

Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont



2018 Annual Report



Every town has treasured members who make it dear to the hearts of its citizenry. Even in a short glance, it would be difficult not to notice the many contributions from Bernard (BJ) and Joan Stewart that have made Shrewsbury so special. We thank them for being an inspiration to this community and are proud to dedicate the 2018 Shrewsbury Town Report to them.

BJ and Joan have long been an inspiration for the town of Shrewsbury. BJ was born in Rutland to Clayton J. Sr. and Freda Stewart. He grew up in Cuttingsville attending the village school, and later graduated from Mount Saint Joseph Academy. He served in the US Air Force from 1951 to 1955. In the late 1960s, BJ met Joan, who at the time lived in Londonderry, Vermont. They married in November 1971 and made their home in Cuttingsville.

BJ and Joan delved into many local enterprises beginning with the Ford tractor and farm equipment business which they operated in the old Cole Farm barn on Route 103. They sold the business in 1976 and later opened the hardware store known as the Olde Barn in Cuttingsville.

BJ and Joan were very concerned for other people's hard times, and they kept a donation jar on the counter of the Olde Barn so folks could contribute to those in need. They worked hard to keep their home and businesses and other people's lawns cut, clean, and even plowed. At Christmas time, BJ dug up a huge tree from his property, placed it in front of the Olde Barn and folks would donate \$1 for a light to be lit for people in need. At Easter time, Joan and BJ would hide candy-filled eggs on the Olde Barn Lawn for local children to find.

BJ was an early member of the SVFD, and even after he retired from it, he would provide space in the parking lot of the Olde Barn so the department could practice for the Vermont State Firefighter muster games.

BJ and Joan were instrumental in holding a “taking down the Cuttingsville Bridge” party in July 1991 so that folks could dance one more time on the steel trussed bridge before it was demolished. Later, they even preserved a section of the steel from the demolished bridge for the Shrewsbury Historical Society.

Always cognizant of the community’s appearance and the preservation of its history, they became members of the historical society and served on the committee to acquire the Cuttingsville church for the museum. They are officers of the Laurel Glen Cemetery Association and were instrumental in the continual upkeep of the Laurel Glen Mansion, cemetery, and the Bowman mausoleum. If you were attentive, you might have even found BJ placing, or removing the protective cover from the Bowman statue on the mausoleum. Joan and BJ have decorated the mansion for Christmas over many years, and even hosted open houses so that people could see the inside of the beautiful and mysterious structure.

BJ and Joan have contributed so much to the town as well as to the preservation of its history. Joan has helped provide many pies for fund raisers including dinners and special programs put on by various associations in and out of town.

Who can ever forget going to the Olde Barn to get some odd item, or to sit by the old stove there for a cup of coffee and a chat, or to share BJ’s infinite Yankee wisdom. And many can recall the kite flying pot luck and sing along held at the Stewart’s Shunpike meadows, where kites were flying everywhere, even one by Shrewsbury’s own Senator Jim Jeffords.

One only needs to see the well-manicured lawns of many Cuttingsville properties or note the well-kept Laurel Glen cemetery to be reminded of BJ and Joan. Noticing the handmade Cuttingsville sign north of town, or seeing the American flags flying in front of homes and businesses along the highway, or observing the flower boxes on the rails of the Cuttingsville Bridge will remind you of the quiet lifetime contributions of BJ and Joan Stewart.

Our thanks to Bob Snarski for authoring this year’s dedication, with contributions from Ruth Winkler.

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The Board of Auditors would like to thank all of those who sent in photographs to be considered for inclusion in the annual report; space limitations prevented us from using more of them. We encourage everyone to submit photographs they capture during 2019 for consideration and possible use in the 2019 Annual Report. Thanks again!

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Town of Shrewsbury
2018 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS *as of December 31, 2018*

Elected Office	Term	Elected officer(s)	Term Expires
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2019
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Mark Goodwin	2021
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2021
SELECTBOARD	3 Years	Steven Nicholson Bert Potter Aaron Korzun	2019 2020 2021
AUDITORS	3 Years	Lee Wilson Richard Biziak Sanford Bragg	2019 2020 2021
LISTERS	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond Sharon Winnicki Sue Kennedy ⁽¹⁾	2019 2020 2019
MILL RIVER UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS	2 Years 3 Years	Adrienne Raymond Andy Richards-Peelle	2019 2021
TOWN GRAND JUROR	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2019
TOWN AGENT	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2019
1 ST CONSTABLE	1 Year	Raymond Dambrackas	2019
2 ND CONSTABLE	1 Year	Vacant	2019
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	3 Years	Randy A. Page	2021
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	David Rice Larry Carrara Vacant	2019 2020 2021

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. For a list of Justices of the Peace whose term begins February 1, 2019 please see the Justices of the Peace report elsewhere in this document.			
		John Berryhill	2019
		Larry Carrara	2019
		Barry Griffith	2019
		Betsy Jesser	2019
		Trish Norton	2019
		Hull Maynard	2019
		Lee Wilson	2019

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD⁽²⁾

ACT 64 ADVISORY BOARD		Aaron Korzun	2019
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER		Ray Dambrackas	2019
CLERK OF THE SELECTBOARD	1 Year	Mark Goodwin	2019
COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES ⁽³⁾	3 Years	Annette Parish Mark Youngstrom Liesbeth van der Heijden	2019 2020 2021

Town of Shrewsbury 2018 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD ⁽²⁾ (continued)			
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Peter Grace Connie Youngstrom Grace Brigham Christina Clarke Cynthia Thornton Pam Darrow Louise Duda	2019 2019 2020 2021 2021 2022 2022
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years ⁽⁴⁾	Alan Shelvey Scott Darling Bruce Bullock Mark Youngstrom Laura Black - Alternate Francis Wyatt – Alternate	2019 2020 2021 2021 2019 2019
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR ⁽⁵⁾		Vacant	
EMERGENCY MGMT. COORDINATOR		David Rice	2019
ENERGY COORDINATOR		Davis Terrell	2019
FEMA ADMINISTRATOR		Steven Nicholson	2019
FENCE VIEWERS		Randy Page Bert Potter Mike Stewart	2019 2019 2019
GREEN UP DAY COORDINATOR		Connie Youngstrom	5/4/19
HEALTH OFFICER		Kathy Felder	2020
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES, & WOOD		John Wood	2019
LIBRARY BOARD		Debbie Blechich	2019
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years ⁽⁴⁾	Laura Black Mark Goodwin Francis Wyatt Hunter Berryhill Brian Jelensits Melissa Reichert Vacant	2019 2019 2020 2020 2021 2021 2021
POUND KEEPER		Gillian Gaines	2019
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		Gerry Martin	2019
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Jamie Carrara	2019
RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		Vacant	
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		Mark Goodwin Brian Jelensits - Alternate	6/30/19 6/30/19
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES		Bert Potter Aaron Korzun - Alternate	4/15/19 4/15/19
TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDEN		Kevin Brown Alan Ridlon Jr.	6/30/23 6/30/23

Town of Shrewsbury 2018 OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD ⁽¹⁾ (continued)			
TREE WARDEN		Gary Salmon	2019
WEIGHER OF COAL		John Wood	2019
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2021

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES			
TOWN ROAD CREW (Appointed by Road Commissioner)		Dan Cavoto, Matthew Yrsha	
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS		Bob Perry, Bert Potter, Gary Duprey	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (Appointed by the Town Clerk for the term of the Town Clerk's service))		Betsy Jesser	2021
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER ⁽⁶⁾		Christina Clarke	2021

- (1) Appointed to fill vacancy. Appointment expires on date of 2019 Town Meeting.
(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) Term of office determined by selectboard.
(5) Selectboard chair serves if vacant.
(6) Appointment effective for treasurer's term of office unless changed by the treasurer.



Julanne and Neal Sharrow start off the Shrewsbury Day Parade carrying the Historical Society banner

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 238th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019

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 5, 2019 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 Selectboard Member	3-year term
One Auditor	3-year term
One Lister	1-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 2nd Constable	1 year term
One Cemetery Commissioner	2 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 **\$1,499,670**, of which **\$501,505** shall be raised by taxes and **\$998,165** 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?

Town of Shrewsbury
WARNING for 238th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019

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 **\$400** 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 11, 2019**
28. Whereas, the State of Vermont is making insufficient progress towards its stated goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Vermont's energy use by 85 – 95% renewable energy by 2050, shall the Town urge the State to set firm interim goals and move decisively to meet these, in a way that is clear and fair to all citizens?
29. Shall the Town establish a reserve fund designated for the purpose of holding funds raised by the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission?

Dated: **January 29, 2019**

Shrewsbury Selectboard

/ss/

Bert Potter, Chair

Steven Nicholson

Aaron Korzun

/s/

Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

The informational meeting for the annual Shrewsbury Town Meeting will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road. 6:00 P.M., Monday, March 4, 2019.**

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

Town of Shrewsbury
237th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
Monday March 5, 2018 Informational Meeting

The informational meeting for the town was called to order at 6.00 pm March 5th, 2018 by Moderator Eldred French, present were Selectboard members Bert Potter, Steven Nicholson and Aaron Korzun. Also present were approximately 40 voters at the commencement of the meeting.

Eldred explained the fact that there is only one meeting this year because of the MRUUSD consolidation. As a courtesy, the Selectboard ceded the floor to representatives of MRUUSD, Andy Richards-Peele and Adriene Raymond; Shrewsbury Directors on the MRUUSD Board. The representatives summarized the budget and explained in summary fashion those items on the MRUUSD Warning that will be voted on via Australian Ballot. An announcement was made regarding a meeting at the Shrewsbury Mountain School on March 14, 2018 with David Younce, MRUUSD Superintendent regarding their new directions of MRUUSD and its impact on individual schools within the district.

Upon inquiry from the audience it was confirmed by Adrienne Raymond that the bond is still outstanding for SMS roof. Items specific to SMS that the new bond addresses in Article 7 of the MRUUSD Warning are siding and drainage issues in the back of the school. SMS has no roofing work as part of the new bond.

Shrewsbury CLA is currently 109.51, up from last year. The bond obligation will be shared by all towns. The allocation by each town can be generated by the District office and is not precisely available at this time.

The Mill River Unified Union School District Information segment of the meeting concluded at 6:18 pm

6:20 pm Town Informational Meeting commenced

Moderator Eldred French conducted a review discussion of the Shrewsbury Town Warning beginning with Article 2.

Question pertaining to the budget specifically regarding road expenses of \$55k for the Cold River Mitigation Project was explained as a FEMA sponsored Federal Highway Administration project to move the Cold River road away from the river and the impact of fluvial erosion. Some work is necessary prior to the awarding of the grant and will not be reimbursable. Those expenses it was explained are being kept at a minimum as best as they can be.

Town Officers Salary – Budget for an Administrative Position is not in the budget because no detailed information was available at the time of the budget construction. The additional monies in the budget from the current actuals was explained as under staffing on some of the town boards.

Paving grant funds which were not utilized because of weather conditions and untimely road maintenance will be carried over from last year and those funds have not yet been expensed. The next large item for Road Equipment Reserve Fund will probably be a new dump truck to replace the 2010 International.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Voting by Australian ballot is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 6th, 2018, beginning at 10 am.

Minutes approved by:

/s/ Barry Griffith – JP

/s/ Betsy Jesser – JP

Attest: Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Date: 3/8/2018

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS 237th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 2018

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

One Moderator	1-year term Eldred French
One Town Clerk	3 year Term Mark Goodwin
One Town Treasurer	3 year Term Linda McGuire
One Selectboard Member	3-year term Aaron Korzun
One Auditor	1 year of 3 year term Lee Wilson
One Auditor	3-year term Sandy Bragg
One Lister	3-year term No one write-in with the requisite number of votes
One Grand Juror	1-year term Barry Griffith
One Town Agent	1-year term Barry Griffith
One 1st Constable	1-year term Raymond Dambrackas
One 2nd Constable	1 year term No one write-in with the requisite number of votes
One Collector of Delinquent Taxes	3 year term Randy Page
One Cemetery Commissioner	3 year term No one write-in with the requisite number of votes

One Mill River Unified School District Director 3 year term – **Andrew Richards-Peelle**

- 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? **YES- 190 NO – 40**
- 3.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
YES – 189 NO - 42
- 4.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
YES – 196 NO- 34
- 5.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
YES – 190 NO - 42
- 6.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$50,000** for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
YES - 195 NO - 37
- 7.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
YES – 184 NO - 48
- 8.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
YES – 184 NO - 47
- 9.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$12,000** for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
YES – 182 NO 48
- 10.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$35,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?
YES – 203 NO 28
- 11.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$7,500** for the Shrewsbury Library?
YES – 188 NO 44
- 12.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$2,500** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
YES -174 NO -57
- 13.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$4,224** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?
YES – 199 NO - 33
- 14.** Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$250** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
YES – 172 NO 59

Town of Shrewsbury
RESULTS 237th ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6, 2018

15. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of **\$2,526** to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?
YES – 202 NO - 29
16. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
YES – 184 NO - 47
17. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
YES – 185 NO - 43
18. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
YES – 176 NO - 53
19. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$1,192** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
YES – 171 NO - 56
20. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support New Story (formally the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?
YES – 190 NO - 38
21. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$600** to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
YES – 169 NO - 58
22. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?
YES – 165 NO - 63
23. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$500** to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?
YES – 165 NO - 63
24. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$170** to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?
YES – 171 NO - 57
25. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?
YES – 192 NO - 36
26. Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend **\$400** to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?
YES – 169 NO - 59
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**?
YES – 216 NO - 12

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT

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, 2018 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, 2018, 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, 2018. 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, the transfer station punch card revenues and the grand list.

We note that the \$16,776 FEMA reimbursement presented in the Selectboard's Statement of Revenues-General and Roads for 2018 differs from the \$37,587 in the Treasurer's General Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the year ended December 31, 2018 which is explainable by the inclusion of an estimated receivable of \$20,811 in the Treasurer's number.

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

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

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. 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire



(R-L) Ruth Winkler and Dawn Hance prepare to serve as the Grand Marshalls for the Shrewsbury Day Parade

Town of Shrewsbury
Balance Sheet
For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

	General Fund	Restricted and Designated Funds ⁽⁹⁾	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash ⁽²⁾	122,563	497,023	619,586
Prepaid Expenses	13,155		13,155
Receivables ⁽³⁾			
Delinquent Tax Receivable	52,518		52,518
Other Receivables	334,986		334,986
Capital Assets ⁽⁶⁾			
Land and Buildings	761,500		761,500
Machinery and Equipment	330,167		330,167
Infrastructure	3,359,657		3,359,657
Total Assets	4,974,546	497,023	5,471,569
Current Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond ⁽¹²⁾	20,000		20,000
Accounts Payable ⁽⁴⁾	22,673		22,673
Other Current Liabilities	10,115		10,115
Long-Term Liabilities			
VMBB Garage Bond	160,000		160,000
Equity			
Restricted Funds		497,023	497,023
Unrestricted Equity	4,689,946		4,689,946
Excess Revenue	71,812		71,812
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	4,974,546	497,023	5,471,569

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2018

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

Taxes: Education Current	\$ 1,865,660.52	
Taxes: Town Current	720,867.84	
School Reconciliation Taxes	29,631.65	
Delinquent Tax	<u>111,271.32</u>	
Total Property Tax Receipts		\$ 2,727,431.33

Other Tax Receipts

Land Use	65,535.50	
Leased Land	30.00	
State in Lieu of Tax	32,296.95	
Federal in Lieu of Tax	11,743.00	
Railroad Tax	<u>479.21</u>	
Total Other Tax Receipts		110,084.66

Road Commission Receipts

FEMA	37,586.71	
Grants	64,782.30	
State Aid	131,818.25	
Services Rendered	3,294.38	
Weight Permits	<u>245.00</u>	
Total Road Commission Receipts		237,726.64

Other Receipts

Act 60 Funds	6,783.00	
Conservation Commission	120.00	
DRB Hearing Fee	744.80	
Dog Licenses	478.00	
FEMA	0.00	
Fines	28.84	
Insurance Reimbursement	122.00	
Interest	3,338.86	
Liquor License	415.00	
Miscellaneous	192.36	
Recycling	170.80	
Restoration Fees	804.00	
Transfer Station Card Income	17,505.41	
Zoning Permits	<u>873.80</u>	
Total Other Receipts		<u>31,576.87</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 3,106,819.50
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Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Year Ending December 31, 2018

DISBURSEMENTS:

School Account	\$ 1,873,934.91
Selectboard's Orders (Net)	222,199.30
Road Commissioners Orders (Net)	759,140.95
Depreciation ⁽⁷⁾	298,434.41
Capitalized Improvements ⁽⁶⁾ & Liability ⁽¹²⁾	(277,343.98)

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
Total Warned Items	<u>158,642.00</u>
	<u>158,642.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ <u>3,035,007.59</u>
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ <u><u>71,811.91</u></u>
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Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

TOWN OF SHREWSBURY - Treasurer's Report
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2018

GRAND LIST

Real Estate	\$ 165,749,800
Less Exemptions	<u>12,423,100</u>

TOTAL GRAND LIST

\$ 153,326,700

TAXES BILLED

Municipal Grand List	1,533,267	
Tax Rate	<u>0.5447</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		835,172.15
Education Grand List-Non-Resident	680,074	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.4428</u>	
Education Non-Resident Taxes Billed		981,210.79
Education Grand List-Homestead	860,106	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>1.3916</u>	
Education Resident Taxes Billed		1,196,923.58
Municipal Grand List	\$ 1,533,267	
Local Agreement Tax Share	<u>0.0003</u>	
Local Agreement Taxes Billed		460.03

TOTAL TAXES BILLED

3,013,766.55

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

Taxes Collected	2,905,698.80
Delinquent Taxes	110,161.32
Adjustments/Changes	5,388.95
Refunds/Overpayments	<u>(7,482.52)</u>

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED

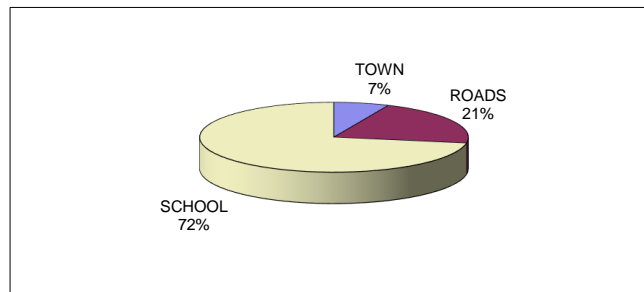
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TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2017 Tax Rate as follows:

General Town	0.5447	835,172.15
Local Agreement Rate	0.0003	460.03
Schools Residential	1.3916	1,196,923.58
Schools Non-Residential	1.4428	<u>981,210.79</u>
		<u><u>3,013,766.55</u></u>

Resident	1.9366
Non-Resident	1.9878



Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2018 TAX COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2018	1,657,498	Residential	1.9366	3,013,766.55
		Non-Residential	1.9878	
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	

Reappraisal complete in 2010.

Town of Shrewsbury					
2018 RESTRICTED OR DESIGNATED TOWN FUNDS ⁽⁹⁾					
Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Transferred from General	Disbursed	Interest	Ending Balance
Brown Bridge Grant	\$3,026	\$0	\$0	\$11	\$3,036
Townwide Reappraisal Sinking Fund	\$52,401	\$6,783	\$0	\$207	\$59,392
Cemetery Reserve Fund	\$1,302	\$0	\$0	\$5	\$1,307
Energy Grant	\$1,109	\$0	\$0	\$4	\$1,113
Garage Reserve Fund	\$15,146	\$1,500	\$0	\$58	\$16,704
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	\$102,276	\$50,000	\$0	\$533	\$152,809
Records Restoration Fund	\$11,799	\$1,794	\$0	\$48	\$13,640
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	\$186,536	\$35,000	\$0	\$775	\$222,312
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	\$4,350	\$0	\$0	\$15	\$4,366
Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund	\$4,394	\$1,000	\$0	\$19	\$5,413
Town Office Reserve Fund	\$15,372	\$1,500	\$0	\$59	\$16,931
TOTALS	\$397,712	\$97,577	\$0	\$1,734	\$497,023

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES

Name	Position	Amount	
Bert Potter	Selectperson/Transfer Station	\$	\$ 2,072.00
Aaron Korzun	Selectperson		1,000.00
Steven Nicholson	Selectperson		1,000.00
Mark Goodwin	Town Clerk Salary	23,858.75	
	Selectboard Clerk Salary	1,050.00	
	Town Clerk Fees**	9,186.00	
	Total		34,094.75
Linda McGuire	Town Treasurer		28,982.16
Christina Clarke	Assistant Treasurer		0.00
Randy Page	Delinquent Tax Collector**		5,483.05
Adrienne Raymond	Lister/Zoning Administrator		4,038.44
Robert Perry	Transfer Station Attendent		9,405.25
Gary Duprey	Transfer Station Attendent		8,678.50
Gilbert Pitts	Transfer Station Attendent		2,303.25
Sharon Winnicki	Lister		10,821.38
			107,878.78
Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds			8,252.73
Total Town Payroll Expense/Calendar Year		\$	116,131.51

** Based only on fees collected



Some of Shrewsbury's Veterans participate in the Shrewsbury Day Parade: Driver's side (front to back) Dr. Howard Weaver and David Rice. Passenger side (front to back) Hull Maynard and Bill Olney. **Shrewsbury thanks all of our veterans for their service!**

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2018 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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 \$619,586, 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	\$ 52,518
Other Receivables	<u>334,986</u>
Total Receivables	\$ 387,404

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

Accrued Payroll	\$ 4,159
Miscellaneous Vendors	<u>18,514</u>
Total Payables	\$ 22,673

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.

Town of Shrewsbury - Treasurer's Report
2018 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Capital Assets. Capital asset activity for year ended December 31, 2018 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	1,183,415	4,500	1,187,915
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	4,471,071	252,844	4,723,916
Totals	6,727,441	257,344	6,984,785
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings and Building Improvements	552,970	29,707	582,677
Vehicles and Equipment	778,707	79,042	857,749
Roads, Bridges and Culverts	1,174,573	189,686	1,364,259
Totals	2,506,250	298,434	2,804,684
Total Capital Assets being depreciated	4,221,191	-41,090	4,180,101
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	<u>4,492,414</u>	<u>-41,090</u>	<u>4,451,324</u>

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

Buildings	\$ 29,707
Vehicles and Equipment	79,042
Roads, Bridges & Culverts	<u>189,686</u>
Total Depreciation	\$298,434

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.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2018 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. Restricted/Designated Funds.

Brown Bridge Grant	Funds received from the Preservation Trust to be used for the Brown Bridge.
Cemetery Reserve Fund	Funds designated for town cemetery maintenance.
Energy Grant	Funds from NeighborWorks of Western Vermont designated by agreement of March 21, 2013 for specific use.
Garage Reserve Fund	Funds designated for Town Garage
Records Restoration Fund	Fees collected (\$1 per page for recorded documents) at Town office for restoration of Town documents and warned item
Road Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of road equipment.
SVFD Equipment Reserve Fund	Funds designed for Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department fire trucks.
Smith Brook Culvert Fund	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4.
Town Office Equipment Fund	Funds designated for replacement or purchase of town office equipment.
Town Office Reserve Fund	Funds designated for improvements/repairs to the town office
Town-wide Reappraisal Fund	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 \$932 of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station.

Town of Shrewsbury – Treasurer’s Report
2018 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

11. Meeting House and Conservation Commission. The conservation commission funds are as of this year incorporated in town accounts. 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.

	Principal	Interest	Debt Service
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
	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$41,665</u>	<u>\$221,665</u>

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 full paid in 2018 along with interest.

14. Pension Funds. Town employees eligible for the Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System are required to pay 2.625% of wages and the Town contributes 4.125% which are counted as expenses in the financial statements. The town currently has three members. Vesting occurs upon reaching 5 years of creditable service. Additional information is available upon request.

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
for the year ending December 31, 2018

Delinquent Taxes

Balance outstanding December 31, 2017	\$51,793.40
Warrant to Collect, October 18, 2018	\$111,021.29
Amended Warrant, October 28, 2018	\$2,345.18
Amended Warrant, November 2, 2018	-\$1,757.75
Amended Warrant, November 4, 2018	-\$58.92
Taxes abated in 2018	-\$278.48
Total taxes delinquent	\$163,064.72
Less delinquent taxes collected and deposited in 2018	\$110,547.10
Balance outstanding December 31, 2018	\$52,517.62

Notes: 8% fees paid in 2018 for collections - \$5,483.05.
\$60.00 was collected for the Town for fees on NSF checks.

Delinquent taxes collected January 1 - 31, 2019.	\$7,171.47
Delinquent taxes still outstanding (17 accounts):	
2017, 2018 - Frydel, Irene	4,440.81
2017, 2018 - Guyette, Peter L	1,339.02
2017, 2018 - Porte, Ariel	2,025.36
2018 - Bosek, Leopold D & Suzanne	510.87
2018 - Mailhoit, James & Watkins, Frederick	1,671.74
2018 - Paul, Hilary	1,935.07
2018 - Peer, Christopher M	789.16
2018 - Phillips, Charlene	1,192.68
2018 - Plouffe, William & Vivian Life Est.	4,734.94
2018 - Roy, Chad	496.95
2018 - Schiermeyer, Sarah	22,086.04
2018 - Wallace, Charlotte E	1,493.64
2018 - Webster, Robert & McGinnis, Angela	765.31
2018 - Young, Donna, Paul & Trey	1,864.56
Balance 2/1/2019	\$45,346.15

Delinquent taxes outstanding as of December 31, 2018

\$52,517.62

Randy A. Page
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 SELECTBOARD REPORT

Signs were installed, by the state, at the railroad crossing on Town Hill Road warning of the hazard created by the railroad after the rail bed was raised and the downhill slope was not properly paved. The state agreed to fix the problem and paving was scheduled for this year but has been put off until 2019.

The yearly update of the Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) was approved. The new, more comprehensive, Local Emergency Management Plan, has replaced the LEOP, and needs to be completed by May 1, 2019.

Vermont Emergency Management awarded the Town a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant to relocate a section of the Cold River Road by 4400 Cold River Road where a slope failure caused by erosion by the Cold River is already impacting the road. A purchase and sale agreement for the land needed to relocate the road, after some delay, was signed allowing planning for the road relocation to begin. Special thanks to Alan Shelvey and Mark Youngstrom for their work applying for the grant. The work on relocating the road will be done in 2019.

We received the annual report on the Town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan from David Rice, Shrewsbury Emergency Management Coordinator. He is working on an update of the plan which is due by July, 2020. A Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant has been applied for to help update the new Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The Town settled an appeal of the findings of the Board of Civil Authority.

Planning was started on repairing clapboards on the back of the town office, relocating the propane tanks, painting the outside of the building and replacing the heating system. This work will be done in 2019.

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).

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



Road grader in operation during a busy summer road maintenance season

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF REVENUES-GENERAL AND ROADS
BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2018

	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019
<u>REVENUES</u>				
TAXES:				
Current Property Taxes	750,229		720,868	
Delinquent Tax	112,081		111,271	
Property Tax Receipts-Other				
Less: Warned Items	(158,642)		(158,642)	
Current Property Taxes for General & Roads	703,668	676,469	673,497	501,505
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	5,917	5,917	11,743	11,743
State In Lieu of Taxes	28,995	28,995	32,297	31,816
Land Use Taxes ⁽¹⁾	49,063	49,000	65,536	63,000
Railroad Tax	513	513	479	479
Total Other Tax Receipts	84,488	84,425	110,055	107,038
ROADS:				
Paving Grant	166,493	-	-	-
FEMA Reimbursement, T.S. Irene	41,065	-	16,776	-
Cold River Rd. Relocation Premitigation Grant	-	-	13,220	469,822
Cold River Rd. Flooding Grant	-	-	51,562	-
Lottery Rd. Culvert Grant	-	-	-	131,400
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	-	-	-	-
State Aid to Roads	131,870	131,870	131,818	131,818
Services Rendered - Roads	2,960	-	3,294	-
Weight Permits	250	-	245	-
Total Road Receipts	342,638	131,870	216,916	733,040
OTHER RECEIPTS:				
Act 60 Funds	6,793		6,783	
Dog Licenses	470	470	478	470
Insurance Reimbursement - Workmen's Comp	3,521		122	
Interest Income	1,475	1,400	3,339	1,400
Leased Land	30	30	30	30
Liquor Licenses	300	300	415	300
Misc. income, Misc. fees, marriage licenses	273	300	341	300
Recycling	640	640	171	100
Restoration Fees	806		804	
School Tax Reconciliation-previous year	23,706		29,632	
Transfer Station Punch Cards	21,627	21,000	17,505	17,000
Zoning Permits/DRB Hearing Fees/Subdivision Permits	1,594	500	1,619	1,000
Total Other Receipts	61,235	24,640	61,239	20,600
TOTAL REVENUE	1,192,029	917,404	1,061,706	1,362,183
Cash Beginning Balance	41,462	157,195	157,195	122,563
Available Receivables less Payables⁽²⁾	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,924
Cash Available for Expenses	1,233,491	1,074,599	1,218,901	1,499,670

Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 2018

	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018	ACTUAL 2018	BUDGET 2019
<u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u>				
TRANSFER STATION				
Tipping Fees	9,581	11,000	9,642	10,000
Hauling	7,125	7,175	7,113	7,175
Salary-Transfer Station Attendants	19,105	20,000	20,410	20,818
Salary- Transfer Station Administrator	877	890	890	908
Payroll Expenses	1,516	1,600	1,629	1,662
Maintenance	-	1,000	99	3,000
Solid Waste Dues	4,488	4,500	4,488	4,500
Equipment/Facilities	-	1,300	-	1,000
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal	752	-	1,062	1,062
Supplies	305	1,000	282	500
Workers Compensation	1,956	1,961	2,541	2,880
Solid Waste Implementation Plan	-	636	-	636
Electric	788	800	1,033	1,100
Electronics Recycling	-	-	304	500
Total Transfer Station	46,493	51,862	49,493	55,741
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE				
Planning Commission Expense	326	500	-	500
Emergency Mgmt/FEMA Expense	100	500	-	500
Building/Property Insurance	4,881	4,205	4,205	3,024
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,843	1,819	1,819	1,564
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	1,635	1,502	1,502	1,276
Workers Compensation	217	862	282	320
Office Heat/Electric	2,048	3,000	7,971	4,500
Training/Education	565	750	80	600
Postage	921	1,300	1,619	1,750
Supplies & Equipment	3,403	4,000	2,842	4,000
Elections			781	200
Software	1,006	2,000	1,548	1,600
Selectboard Salary	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Other Town Officers Salary	47,421	64,000	56,846	61,283
Payroll Expenses	4,891	4,896	5,575	5,738
Retirement	1,330	1,600	845	1,155
Office Communications	2,812	3,000	3,169	3,000
Mileage Reimbursement	-	300	-	90
Building Maintenance/Repair	1,927	6,000	2,601	15,900
Warnings	275	600	538	600
Town Report	2,381	2,389	1,983	2,280
Total Town Officers Expense	79,982	106,223	97,209	112,880

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Town of Shrewsbury
GENERAL EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL (Continued)
Year ended December 31, 2018

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2019</u>
LISTERS				
Lister Salaries	12,225	13,500	13,392	19,000
Payroll Expenses	935	1,035	1,139	1,454
Supplies & Equipment	671	700	1,769	1,900
Upgrade Parcel Mapping	1,275	1,275	1,275	1,275
Tax Appeal Legal/Consulting Fees	1,119	5,000	4,778	1,500
Training & Training Mileage	510	1,500	540	550
Total Listers Expense	16,735	23,010	22,893	25,679
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
Animal Damage and Control	119	500	376	500
Conservation Commission	-	550	561	1,250
County Court Tax	10,906	11,000	11,452	11,801
Garage Bond Principal and Interest Payment	29,629	29,222	27,609	28,325
Interest Expense/Bank fees	4,375	4,375	4,207	100
Law Enforcement	-	1,000	-	1,000
Legal Fees	-	2,000	-	2,000
Rutland Regional Planning Commission Dues	925	925	975	975
Town Events	100	500	240	500
Vermont League of Cities & Towns Dues	2,184	2,200	2,230	2,230
Miscellaneous	60	-	4,954	-
Total Other Disbursements	48,298	52,272	52,605	48,681
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	191,508	233,367	222,199	242,979

Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2018

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2019</u>
ROAD EXPENSES				
ROADS				
Chloride	3,960	4,500	4,477	4,200
Flood Expenses	-	-	20,069	-
Pre-Mitigation, Cold River Rd Relocation ⁽³⁾	10,901	55,000	12,290	598,579
Gravel	34,306	45,000	39,308	45,000
Salt	24,619	30,000	29,540	3,000
Winter Sand	55,816	60,000	60,155	65,000
Erosion control	-	1,000	496	500
Stormwater Municipal Roads.General Permit	-	2,000	240	2,000
Tree Removal	600	2,000	-	2,000
Bridge #37,(Lincoln Hill Culvert)	26	-	1	-
Culverts & Bridges	6,504	7,500	6,737	7,500

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Town of Shrewsbury
ROAD EXPENSES-BUDGETED AND ACTUAL
Year Ended December 31, 2018
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ROAD EXPENSES

ROADS (Continued)

Lottery Rd. Culvert	-	-	1,300	154,210
Paving	237,940	246,735	244,806	16,000
Equipment Rental	700	4,000	3,461	4,000
Salaries	133,457	147,000	150,114	160,000
Payroll Expenses	10,185	11,245	12,147	12,240
VT State Retirement	5,138	6,000	6,569	6,600
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	10,861	9,477	9,477	9,457
Health Insurance/Dental Insurance	37,245	35,558	44,262	45,448
VLCT Unemployment	114	152	398	400
Other	203	-	445	-
Total Roads	572,575	667,167	646,291	1,136,134

TOWN EQUIPMENT

Parts & Repairs	27,988	22,000	23,939	25,000
Tires & Repairs	4,949	5,000	5,049	6,000
Fuels & Lubricants	33,349	40,000	54,270	50,000
New Equipment	14,586	6,000	4,878	14,000
Misc. Supplies	1,033	500	388	500
Signs	1,041	800	1,013	800
Safety Equipment	30	500	622	500
Total Town Equipment	82,976	74,800	90,159	96,800

TOWN GARAGES

Equipment	-	1,550	1,383	1,550
Heating Fuel	2,416	3,000	1,432	3,000
Maintenance & Supplies	152	500	1,770	1,000
Electricity	1,969	2,000	1,969	2,500
Communications	1,451	1,500	1,998	2,500
Buildings & Repair	229	1,500	164	1,500
Property & Casualty Insurance	16,065	13,975	13,976	11,707
Total Town Garages	22,282	24,025	22,691	23,757

TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES	677,833	765,992	759,141	1,256,691
TOTAL GENERAL & ROADS EXPENSES	869,341	999,360	981,340	1,499,670

⁽¹⁾ 2018 Land use tax receipt includes \$2,474.50 for "Release of Land Use."

⁽²⁾ For budgeting purposes

⁽³⁾ Formerly Cold River Rd. Flooding Mitigation

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

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

In 2018 along with our normal maintenance duties, the road crew armored a section of the Cold River that washed into 200+ feet of the shoulder of the Cold River Road on July 1, 2017 with the help of FEMA funds. Lincoln Hill was repaved with sections reclaimed to fix the base of the road along with drainage work and culvert replacement.

The town received a structure grant in the amount of \$131,400 which, along with the town's 10% share, will be used to replace a large diameter culvert on Lottery Road that is collapsing. This will be completed in the summer of 2019. A grant to aid the town lining ditches on Town Hill Road with stone, to comply with Act 64 requirements for runoff, was also received in the amount of \$12,000. This work will happen in the spring of 2019.

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

- a. Reclaiming and repaving 2.23 miles of road.
- b. 5116 tons of gravel were used on various roads.
- c. 6600 tons of sand were stockpiled for winter use.
- d. Ten culverts were installed.

James Carrara
Road Commissioner

**2018 Inventory of Town Equipment
Estimated Value**

2017 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$139,000
2015 Caterpillar 12 M 3 Grader	\$300,000
2015 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$106,000
2014 Ford F-550 with plow and sander	\$35,000
2010 International 7600 with plow and sander	\$30,000
2009 John Deere 5065E tractor mower broom	\$18,000
2005 Caterpillar 307C Excavator with trailer	\$35,000
2002 International 2574 with plow and sander	\$10,000
2000 Caterpillar 928G Loader	\$38,000
1996 Caterpillar 416B Backhoe	\$15,000
1995 Woodchuck Brush Chipper	\$4,500
Chloride tank with spray bar	\$5,000
Miscellaneous Tools	\$5,000
Goosen Bale Chopper	\$6,000
TOTAL	\$746,500

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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 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 vehicle permits and punch cards. The town website www.shrewsburyvt.org is currently maintained by the town clerk based on the information received from the various boards and commissions within the town. Shrewsbury strives to be 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 2018 Shrewsbury had three elections: the annual town meeting election, the state primary and the general election.

The Shrewsbury Board of Civil Authority met in August 2018 for two lister grievance appeals which were heard and acted upon with required site visits and written findings. The appellants did not appeal the findings of the BCA.

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

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 VITAL STATISTICS

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
BIRTHS	10	4	7	8	6	13	5	6	6
DEATHS	9	9	9	8	7	14	20	9	2
CIVIL MARRIAGES	5	6	6	10	5	8	9	8	8

The New Vital Records Law (Act 46) and What It Means for You

The Vermont Legislature passed Act 46 in May 2017, which significantly changes the state laws that govern vital records –namely, birth and death certificates. The new law and rules will enhance the safety and security of birth and death certificates, provide better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduce the potential for identity theft. Additionally, the changes streamline the entire statewide system for creation, storage and tracking of birth and death certificates. Act 46 will impact anyone who seeks a copy of a Vermont birth or death certificate. **The changes go into effect on July 1, 2019.**

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 VITAL STATISTICS

The most notable changes are:

- Only family members (as defined in Act 46), legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or legal representatives of any of these parties can apply to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. In the case of a death certificate only, the funeral home or crematorium handling disposition may apply for a certified copy.
- An individual must complete an application and show valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- An individual who refuses to complete the application or cannot provide valid identification will be ineligible and referred to the Vital Records Office.
- Certified copies of birth and death certificates can be ordered from any town, not just where the birth or death occurred or where the person was a resident.
- Certified copies will be issued on anti-fraud paper.
- Access to noncertified copies (previously called “informational” copies) is not significantly changed by the new law or rules.
- Marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificate copies and processes are not affected by the new law or rules.

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 ANIMAL LICENSE REPORT

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE	COLLECTED
86	SPAYED FEMALE	\$9.00 EACH	\$774.00
71	NEUTERED MALE	\$9.00 EACH	\$639.00
5	UN-SPAYED FEMALES	\$13.00 EACH	\$65.00
7	UN-NEUTERED MALES	\$13.00 EACH	\$91.00
0	SPECIAL PERMIT	\$30.00 EACH	\$0.00
0	PET DEALER LICENSE	\$25.00 EACH	\$0.00
TOTAL: 169			
24	LATE FEES	\$4.00 EACH	\$96.00
		TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	\$1,665.00
Fees Retained by Town of Shrewsbury			\$482.00
Fees Retained by Shrewsbury Clerk			\$338.00
Fees Submitted to the State of Vermont Spay/Neuter Program			\$507.00
Fees Submitted to the State of Vermont Spay/Neuter Program			\$338.00
TOTAL			\$1,665.00

Thank you,
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REPORT

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 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. They also are responsible for delivering absentee ballots to voters at election time.
2. Tax Abatement and Appeals - Justices are members of the Town Board for Abatement of Taxes to determine whether a taxpayer's obligation should be forgiven under certain circumstances. They 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 may also solemnize marriages in Vermont.
4. Oaths and Notary - Justices may also administer oaths in all cases where an oath is required, unless a specific law makes a different provision. A justice 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.

We sat on two tax appeals in 2018, we purged the check list and we oversaw the elections. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Hull Maynard for his kind guidance, his interest and his humor. He decided not to run this year and he will be missed.

Effective February 1, 2019, your justices are Barry Griffith, Larry Carrara, Lee Wilson, Trish Norton, Adrienne Raymond, Betsy Jesser and John Berryhill.

Respectfully Submitted
John Berryhill, Chairman, Board of Civil Authority

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 TOWN CONSTABLE'S REPORT

As the 1st Constable for the Town of Shrewsbury, I serve as an enforcement officer for town ordinances and state laws. In 2018 I responded to one call for a missing person, one response for a citizen's assist, two calls for vehicle identification, two calls for possible break ins, one call for suspicious activities at the town dump, two calls from homeowners for cars speeding past their homes, one call for damage to public property, and six calls reporting unauthorized camping on private and town properties.

In closing I would like to thank the citizens of Shrewsbury who report suspicious activity in our town. I would also like to thank the voters for electing me to serve as 1st Constable this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond Dambrackas, 1st Constable

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

Vermont tree life was inexorably changed in February when the emerald ash borer was finally discovered in the Green Mountain State. Over the summer we watched focal centers expand and detection efforts continue resulting by fall in three established Vermont populations: Barre area, Bennington/Pownal area, and St. Albans. EAB will continue “in the news” as this borer works its way through Vermont over the next few years including of course Shrewsbury. More on this later and into 2019.

Two other tree events occurred in Shrewsbury in 2018. In September, just as the leaves were starting to turn, they seemed to be more brown than orange, red, and gold. This maple leaf cutter outbreak also filled the leaves with holes and caused them to fall early as well. Fortunately these outbreaks are usually “short term” and have little direct influence on maple tree health but it did have quite an impact on the foliage season in Shrewsbury. Our November heavy snowfall did have a direct influence on tree health. While we were all searching for flashlights and heat, the road crew and power companies spent several days removing tree parts from our roads and power lines. Ironically, the road crew had just finished removing the 2018 designated hazardous trees.

Tree “continuing education” took at least two new forms in 2018. I was requested to do a tree health analysis of the Shrewsbury Center Cemetery maples which revealed several trees in need of removal. Later in the summer a well attended public meeting was held to address the issue of Green Mountain Power’s plan to move existing off road power lines to several nearby existing town roads. The result was a request from 85 Shrewsbury “tree” people asking our selectmen to oppose this proposal, which was done. The more traditional tree education efforts continued as well: a monthly *Times* article and a tree talk somewhere (sometimes in Shrewsbury) on an almost monthly basis, along with increasing tree questions from landowners.

Tree concerns still lie ahead. 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 in 2018. All focused on some aspect of dealing with the emerald ash borer. Communities already infested with EAB had no window to plan and prepare for managing this invasive insect and the associated costs. Fortunately Shrewsbury does have a window since EAB expansion toward us will likely be measured in years and the information about managing EAB is readily available at vermontinvasives.com. So the “alert level” is higher in 2019 and the value of last May’s *Times* article, “Shrewsbury White Ash Primer”, will invigorate your interest in identifying the tree that may be living in your yard or forest. A roadside ash inventory of all town roads will begin in January to help the town with the EAB planning process as well. May the forest be with you.

Gary Salmon, Tree Warden

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

This year we had one brush fire. Luckily, it was not large. Thanks to the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department for their quick and effective response. Again, we would like to remind you to burn only natural wood and call for a PERMIT from either 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)

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The 2018 goal of the SCC was to develop more awareness of Shrewsbury's natural resources and an understanding of how we can best protect them, as well as initiate more communication with the Shrewsbury Selectboard, Shrewsbury Planning Commission, and town residents on these activities. The SCC believes we made good headway into meeting this goal. Several "Walks and Talks" were conducted throughout the year, starting with a well-attended Snow Fun Day and bonfire on Rice's hill in January, a spring naturalist walk near Spring Lake in May, another popular Tree Identification walk with forester Gary Salmon in August, a September Moonlight Stroll and Tales, and a film in September by a local filmmaker on "Negotiating with Nature". The SCC also organized an information session for the selectboard and townspeople with Green Mountain Power to clarify their objectives and process when upgrading and moving electric distribution lines to roadside locations.

This year's Green Up Day had volunteers of all ages covering all roads in town, including children of some of the very first children, now parents, of Shrewsbury's first Green Up! (Wish we could influence those who toss garbage out the window to just throw it in a bag in their cars instead). This year we passed out raffle tickets when folks came for breakfast and to get their road assignment. Lucky Roxanne Ramah won first prize - one of Judith Thomas's famous cheesecakes! Thank you Judith!

There were numerous work days attacking poisonous parsnip, chervil, and purple loosestrife in town. These are invasive plants that cause a lot of environmental damage but we have a hope of eradicating on town roads. We thank the many volunteers and landowners who will continue to monitor their areas next season as we slowly but surely remove roots and seeded areas. The SCC also organized a display on invasive plants for the Town Shrewsbury Day celebration.

One outcome in a discussion with the Shrewsbury Planning Commission was a workshop and pie sharing afternoon focused on various ways to plan on how to pass on land when owners are gone. It was a complicated topic but an important one that will be revisited in various ways in the future. And lastly, the SCC has partnered with an exploratory committee that has been looking into ways to conserve some land in town that is a crucial north-south wildlife corridor and prime hunting land. At this point in time, the Department of Fish and Wildlife is in the process of negotiations with the land owner. Look for more information on this in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Duda, Chairperson

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2018	\$ 87.13
Receipts	183.30
Disbursements	<u>(225.15)</u>
Ending Balance, June 14, 2018	<u>\$ 45.28</u>

Beginning June 2018, Shrewsbury Conservation Commission expenses were paid by the Town and included in the Shrewsbury Selectboard budget.

On June 14, 2018 the ending balance of \$45.28 was transferred to the Town and the account closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Clarke, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Shrewsbury Office of Emergency Management is a coordinated organization which includes selectboard members, fire department volunteers, road department staff, constables, our town clerk and a dedicated group of townspeople who assist with shelter management, medical services, communications, disaster reporting, disaster accounting, post-disaster repair, volunteer services, construction and construction equipment needs. A member of the Shrewsbury Selectboard serves as the executive director. Assisting the director is an emergency management coordinator (EMC), usually a townspeople with organizational experience and aware of and interested in the importance and complexities of emergency management within our community. If any townspeople is interested in serving as emergency management coordinator, or as an assistant EMC, please notify Mark Goodwin or any member of the Shrewsbury Selectboard.

Beginning in 2014 the federal government mandated an additional duty for the Office of Emergency Management, that of hazard mitigation required for any FEMA support. Therefore, the town developed a formal hazard mitigation plan which was approved by FEMA and officially adopted by the selectboard in October, 2015. The Shrewsbury Emergency Operations and Hazard Mitigation Plans are posted on the town web site.

Respectfully submitted,
David Rice,
Emergency Management Coordinator, and Hazard Mitigation Committee Chairman



Green mountain power personnel work to repair downed power lines during the pre-Thanksgiving storm

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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

- Prepare a town plan and amendments to the town plan for consideration by the Shrewsbury 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's primary focus for 2018 was to complete the update to the Shrewsbury Town Plan. Recent statutes passed by the Vermont State Legislature were addressed, including Act 171 which identifies goals for maintaining forest blocks and wildlife connections as well as Act 64 which outlines initiatives for improving Vermont's water quality. In addition, Act 174 establishes a new set of municipal and regional energy planning standards and these were also incorporated into the plan. Presentations made to the our commission by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission helped to clarify the objectives of these new state statutes.

Currently, we are awaiting final approval and adoption of the updated town plan by the Shrewsbury Selectboard and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. As a side note, it has been a requirement that the town plan be updated every five years but now that has been changed to every eight years; however, an amendment to Shrewsbury's plan may occur earlier if deemed necessary.

After 18 years of membership on the planning commission Marilyn Dalick retired and we would like to thank Marilyn, who also served as recording clerk, for her many years of contribution and commitment! Two new members were welcomed in 2018. Brian Jelensits and Hunter Berryhill joined to fill two of the three vacant seats bringing the total filled to six out of seven.

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,
Brian Jelensits, Vice Chair Shrewsbury Planning Commission



A snowy owl visited the Maple Crest Farm pasture next to Town Hill Road

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

The listers had a very busy year in 2018 with seven grievances, two Board of Civil Authority cases, and two abatement hearings in addition to a law suit brought by a property owner. The BCA mitigated the two cases brought to them and we settled the suit after hiring an outside appraiser.

Despite these setbacks, our numbers for our equalization study (which gives us our standing Common Level of Appraisal and the Coefficient of Dispersion) are acceptable. The CLA is 106.12% or 1.0612. The COD is 11%. We are still not in a range that would necessitate a town-wide reappraisal even though we are nine years into our last one.

Also of significance is the temporary appointment of Susan Kennedy who has agreed to step in to the empty lister position. She will run in March per statute. Ronelle Bowers is a lister assistant until she can be elected, which will also be in March. She will be filling Adrienne Raymond's position on the board. Many thanks to Adrienne for stepping onto the board when we really needed another lister. She will be missed.

As usual we want to remind our permanent residents to file their HS122 when they file their Vermont state tax returns. Make sure that the person doing your taxes, including accountants, have filled out your form and filed it on time. Please feel free to contact us at 492-2009 or email us at shrewsburylist@vermontel.net

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Raymond and Sharon Winnicki, Shrewsbury Board of Listers



Snowy scene at Northam Church

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

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 retained at the town office and are a public record.

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 unified zoning and subdivision ordinances.

During 2018, the DRB held four hearings resulting in the approval of three conditional uses, and one application continued into 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark P. Youngstrom, DRB Chair



The home of the Shreswsbury Historical Society

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Two new homes were permitted in 2018, but their actual construction is planned for the 2019 building season. Also permitted were six sheds, seven garages, as well as a few decks and porches. A number of agricultural buildings were built as well. To qualify as an “Ag” building I review the intended purpose of the building using the Vermont Agency of Agriculture’s very specific definitions. These buildings do not need a permit, but you are required to fill out a notification form that asks for the information I need to make the classification of Ag or non-Ag. This and other zoning forms and documents can be found on the shrewsburyvt.org website, picked up at the town office, or I can mail them to you directly.

I recently sent information to the *Times of Shrewsbury* regarding Airbnb type uses in town. Specifically, buildings or apartments used solely for short-term rentals should have conditional use permits from the Shrewsbury Development Review Board. All Airbnb type uses are required to fill out and follow new Vermont Health Department rules that the legislature approved last session. Contact me on where to find the checklist online or look in the February *Times*.

I am again repeating a concern that I brought to your attention last year: “temporary” storage buildings are still continuing to pop up all over town. When I call about these buildings, I frequently hear that the structure is “temporary” so the owners don’t think they need a permit. **Unless you really plan for that structure to be up six months or less, it is not temporary for zoning purposes. These structures need to abide by the setback requirements and need, unless 64 square feet or less, a permit.** So if you put up anything that you might/maybe leave up for six months 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 do not 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Raymond, Zoning Administrator

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER’S REPORT

As the Animal Control Officer in 2018, I responded to two calls for a loose dog running down Cold River Road, three calls for loose pigs on Cold River Road, and three calls for loose dogs chasing motorists and bicyclists on Cold River Road.

In closing I would like to thank the citizens of Shrewsbury who report unsafe animal situations in our town.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond Dambrackas, Animal Control Officer

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

In May 2018, Renee Bousquet, MPH, District Director Vermont Department of Health, Rutland attended a Shrewsbury Selectboard meeting to introduce herself. She was doing outreach, sharing information on resources and support available from the local health department to Rutland County towns.

There were two dog bite notifications from RRMCC. Both dogs resided in Shrewsbury. One was licensed one was not. Fortunately, both were up to date at the time of the bite with their rabies vaccination. In July there was a neighbor complaint for a large accumulation of trash and garbage at a residence located between two other properties. I met with the occupant of the property and the health inspection did determine a Public Health Hazard existed as defined 18V.S.A. 2(9). The resident cleaned the property in a timely and satisfactory manner, resolving the health hazard.

In August I attended the Addison/Rutland Town Health Officer Training. Two topics were discussed: hazardous materials and hoarding. Hazardous Material Commodity Flow Study Report was presented. Interesting information was shared about transportation of hazardous material via rail and road, with risk calculation and plans to prevent and remediate any incidents that could impact towns. Southwest Vermont Hoarding Task Force also presented. The task force goal is to educate the community and public about hoarding disorder, the need for help, and the resources available for help. I have also been involved with the "Living in Place" Shrewsbury group, and try to help identify services available to older residents that I become aware of through Vermont Health Department communications.

The Vermont Health Department is working on a project related to injury prevention in Vermont towns and cities, cataloguing town policies and ordinances that relate to injury prevention and safety promotion. Each town has been asked to review their town policies and forward information to the health department. We have complied with this request.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Felder, Town Health Officer

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

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. These cemeteries are important historically for they reflect the early settlement patterns and families in the town. Now, in 2018, these cemeteries are almost all located on private property.

Since 2001 two family cemeteries have been added: the Mitchell family and the Haley family cemeteries. The Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission is very grateful to the property owners and neighbors who care for these cemeteries. We thank particularly the Tabor family at the Colburn Cemetery in East Shrewsbury, Skip Zaremba and Kerry O'Hara at the Wilder Cemetery, 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, Bill and Donna Smith at the cemetery at Shrewsbury Center, and the Mitchell and Haley families.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Carrara and David Rice, Cemetery Commissioners

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House are 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 Shrewsbury's most important buildings and is the centerpiece of Shrewsbury Center.

The building is available for any town or church function, general community or civic group gathering, and 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 Meeting House 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.

Improvements in 2018 include the installation of ceiling sound absorption panels which have made a huge difference. An anonymous towns person generously donated the entire cost of the ceiling panel project. The building now has wireless internet service and a Verizon cell phone booster. All lighting in the building has been replaced with energy efficient LED fixtures. And, lastly, the downstairs bathrooms have been renovated, with one bathroom now accessible for wheelchairs. All this work has depleted the generous Russell Smith bequest received several years ago, which also paid for painting the building and replacing the roof. This was the purpose of the gift and without it the building would not be in the wonderful condition it is now. Similar gifts will assure this historic building will continue to serve our community for generations to come.

A 2019 improvement will be the installation of a standby generator. The long power outages of 2018 emphasized the need to protect the building against freezing and also the ability of the building to provide a place to prepare meals and obtain temporary shelter during such conditions.

For the first time in several years the trustees are requesting a slight increase from the town and church due to rising costs for insurance, utilities and maintenance.

A special thank you goes to John Davis and Penelope Weiss, who donated all receipts from their Meeting House Sunday brunches to support the Meeting House. Sincere thanks 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.

The 2018 Meeting House Trustees

Appointed by Town

Mark Youngstrom

Annette Parrish

Liesbeth van der Heijden

Appointed by Church

Donna Smith

Julanne Sharrow

John Lorentz

Appointed by Committee

Jan O'Hara

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2018 **\$40,831**

RECEIPTS

Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000	
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250	
Hall Rental	\$600	
Interest	\$23	
Donations	\$1,673	
Other	\$1,270	
Total Receipts		\$19,816

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	\$1,220	
Propane	\$4,123	
Telephone	\$986	
Custodial	\$2,500	
Maintenance	\$2,720	
Insurance	\$5,602	
Supplies	\$620	
Capital Improvements	\$5,226	
Rental Rebate	\$50	
Total Disbursements		\$23,047

ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2018 **\$37,599**

RESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$11,138	\$0	\$5,226	\$5,912

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

	<u>2017 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2018 BUDGET</u>	<u>2018 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2019 BUDGET</u>
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$13,000
Shrewsbury Community Church	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,600
Hall Rental	\$1,150	\$1,000	\$600	\$1,000
Interest	\$25	\$25	\$23	\$25
Donations	\$250	\$200	\$1,673	\$679
From Russell Smith Capital Fund	\$0	\$8,875	\$5,226	\$5,912
Total Receipts	\$17,675	\$26,350	\$23,772	\$25,216
EXPENDITURES				
Electricity	\$1,070	\$1,100	\$1,220	\$1,200
Propane	\$4,170	\$3,500	\$4,123	\$4,200
Telephone	\$406	\$1,000	\$986	\$1,000
Custodial	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Maintenance	\$1,961	\$2,500	\$2,720	\$2,500
Insurance	\$5,514	\$5,600	\$5,602	\$6,304
Supplies	\$56	\$150	\$620	\$250
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$10,000	\$5,226	\$7,262
Rental Refund			\$50	
Total Disbursements	\$15,676	\$26,350	\$23,047	\$25,216

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

In 2018, the Shrewsbury Library celebrated its 43rd year as an all-volunteer public institution. As we have since 2005, we are requesting level funding at \$7,500 to help cover basic operating costs such as electricity, heat, telephone/internet service, maintenance, and insurance.

Last year total operating expenses were \$18,607. We have budgeted \$22,650 for 2019 to cover expected increases. To meet the operating expenses not covered by our funding request, add new books and DVDs to our collection, provide on-line access to audio-books and e-books, send an increasing number of books to other libraries, offer passes to state parks and museums, and present free programs to the community, we will raise funds through the annual Silent Auction, the Haystack Dinner & Street Dance, the Book, Bake & Tag Sale, and our annual appeal letter.

In 2018, the library circulated 3,393 books (from our collection and on inter-library loan), e-books, audio-books, and DVDs to adults and children. We recorded 3,438 visits by patrons to borrow materials, attend programs and fund-raising events, use our public computers, copier and fax and access the internet.

The “Haunted Library” Halloween event, organized by the Children’s Committee, had a record attendance - over 140 children and adults. Other popular children programs included family movie nights, Lego Saturdays, and an ice cream social that drew 64 people of all ages. Adult programs included: Scott Courcelle of Alchemy Gardens on “Planning Your Garden”; Executive Director Ludy Biddle and Gregg Over on NeighborWorks; Tree Warden Gary Salmon on “Tree Stories”; Rotary exchange student Elsa Tirou on her native Belgium; the documentary “13th”; Yvonne Daley reading from her book, Going Up the Country; anthropologist Charlie Paquin on tool-making; archaeologist Ellie Moriarty on Abenaki sites; and orchardist Scott Bolotin on rare apple varieties.

Besides providing information and entertainment, the library is a community gathering place. We welcome volunteers who contribute their time, ideas, and energy as staffers, committee members, presenters, and innovators. We have benefited from the town’s support over the past 43 years and look forward to being of service in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Aleshire & Lisa Sharrow, Co-Presidents Donna Swartz, VT Librarian



The Shrewsbury Singers perform during a February concert at the Community Church

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2018		\$ 70,286
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	23,923	
Capital Fund	-	
Restricted	955	
Total Receipts		24,878
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	18,607	
Capital Fund	270	
Restricted	1,270	
Total Expenditures		(20,147)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 8		<u>\$ 75,017</u>

<u>Capital Fund</u> - Beginning January 1, 2018	\$ 23,567
Receipts	-
Board designation of funds	-
Expenditures	(270)
<u>Capital Fund</u> - Ending December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 23,297</u>

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning Balances	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balances
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 595	\$ 125	\$ 185	\$ 535
E. Jeffords Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	40	-	-	40
Claire Hooper	745	-	62	683
Lorna MacDougal-Cohen Fund	261	-	72	189
Joyce Wilson Memorial Fund	539	30	260	309
Allan YA Book Fund	58	100	94	64
Large Print Book Fund	100	-	-	100
Viola Parker Fund	338	-	-	338
Mitch Spencer Fund	14	700	597	117
	<u>\$ 6,190</u>	<u>\$ 955</u>	<u>\$ 1,270</u>	<u>\$ 5,875</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT
COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
Operating Revenue:				
Town	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Donations & Unrestricted Grants	9,304	6,500	9,827	6,500
Fundraising	6,942	5,894	5,852	7,955
Interest Earned	87	90	102	95
Other income	796	600	642	600
Total Operating Revenue	<u>24,629</u>	<u>20,584</u>	<u>23,923</u>	<u>22,650</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Advertising	250	225	225	225
Materials: Adults	3,436	3,550	3,330	3,850
Materials: Children & YA	8	1,000	447	1,000
Children's Program Expense	310	750	364	500
Equipment & Repairs	265	325	260	500
Electricity	1,051	1,500	1,378	1,440
Fuel	1,103	1,600	1,198	1,300
Fundraising & events expense	670	1,200	336	800
Insurance	1,639	1,720	1,685	1,735
Librarian Expense	-	150	-	100
Maintenance	1,621	2,490	4,200	4,800
Miscellaneous	41	100	86	100
Septic	600	1,250	1,200	1,250
Postage	62	100	-	100
Postage-Interlibrary loan	147	275	607	750
Program Expense	1,787	2,400	1,514	2,200
Supplies	57	500	326	500
Telephone	1,407	1,449	1,451	1,500
Total Operating Expense	<u>14,454</u>	<u>20,584</u>	<u>18,607</u>	<u>22,650</u>
Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses	<u>\$ 10,175</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,316</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

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

The museum is open Sundays from 1-3pm from the first Sunday in July through the last Sunday in October, or by appointment.

The Society is grateful to our members who prepare new exhibits, clean the museum and provide staffing for visitors. We appreciate John Elwert's thoroughness and frugality in caring for our building and finances. Thanks to Al and Ann Ridlon for landscaping care. Our "Memories Calendar" for 2019 was created by Ann Ridlon, Brian Winkler, Ruth Winkler and Dick Rohe, and is available at Pierce's store, as are Shrewsbury T-shirts and other items of historic interest.

Ruth and Brian Winkler continue to collect and preserve our town's current history, and Brian is at the ready to photograph historic events as they occur. Together they co-edit the Society's annual *Past Times* newsletter -- sent to every member (in brilliant color for two years now!). Special thanks to Ruth Winkler for graciously assisting people from near and far in their quests for Shrewsbury ancestors and information. On Shrewsbury Day, Ruth was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication and commitment to the Society's work..

The Shrewsbury Historical Society bids farewell to Lucille Fiske and Edie Clark, former life members who passed away early in the year. Our thanks to them and to their families for their contributions and good company.

The year 2018 was an extraordinary year for the SHS. In response to Ruth Winkler's persuasive invitation in *The Times of Shrewsbury*, Dick and Lee Rohe became active members. They drew in other lively folks and over the summer created the first annual Shrewsbury Day which took place September 16th. We celebrated with host Eldred French portraying Benning Wentworth, Royal Governor of New Hampshire, who deeded the 24,000 acre tract of land to be known as Shrewsbury in 1761. The parade consisted of:

- SHREWSBURY'S PAST, represented by folks in 18th century costumes (including Dawn D. Hance, author of our treasured book *Shrewsbury, Vermont - Our Town As It Was*), and Shrewsbury veterans who served our country;
- SHREWSBURY'S PRESENT, our volunteer fire department and other organizations, farms and businesses;
- SHREWSBURY'S FUTURE, represented by a crowd of beautiful children carrying signs they made depicting special things they're studying at the Shrewsbury Mountain School. That late summer day is a memory to savor, enhanced by hundreds of photos to warm our hearts all winter. Think Shrewsbury Day 2019!

The following officers were elected at our annual meeting held on October 30, 2018: President, Grace Brigham; Vice President, Marguerite Ponton; Treasurer, John Elwert; Recording Secretary, Grace Korzun; Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Winkler. Trustees for a three-year-term: Brian Jelensits and Tim Stout.

The Society's first meeting is May 21, 2019, 7pm at the museum. Come join us!

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Brigham, President

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2018

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	\$3,356
Less Outstanding Checks	\$78
Plus Outstanding Deposits	
Money Market Acct	\$6,704
Certificates of Deposit	\$24,634
CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2018	<u>\$34,616</u>

Receipts	7,218
Town of Shrewsbury	2,500
Interest Received	304
Total Income for 2018	<u>10,022</u>
Total Operating Expenses for 2018	<u>(7,299)</u>

ENDING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account Balance	3,258	
Less Outstanding Checks	62	
Plus Outstanding Deposits		
Money Market Acct	9,206	
Certificates of Deposit	19,902	
ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 32,305</u>	

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Membership dues	\$ 305	\$ 400	\$ 1,110	\$ 500
Fund Raising	\$ 2,444	\$ 2,200	\$ 4,873	\$ 3,000
Contributions	\$ 615	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,000
Interest on CD's and MM	\$ 220	\$ 100	\$ 304	\$ 200
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 6,084</u>	<u>\$ 6,200</u>	<u>\$ 10,022</u>	<u>\$ 7,200</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000
Insurance	\$ 1,049	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,076	\$ 1,100
Electricity	\$ 317	\$ 325	\$ 457	\$ 475
Heating Fuel	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 30	\$ 50
Archival Supplies	\$ 139	\$ 150	\$ 89	\$ 150
Supplies and misc	\$ 1,578	\$ 1,300	\$ 5,284	\$ 200
Postage	\$ 322	\$ 350	\$ 363	\$ 375
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 3,455</u>	<u>\$ 3,325</u>	<u>\$ 7,299</u>	<u>\$ 6,350</u>
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,629</u>	<u>\$ 2,875</u>	<u>\$ 2,723</u>	<u>\$ 850</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
2018 SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Your Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department responded to 41 calls in 2018. Thankfully, there were no structure fires in town for the third straight year. We did respond to four structure fire mutual aid requests from neighboring departments, and the following variety of other calls for assistance:

9 automobile accidents	6 alarm activations (smoke, heat, CO)
4 mutual aid structure fires	3 injured hikers and hunters
3 brush fires	3 calls regarding downed wires
2 chimney fires	2 oven fires
2 propane leaks	2 reports of smoke or propane odor
2 regional ambulance assists	1 motorcycle accident
1 bicycle accident	1 missing plane investigation

We invested much time and effort at the Cuttingsville Station in 2018. A generator was installed, acquired with the assistance of generous responses to our 2017 holiday mailer. The upstairs office area was reconfigured and filing reorganized. Special thanks to Jon Lees and Jack Perry and all others who worked on these projects. Vehicle maintenance also kept us busy. The 18-year-old Cuttingsville engine (E1) required extensive pump and air compressor work to keep it in service. We kept up our training. In December, members completed classes at the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service to renew our AED and CPR certifications. We welcomed Jon Skipsey as a new member.

The biggest change in 2018 was the passing of the fire chief's hat at the department's annual meeting in October. Russ Carrara stepped down after eight years at the helm but not before being recognized by the Vermont State Firefighters Association as its Fire Chief of the Year. Phil Severy stepped up and now serves as SVFD's fire chief. We thank Russ for his years as our leader and pledge our support to Phil going forward. Following a by-law amendment separating the offices, Jon Lees, VSFA's Support Specialist of the Year, was elected department secretary, with Barry Griffith continuing as treasurer, and Jack Perry returning as president. The State of Vermont recognized our longtime fire wardens for their long service - 25 years for Kevin Brown and 20 years for Al Ridlon, Jr. The Town is fortunate to have such dedicated and experienced volunteers.

The September parade organized by the Shrewsbury Historical Society was great fun, and a chance to put our fire trucks and members on display for the town. October's annual ham supper run by our wonderful SVFD Auxiliary was another successful and enjoyable opportunity for the community to gather. In December, SVFD members visited the Mountain School for a fire safety program organized by Safety Officer Bob Snarski. Members did a lot of other things as well but this reporting space is limited!

The fire department's funding requests on the 2019 Warning are the same as last year. Thanks once again to Mark and Gina Stewart for their work on our successful Race Pool fundraiser, now going into its 20th and final (?) year. We appreciate your support!

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Perry, President Phil Severy, Fire Chief Jon Lees, Secretary Barry Griffith, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Financial Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2018

	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Raised by SVFD	\$16,487	\$15,000	\$17,716	\$15,000
Total Operating Income	\$51,487	\$50,000	\$52,716	\$50,000

EXPENSES

New Equipment	\$8,824	\$13,000	\$10,686	\$10,000
Operating	\$5,041	\$3,500	\$3,658	\$4,000
Maintenance	\$6,440	\$7,500	\$5,577	\$8,000
Stations	\$1,714	\$4,000	\$12,975	\$6,000
Insurance	\$8,111	\$9,000	\$8,028	\$8,500
Communications	\$2,982	\$3,500	\$1,840	\$3,200
Heating	\$2,341	\$3,500	\$3,025	\$4,000
Electric	\$2,161	\$2,400	\$2,199	\$2,600
Dues/Training	\$1,268	\$2,000	\$1,421	\$2,000
Fundraising	\$1,410	\$1,400	\$3,533	\$1,500
Miscellaneous		\$100	\$100	\$100
Bank Charges	\$78	\$100	\$67	\$100
To Replacement Fund	\$10,000			
Total Operating Expense	\$50,370	\$50,000	\$53,108	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND	Beginning Balance January 1, 2018	\$34,175
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Receipts

Town of Shrewsbury	\$35,000	
From Race Pool Account	\$10,000	
From Replacement Fund Account	\$5,000	
Donations/Refunds	\$2,632	
Interest Income	\$84	
Total General Fund Receipts		\$52,716

Expenditures	-\$53,108
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GENERAL FUND Ending Balance December 31, 2018 **\$33,783**

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Special Accounts for the Year Ending December 31, 2018

Replacement Fund*

Opening Balance 1/1/18	\$63,227	
Mailer Donations -- early 2018	\$3,945	
Mailer Donations -- late 2018	\$5,565	
Break Open Ticket Proceeds	\$7,288	
To Operating General Fund	-\$5,000	
Interest Income	\$452	
Ending Balance 12/31/18		\$75,476

* Includes Tim Stewart Memorial Fund & Firefighters Fund

Minnie Shaw Endowment Fund

Opening Balance 1/1/18	\$272,663	
Change in Investment Value	-\$13,341	
Paid Investment Advisor Fees	-\$2,811	
Ending Balance 12/31/18		\$256,511

Race Pool Account

Opening Balance 1/1/18	\$4,160	
From Operating (Fundraising Expense)	\$2,000	
Donations and Interest Income	\$28,990	
Prizes and Expenses Paid	-\$20,697	
To Operating General Fund	-\$10,000	
Ending Balance 12/31/18		\$4,453

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS Ending Balance December 31, 2018 **\$336,440**



SVFD Fire Trucks and equipment on display at the Shrewsbury Day festivities

2018 SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES REPORT

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 work cooperatively to comply with state laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner. SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues such as legislation and rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

In 2018, SWAC successfully complied with all Year 4 the 5 year 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 is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Council. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for collection of their product(s). Current legislation includes collections for architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. Efforts are underway to introduce legislation requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste products to pay for end of life disposal of their products.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: SWAC contracted with ENPRO Services of Vermont to hold four household hazardous waste (HHW) events. The SWAC towns collected nearly 33 tons of household hazardous waste! Of the 33 tons, 23 tons were paint related materials! Also collected at the events were oxidizers, acids, alkalines, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, used oil, fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, batteries, asbestos, PCB ballasts, and antifreeze.

Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember the 4 Rs – Reduce Reuse, Recycle, and Repurpose. Try to use up the product you purchase for its intended use. Consider giving leftovers to a neighbor friend, or charitable organization.

2019 HW Schedule: April 13, Rutland Town Transfer Station; April 27, Fair Haven Transfer Station; October 12, Rutland Town Transfer Station. All event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. September 14, Pawlet at Dorset School - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The SWAC website provides additional information. All events are free to all SWAC residents. ANY SWAC resident can attend ANY of the events.

Between events: Residents of SWAC 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 scale house, the hazardous waste depot at the transfer station, and 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.

Special thanks to the SWAC representatives and many of your town clerks. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and effectively. **In Shrewsbury, Bert Potter serves as SWAC representative and Aaron Korzun as alternate.**

2018 REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

Funding request: \$4,224

We are pleased to present our 35th annual report to the citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service (RAS) has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-five years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, RAS has responded to 212,369 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2018, the service responded to a total of 9,299 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 185 “Medic One” paramedic intercept calls. **Regional Ambulance responded to 70 ambulance calls in the Town of Shrewsbury during the last fiscal year.** We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We congratulate Chris “Jake” Jakubiak, EMT 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 34 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 one new ambulance was put into service to replace an older ambulance with more than 100,000 miles of service. The nine year old support vehicle was also replaced.

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.

RAS has been focusing on Critical Care Paramedic training and improving abilities for critical transfers to other hospitals.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the RAS Training Center, 1,312 people were trained in CPR. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and CPR classes are available for the general public. Child car seat inspections are held Wednesdays at the Regional Ambulance building and 149 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Kulig, President RAS Board of Directors

Gerry Martin
Shrewsbury RAS Board Representative

2018 RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

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 2018, especially with Mark Goodwin, Laura Black, and the Shrewsbury Planning Commission, with whom we produced numerous planning initiatives for the town.

Our Emergency Management planner assisted the town with the Local Emergency Operations Plan update. Additionally, we worked with David Rice and Steve Nicholson to strengthen the town's overall local emergency management program.

RRPC assisted Shrewsbury with water quality projects by helping Shrewsbury get approved for a second round of Grants in Aid funding and by conducting a pre-construction site visit to assess which projects will be carried out. RRPC also provided town plan and mapping assistance to the Shrewsbury Planning Commission; updated the town's zoning map; provided coordination between the town and VTrans for the Systemic Local Road Safety Program; and assisted the town with a Better Roads grant for Category A road erosion inventory work.

RRPC is a resource for towns. We provide the tools and information towns need to make informed decisions about land use, economic development, energy, transportation, emergency management and more.

RRPC is a platform for ideas. We create opportunities through our monthly meetings and provide communal space for people to learn and share ideas.

RRPC inspires a vision for the future. A cornerstone of our work is the Regional Plan, which articulates a vision for the land use, development, and growth in the Rutland region. We are conducting a comprehensive update to this plan and are excited to unveil the new document in 2019.



Shrewsbury Peak sports an late fall dusting of snow

2018 RUTLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT

Funding Request: \$250

The Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) is a non-profit organization servicing the Upper Otter Creek watershed, dedicated to providing conservation assistance as well as promoting public awareness, responsible use, and conservation of our natural resources. The following are samples of 2017/2018 District activities. Please visit our website: <https://www.vacd.org/conservation-districts/rutland> for more information about District projects and programs.

Education:

- 1.) Vermont Envirothon – Area high school science departments are encouraged to participate in this program. Student teams answer questions about conservation issues, and scores are calculated to determine a winner. The District sponsored three teams from two high schools in the 2018 statewide competition.
- 2.) Conservation Field Day/Science at the Hatchery – This event is held at the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery in Chittenden for local elementary schools. Students learn about stream ecology, tree identification, fish stocking and identification, soils and the fish species raised at the hatchery.
- 3.) Real Estate Professionals Continuing Education - The District coordinates a course approved by the VT Real Estate Commission about septic systems and Vermont's Shoreland Protection Act.

Organization:

- 1.) RNRCD Annual Meeting – At our annual meeting Kathy Beland, Consulting Forester, and Kathleen Wanner, Executive Director of Vermont Tree Farm Program and Vermont Woodlands Association, presented a Woods, Wildlife and Warblers program about the benefits to wildlife of a timber harvest.
- 2.) Local Work Group – District supervisors participate in work group meetings to assist USDA in setting priorities for Cost Share Programs administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Programs:

- 1.) Land Treatment Planning – The District works with a Land Treatment Planner providing technical assistance to farmers for the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans.
- 2.) Portable Skidder Bridges - Two portable skidder bridges are available for rent to loggers and foresters. These bridges reduce stream disturbance, minimizing the potential for erosion and sedimentation.

Watershed Planning for the Otter Creek and its Tributaries: With funding through grant sources, the District completed or is developing:

- Green stormwater practices at Rutland Town School, Rotary Park in Rutland City, Rutland High School and Stafford Technical Center and public property on Easterly Avenue in Rutland.
- Stormwater Master Plans in the Town of Wallingford and for the Moon Brook.
- A project to remove a berm and acquire easements in the Cold River Watershed in Clarendon.
- Several workshops for farmers to expand awareness of programs designed to improve water quality and provide information regarding Required Agricultural Practices (RAP's).
- Broader services to landowners and the public to ensure participation in the development of the tactical basin plan for the Otter Creek.
- A stream equilibrium restoration and erosion reduction project in a historically altered reach of the Homer Stone Brook, a tributary to the Otter Creek in Wallingford.
- Water Quality Monitoring during the summer of 2018 at eleven sites. The District is interested in expanding this program for 2019 and is looking for volunteers to collect water samples.

For further information 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. You can also visit us at the USDA Service Center at 170 South Main Street in Rutland.

2018 VNA & HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST REGION REPORT

Funding request: \$2,526

The VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice is **requesting town funds in the sum of \$2,526** to assist in providing much needed home care and hospice services to all those in need.

In 2018, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region, formerly known as Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice 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, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

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

In 2018, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 147,928 visits to 3,342 patients. **In the town of Shrewsbury, we provided 364 visits to 27 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 I. Cioffi, Executive Director

Carrie Allen, President of the Board of Directors

2018 RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT CHILD CENTER REPORT

Funding request: \$400

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, 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 3 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. **RCPCC is requesting funds in the amount of \$400.00 from Shrewsbury in order to continue our efforts to support families and young children in your community.** Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information. Thank you for considering our request.

Mary Zigman, Executive Director

2018 RETIRED and SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) REPORT

Funding request: \$130

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an “Invitation to Serve” program which offers individuals the opportunity to share their experience, skills, and time by volunteering for local non-profit organizations. RSVP & The Volunteer Center considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County’s most pressing challenges. Needs are met in critical areas, such as human services, elder care, health care, education, and the arts. RSVP & The Volunteer Center enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers.

RSVP also oversees several “Signature Programs” aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs all utilize volunteers as the key provider of service. RSVP programs include RSVP Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention program offered twice per week at many locations throughout Rutland County; RSVP TeleCare, a telephone reassurance and safety check-in program offered free to Rutland County seniors; RSVP Rutland County Reads, a children's literacy and mentoring program; RSVP After School Buddies, an afterschool program; and RSVP Operation Dolls & More in which RSVP/VC volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls, toys, books and games. In 2018 over 20,000 items were distributed through 44 organizations to over 1,200 children in Rutland County.

Locally, RSVP & The Volunteer Center is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services with 796 volunteers serving the people of Rutland County. From July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, RSVP/VC volunteers provided 177,712 hours of community service. These volunteer contributions equaled \$4,451,686 in donated labor to our community.

Currently in Shrewsbury, volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations: Community Cupboard, area nursing homes, Godnick Adult Center, One-2-One, 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, delivering and preparing meals, transporting seniors to critical medical appointments, volunteering services to RSVP Operation Dolls & More, and exercise trainers for RSVP Bone Builders.

The funds we are requesting this year will be used to help defray the increased costs of providing volunteer placements, support, insurance, transportation, and recognition. As financial constraints continue to affect non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers increases. With your help, RSVP will continue to respond to this need.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center, I would like to thank the residents of Shrewsbury for their continued support of RSVP & The Volunteer Center. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our programs, please feel free to call us at 775-8220.

Respectfully submitted,
Alix O’Meara, Director

Funding request: \$700

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Shrewsbury in 2018.

The Council helped provide 1,180 meals that were delivered to the homes of eight elders in your community. This service is often called “Meals on Wheels.” In addition, four Shrewsbury elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 46 meals were provided.

SVCOA case management staff helped eight elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder’s home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder’s situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder 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 elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1. “Senior HelpLine” assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provides telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources;
2. Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program;
3. Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project;
4. Information about elder issues and opportunities via various agency articles and publications;
5. Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA’s Registered Dietician;
6. Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders;
7. Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health issues through our Elder Care Clinician. This service is provided in cooperation with Rutland County Mental Health;
8. Transportation assistance;
9. Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance;
10. Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.

Senior Help Line: 800-642-5119

Office Phone: 802-786-5990

Email: infoandassistance@svcoa.net

2018 NEWSTORY CENTER REPORT

Funding request: \$150

For 39 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY18, NewStory Center served 784 women, men, and children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provided 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 is requesting the sum of \$150 from Shrewsbury 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 three residents of Shrewsbury this past year.** As our services are confidential, in some cases we might not be informed as to where our clients live.

2018 RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

Funding request: \$1,192

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 2018, 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 the Town of Shrewsbury assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

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

During fiscal year 2018, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 1,639 hours of services to 29 Shrewsbury residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Shrewsbury in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Courcelle, Chief Executive Officer

2018 BROCCOMMUNITY ACTION IN SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT REPORT

Funding Request: \$600

On behalf of BROCCOMMUNITY Action and the thousands of people with low-income or living in poverty that we serve throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties, we want to express our thanks and gratitude for supporting us over the years on Town Meeting Day. BROCCOMMUNITY Action assists families and individuals in crisis and helps provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROCCOMMUNITY Action has provided substantial assistance. **20 individuals in 17 families from Shrewsbury were assisted** including receiving food at the BROCCOMMUNITY Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling, starting or expanding a small business and resources and referrals.

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 town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

Respectfully, our appropriation request for the upcoming fiscal year remains \$600.00.

We truly value our collaboration with Shrewsbury as we assist those most in need.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas L. Donahue, CEO

2018 GREEN UP VERMONT REPORT

Funding request: \$130

Green Up Day marked its 48th Anniversary on May 5, 2018 with 22,700 volunteers participating and 225 tons of litter collected throughout the state. Always the first Saturday in May, Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit private organization that relies on your town's help to continue the annual tradition of cleaning up our roadways and waterways, while promoting civic pride. The tradition of Green Up Day began in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May 2020.

Green Up Vermont also offers a statewide educational component for grades K-2 by providing free activity booklets to schools and hosts its annual student poster design and writing contests for grades K-12. To learn more please visit www.greenupvermont.org.

Support from cities and towns is an essential part of our budget, enabling us to cover fourteen percent of our annual operating budget. All town residents benefit from clean roadsides! Funds help pay for administrative and program support, which includes over 55,000 Green Up trash bags, an educational component, and promotional outreach.

Seventy-five percent of Green Up Vermont's budget comes from corporate sponsors and individual donors. Individuals can donate to Green Up Vermont on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or anytime online at www.greenupvermont.org.

2018 CHILD FIRST ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT

Funding request: \$400

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully accredited member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA) in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist families in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe comfortable environment for forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals, and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Child First Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team, we want to thank you for your continued support and dedication.

In calendar year 2018, The Child First Advocacy Center served 195 clients and 174 family members in Rutland County. **We were able provide wrap around services and support to at least five Shrewsbury families as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma.** 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 each school district's 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.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Loomis, Executive Director

2018 RUTLAND COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY REPORT

Funding request: \$150

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 that are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs that benefit both animals and people.

RGHS Rutland County works with law enforcement 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 1,320 animals in 2018.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. We thank those who support our operations. We only save lives with your help.

In 2018, the Rutland County Humane Society took in 13 animals from Shrewsbury.

Please call us at 483-9171 or visit our website at RGHSTVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

2018 RUTLAND COUNTY VERMONT ADULT LEARNING REPORT

Funding request: \$500

Vermont Adult Learning (VAL), a non-profit, seven-county organization provides individuals 16 years of age and older with free, confidential, education and literacy services. We provide basic instruction in reading, writing, math and technology. Vermont residents can access our services and earn a high school diploma from their town of residence, or a GED. We also offer citizenship classes for individuals wishing to become an American citizen as well as English instruction in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages).

Our Flexible Pathways provide students with the opportunity to obtain a diploma with additional options and resources including dual enrollment at local colleges, technical classes at Stafford tech, internships and other creative options.

Vermont Adult Learning is a partner in a multi-year federal grant along with VT Technical College and CCV called Strengthening Working Families Initiative or SWFI. The grant provides parents and guardians the training and skills they need for success in manufacturing at no cost to qualified candidates. If you like working with your hands this could be for you. There are many manufacturing jobs currently that need trained employees in Rutland County, so call 802-282-4310 for details.

We have been offering Northstar Basic Skills Certificates through assessments that show the level of technology competency in a variety of areas as Basic Skills, Word, Internet, Email, Word Processing and more. This can result in certificates of proof of tech skills. The certificates are very useful for employers plus placing on resumes.

Vermont Adult Learning served approximately 1,580 students statewide in fiscal year 2018. 222 students were served in our Rutland County Center where we provided 11,920 hours of education.

Classes are four days a week, Monday–Thursday from 9am-3:30pm with two evening classes, one on Tuesday and one on Thursday from 4:30pm-6:30pm. We also have an evening class in Poultney at the LiHigh School on Wednesdays from 6pm-8pm.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of the voters of Shrewsbury.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle C. Folger, Regional Manager



Shrewsbury Mountain School students perform in their winter concert

2018 THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING REPORT

Funding request: \$170

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.

In FY 2018 (10/2017-9/2018) VCIL responded to over 3,700 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 315 individuals to help increase their independent living skills, and 11 peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 149 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 83 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible.

Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 87 individuals with information on assistive technology; 45 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 532 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served 41 people and provided 33 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 2018, one resident of Shrewsbury received services from the Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A) program.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meleady, Development Coordinator



Above: Shrewsbury Mountain School students participate in the 2018 Shrewsbury Day Parade.

Right: A busy Shrewsbury Historical Society exhibit area at the Meeting House on Shrewsbury Day



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Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM