submitted, Linda Meleady, Development Coordinator – 224-1819



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**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #U052**  
**TOWNS OF CLARENDON, SHREWSBURY, TINMOUTH AND WALLINGFORD**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

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In attendance: Tammy Heffernan (chair), George Ambrose, Bjorn Behrendt, Andy Richards-Peelle, Grant Reynolds, John McKenna, Len Doucette, Ken Fredette, Adrienne Raymond, Stephanie Mozzer (board members); David Younce (superintendent), Stan Pawlaczyk, Ann Dages (staff), A. Jay Kenlan, Denise Patch, Kendra Anderson, Doug Earle, Rich Biziak, Cynthia Thornton, Gary Severance, Jennifer Severance, Jonathan Gibson, Grace Korzun, Mark Truhan, Alf Strom-Olsen, Ann Vanneman, Theresa Jakubowski, Fran Kelley, Jane Sarno, Mark Goodwin, Carol Goodwin, Noelle Craver, Betti Jaquay, Nelson Jaquay, Kate C. Fredette, Kathleen Upton, Gloria Menard, Jo Reynolds, Gail Fallar, Steven Nicholson (public)

Absent: Paul Rondinone

Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. David Younce offered remarks and noted receipt by the Board of the Vermont School Boards Association's Exceptional School Board Leadership Award. Board Chair Tammy Heffernan introduced the school board members.

Moderator A. Jay Kenlan read the meeting warning.

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Auditorium of the Mill River Union High School in Clarendon, Vermont, on February 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

**ARTICLE 1** To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.

Jonathan Gibson noted it is important in the new structure of the District that voting procedure be followed. Discussion followed and it was agreed that providing a voter checklist in the future was sensible. Gail Fallar nominated Jay Kenlan for moderator, Kate Fredette seconded. Motion passed. Gail Fallar nominated Gloria Menard for clerk, Jo Reynolds seconded. Motion passed. Kathy Upton nominated Thomas O'Brien for Treasurer, Nelson Jaquay seconded, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 2** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from district towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date.

Richard Biziak asked how line credit has been handled in the past, and Mr. Pawlaczyk replied as a one year note, arbitrage, and in the past has included all schools. Rich Biziak moved to approve the article as read, Gail Fallar seconded, motion passed.

**ARTICLE 3** To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 7).

Ms. Heffernan turned over the Article to the Finance Committee Chair, Mr. Richards-Peelle, who presented a budget overview and answered questions. Mr. Richards-Peelle confirmed to Alf Strom-Olsen that the budget was developed by all five schools for the unified district. Ann Vanneman discussed special education services and expressed interest in graphics showing rise and fall of population. Steven Nicholson expressed displeasure that buses are leased, saying it is too expensive as opposed to purchasing. Number of students, incoming and outgoing, was discussed as trending down.

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**ARTICLE 4** To act on the reports of the school district officers and directors.

Discussion followed. Steven Nicholson asked if audit reports will be sent soon, and Jonathan Gibson noted the cost savings of a single audit as consolidated district, instead of six.

Doug Earle moved to approve the reports of the school district officers and directors, Kathy Upton seconded, motion carried.

**ARTICLE 5** Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend, \$16,466,704, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,047.24 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.77% higher than spending for the current year.

This article is up for discussion only, to be voted upon by Australian ballot. Mark Goodwin asked where the community outreach position was based.

**ARTICLE 6** Shall the voters of the District approve to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for a building sinking fund? (By Australian Ballot)

This article is up for discussion only, to be voted upon by Australian ballot. Alf Strom-Olsen asked how much is in each school's building sinking fund, and it was noted that funds prior to consolidation would remain with the individual schools. New sinking fund to be established would serve the district as a whole. It was noted that the practice is to establish the fund first, then add monies to that fund.

**ARTICLE 7** Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY17 to a building sinking fund, not to exceed \$100,000? (By Australian Ballot)

Rich Biziak asked at what level does the sinking fund need to be, and Mr. McKenna noted it is still being evaluated.

**ARTICLE 8** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.  
The meeting will then be recessed to March 7, 2017 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

No other business came to the floor.

With no other comments, Moderator A. Jay Kenlan recessed the meeting until March 7, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Dages, substitute meeting scribe

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**RESULTS OF THE MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #U052  
TOWNS OF CLARENDON, SHREWSBURY, TINMOUTH AND WALLINGFORD  
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 7, 2017**

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**ARTICLE 5** Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend, \$16,466,704, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,047.24 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 2.77% higher than spending for the current year.

**YES 656 NO 487**

**ARTICLE 6** Shall the voters of the District approve to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for a building sinking fund? (By Australian Ballot)

**YES 657 NO 483**

**ARTICLE 7** Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY17 to a building sinking fund, not to exceed \$100,000? (By Australian Ballot)

**YES 746 NO 391**



Life without trees diminishes our landscape

**Annual Meeting of the Mill River Unified Union School District  
Towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth and Wallingford  
February 22, 2018**

The legal voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet at the Library of the Mill River Union High School in Clarendon, Vermont, on February 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district meeting to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1** To elect the following officers: a. Moderator; b. Clerk; c. Treasurer.
- ARTICLE 2** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending receipt of payment from district towns by the issuance of notes or orders payable not later than one year from date.
- ARTICLE 3** To have presented by the Board of School Directors their estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year. This is a public informational hearing regarding the budget article. (See Article 4).
- ARTICLE 4** Shall the voters of the Mill River Unified Union School District approve the Board to expend, \$16,727,266, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? (By Australian Ballot) It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,983.15 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 0.13% lower than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE 5** Shall the voters of the District approve to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the building sinking fund? (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 6** Shall the voters authorize the District to transfer the audited unanticipated surplus funds remaining at the end of FY18 to the building sinking fund, not to exceed \$100,000? (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 7** Shall bonds or notes of Mill River Unified Union School District No. 52 in an amount not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000), subject to reduction from available state and/or federal construction grants-in-aid and appropriations, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of making certain public school building and school building grounds improvements. Namely, (1) school roof repairs and replacement, (2) septic system and drainage repairs and replacement, (3) underground storage tank removal and replacement, (4) boiler replacement, (5) kitchen equipment upgrades, (6) electrical and fire alarm system upgrades, and (7) building envelope repairs, the aggregate cost of such improvements estimated to be Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000)? (By Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 8** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 6, 2018 (Town Meeting Day) for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places in the District towns on the following business. Said ballots shall be brought to the Mill River Union High School Cafeteria following the closing of the polls in the District towns where they will be commingled and counted by the officers of the District towns.

**Dated at Clarendon, Vermont this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.**

**Board of Directors**

George Ambrose, Clarendon \_\_\_\_\_

Len Doucette, Clarendon \_\_\_\_\_

John McKenna, Clarendon \_\_\_\_\_

Doug Earle, Clarendon \_\_\_\_\_

Adrienne Raymond, Shrewsbury \_\_\_\_\_

Andrew Richards-Peelle, Shrewsbury \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Reynolds, Tinmouth \_\_\_\_\_

Bjorn Behrendt, Wallingford \_\_\_\_\_

Ken Fredette, Wallingford \_\_\_\_\_

Tammy Heffernan, Wallingford \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Rondinone, Wallingford \_\_\_\_\_

**Tammy Heffernan**

Board Chair's Signature

**Nichole Peterson**

District Clerk's Signature





Along with her knitting friends in Florida, Barbara Hayward, formerly of Rutland and now living in Florida made these knit hats for the Shrewsbury Mountain School pupils. Ms. Hayward is the grandmother of local Shrewsbury kids Zach & Corey Crossman

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Australian Ballot

Tuesday, March 6, 2018  
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House  
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM